Swiss participation in ESFRI Roadmap 2018 proposals

REQUEST FOR WHAT?
The Swiss Confederation only considers requests for Expressions of (political) Support (EoS) for participations in proposals for the ESFRI 2018 Roadmap, not for their lead. Parties interested in a Swiss lead in proposals to be submitted for an ESFRI Roadmap update should focus and prepare for the ESFRI Roadmap 2020 update instead.

WHO?
Only legal entities can submit a request for an EoS from the Swiss Confederation. Submissions from individual researchers will thus not be considered.

WHAT MUST BE SUBMITTED?
A request for obtaining an EoS from the Swiss Confederation must contain:

1. a cover letter signed by the representative of the submitting legal entity outlining the (likelihood of) compliance with the key minimal requirements\(^1\) for ESFRI proposals to be reached until ESFRI submission deadline of 31\(^{st}\) August 2017:
   a. have successfully completed the RI's design/feasibility study;
   b. have planned the RI's business case/delivery strategy;
   c. provide proof of political support, i.e. Expressions of Support (EoS) by lead country & at least one additional MS & AC signed by national ministries responsible for RI (or Council resolution);
   d. provide proof of financial commitment, i.e. Expression (-s) of Commitment (EoC) to financially contribute to preparation & implementation by ‘authority’\(^2\) from lead country (or financial commitment in Council resolution)
   e. provide proof of inter-institutional & multi-lateral agreement (e.g. MoU) signed by core partners - being research institutions - formally involved in consortium.

2. PART A from the proposal for the ESFRI Roadmap 2018;
3. completed QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORTANCE OF PROPOSED RI FOR SWITHERLAND AND STRATEGIC INTEREST OF SWISS RESEARCH ORGANISATION (-S);
4. proof (-s) of financial commitment, i.e. EoC to financially contribute to preparation & implementation by at least one ‘authority’ from Switzerland.

Only submissions in English are considered.

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\(^2\) Any legal entity from a MS, AC and third country that can take binding decisions to financially support the RI can submit an EoC. It may concern a regional or national government (agency), an umbrella organisation negotiating and redistributing funding on behalf of its members, a Research Funding Organisation (RFO) or a Research Performing Organisation (RPO).
WHAT IS THE DEADLINE AND WHERE TO SUBMIT?

Requests for an EoS from the Swiss Confederation must be submitted by 1 June 2017 at the latest to the Swiss ESFRI Delegation:

- Dr. Martin Kern at martin.kern@sbfi.admin.ch
- Mr. David Bohmert at david.bohmert@snf.ch

All interested Swiss parties are however encouraged to immediately announce their interest allowing for a smooth and swift working of the procedure and guidance to the Swiss ESFRI Delegation.

CHECK, DECISION AND ISSUING OF EoS

The Swiss ESFRI Delegation will check the eligibility of the request (-s). SERI may consult other relevant federal authorities and finally will decide upon providing an EoS. The institutions having submitted the request will be informed about this decision by the 7th July 2017 at the latest. The EoS from the Swiss Confederation will made available towards the ESFRI deadline upon delivery of the final EoS and EoC.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORTANCE OF PROPOSED RI FOR SWITHERLAND AND STRATEGIC INTEREST OF SWISS RESEARCH ORGANISATION (-S)

- Describe the importance of your participation in the proposal for the Swiss research system, business, industry, public services and society at large: (maximum 5000 characters with spacing)

- Describe the strategic interest for the involved Swiss research organisation (-s): (maximum 5000 characters with spacing)

- Elaborate on the proof (-s) of financial commitment - i.e. EoC to financially contribute to preparation & implementation by at least one ‘authority’ from Switzerland - which you provided: (maximum 5000 characters with spacing)

- Describe the (plans for getting a) position of the project in the Swiss national research infrastructure roadmap: (maximum 5000 characters with spacing)