

## Fact Sheet on the Status of Switzerland in Horizon 2020

After the adoption of the mass immigration initiative in a popular vote on 9 February 2014 in Switzerland, the EU was no longer willing to grant Switzerland full association to Horizon 2020. Instead, Switzerland and the EU agreed on a partial association, which came into effect on 15 September 2014 and runs until the end of 2016.

This fact sheet summarizes the situation of Switzerland in Horizon 2020.

### **1. Switzerland is associated to Pillar 1 from 15 September 2014 till 31 December 2016**

This partial association allows researchers in Switzerland to again participate in all activities under the first pillar of Horizon 2020, comprising ERC grants, Marie Skłodowska–Curie Actions, Future and Emerging Technologies (FET) and Research Infrastructures, from 15 September 2014 (i.e. calls with a deadline between 15 September 2014 and 31 December 2016). As associated partners, researchers in Switzerland will again receive direct funding from the EU.

### **2. Swiss participation as third industrialized country in pillar 2 and 3**

In calls in Pillars 2 and 3 of Horizon 2020 Swiss partners can still join European collaborative projects, even as coordinators. However they will not be entitled to any direct funding from the EU for their part. Please note that the Swiss partner does not count towards the minimum of 3 partners from 3 different EU member states/associated countries.

There are two exceptions: 1. SME instrument: SMEs established in Switzerland are not eligible for participation in an SME instrument action, given that it is a mono-beneficiary submission. 2. Access to risk finance: Swiss entities are not able to participate in financial instruments under Horizon 2020.

### 3. Switzerland's participation in horizontal programs

Researchers in Switzerland are able to participate as associated partners in the programme section on Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation and in Euratom. Researchers in Switzerland will again receive direct funding from the EU.

### 4. The Swiss Confederation is financing Swiss project participation

Researchers from Switzerland, whose proposals in collaborative projects under Horizon 2020 are positively evaluated and foreseen for funding, are not funded by the EU, will be directly financed by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI). Finally, complementary funding is available for Swiss participations in Euratom- / ITER-related activities (including Fusion for Energy), in COST Actions and in European JPIs.

**Important:** Once the proposal is positively evaluated and foreseen for funding by the European Commission, the Swiss partner can request national funding for his project costs on this [site](#). The scientific content of the proposal won't undergo a second evaluation on national level.

In case of questions do not hesitate to contact [Euresearch](#) and to consult the [FAQ list](#).

The following figure summarizes the status of Switzerland:

## Switzerland's participation 2014–2016



Switzerland's participation in Horizon 2020 (As of: 15.09.2014)

 CH association	 CH participation as 3rd country Funding by SERI	 No CH participation
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Further information and important links:

- [FAQ on the status of Switzerland in H2020](#)
- [Swiss transitional measures for H2020](#)
- [How to request funding for a H2020 collaborative project](#)
- [Summary: Switzerland's status in H2020](#)
- [Euresearch, Swiss Guide to European Research and Innovation](#)

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