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The State Secretary

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Funding of Swiss Participants in the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 'Horizon Europe' and other Related Programmes and Initiatives in the Calls 2025

To whom this may concern

Switzerland and the EU agreed on a transitional arrangement for the programme year 2025 of Horizon Europe and the Euratom programme, provided that an association agreement between Switzerland and the EU has been initiated by then. For this reason, Swiss participants should prepare their project proposals as potential beneficiaries and apply for funding from the EU. **This means that their budget must be included in the total grant amount requested by the consortium from the EU.**

If, at the time of signing the grant agreement with the EC:

- an association agreement is in force, funding for the participation of the Swiss project partners is provided by the EC (status of 'beneficiary' remains).
- no association agreement is in force, funding is provided by the Swiss government (status changes from 'beneficiary' to 'associated partner'). The contribution requested in the project proposal will be relevant for the funding.

This is to state that based on Article 2 Paragraph b of the Federal Decree on the financing of Swiss participation in European Union activities in the field of research and innovation in the years 2021-2027 as well as on Article 10 of the Ordinance of 20 January 2021 on the measures for Switzerland's participation in European Union programmes in the field of research and innovation (FIPBV), **funding for researchers and innovators based in Switzerland (including companies and SMEs) for their participation in eligible projects as associated partners from a non-associated third state will be provided by SERI for 2025 calls of Horizon Europe and the Euratom programme within the limits of the budget allocated by the Federal Council and Parliament.**

Funding will be directly paid by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI to the Swiss participant, in line with the relevant decisions of the Federal Council and the Swiss Parliament and under the conditions that (i) the full project application is assessed as eligible for funding by the European Commission or by the agency commissioned for this purpose and (ii) the Swiss participant cannot request funding by the EC.

The association of Switzerland to Horizon Europe and other related programmes and initiatives remains the goal of the Federal Council. In case of association, SERI will provide information on its [website](#) about changes concerning the eligibility and necessary adjustments to the proposals. Please contact the [International Research and Innovation Section at SERI](#) in case of any question.

Yours faithfully,

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