

Order of priority

Pursuant to Art. 12c of the Ordinance of 20 January 2021 on Measures for Swiss Participation in the European Union Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation (RIPPO, SR 420.126), the EAER will prioritise funding requests according to the order of priority outlined below. The order of priority will be applied with immediate effect to all requests for direct funding that have already been submitted, but not yet approved by SERI, as well as to all future requests for direct funding in relation to calls for project proposals of the years 2021–2024 under the Horizon package 2021–2027. Direct funding requests must still meet the eligibility criteria set out in Article 11 RIPPO. The EAER reserves the right to reduce proposed project costs pursuant to Art. 12 para. 4 RIPPO.

Should the total volume of already submitted or anticipated direct funding requests exceed available resources, the following actions will be taken as needed in the following order:

- 1) Costs incurred from taking over tasks from project partners outside Switzerland are not eligible for direct funding.
- 2) Consideration will not be given to requests for direct funding that relate to collaborative projects for which the grant agreement with the European Commission was signed earlier than six months prior to the date when the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) received the direct funding request. If the project coordinator and the European Commission signed the grant on different dates, the later date shall apply. This rule shall apply from 1 August 2025.
- 3) In the case of the 2024 call for ERC Advanced Grants, SERI will only accept direct funding requests that the EU has included in the “main list” in the first publication of evaluation results on 17 June 2025.
- 4) For collaborative and mono-beneficiary projects from the programme years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, the contribution to indirect costs (overhead) will be capped at 15% of eligible direct project costs.
- 5) For ERC Transfer Grants, only funds from ongoing decommitments will be available from 1 January 2026. Direct funding will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis to the extent of the available budget.
- 6) Applications for direct funding for projects from calls for proposals that are carried out by the European Commission, the funding agency commissioned by the European Commission or the organisation responsible for the activity in 2025 or later, but for which funds from the 2021-2024 budget years are used, will not be considered.
- 7) For collaborative projects from the programme years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, direct research costs will be reduced on a percentage basis pursuant to Art. 12 para. 1 let. a and b RIPPO.

Requests for the cost-neutral transfer of tasks among project partners within Switzerland as well as within existing funding commitments between SERI and the contribution recipient are excluded from the present priority regulation.

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Activation of measures as of 20 June 2025:

- ➔ Measures 1) to 5) are active as of 20 June 2025.
- ➔ For the implementation of the measures currently active, please consult the guidelines for applicants on the implementation of the order of priority.