

CHIPS JOINT UNDERTAKING

The Chips Joint Undertaking (Chips JU), formerly known as Key Digital Technologies (KDT) JU is an Institutionalised Partnership that funds projects focusing on key enabling technologies. The members of the Chips JU are the EU (represented by the EC), the Participating States (Member States and associated countries to Horizon Europe on a voluntary basis), and private industry associations representing their constituent entities. The Chips JU supports research and innovation actions, for which the funding is provided jointly by the Chips JU Participating States, the European Union, and the project participants.

The Chips JU aims to combine the financial and technical means essential to keep pace with the acceleration of innovation in this area, to generate important spill-overs for society, and to share risk-taking by aligning strategies and investments towards a common European interest. The [ECS Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda](#) provides a strategic roadmap for the Chips JU in line with strategic policy priorities and global challenges.

The Chips JU has a budget of 4.2 billion Euros for 2021-2027 funded through Horizon Europe and the Digital Europe Programme. Its activities are subdivided into two parts:

- **Initiative part** (2.9 bn Euros): New activities focused on capacity building following the Chips for Europe Initiative including pilot lines, a design platform, competence centres and quantum chips technology. This part of the programme is open to Participating States that associated to both Horizon Europe and the Digital Europe Programme. Organisations from Switzerland cannot participate at this point in time.
- **Non-initiative part** (1.3 bn Euros): This part of the programme covers what was previously included in the Work Programme of the KDT JU and remains open to participation from non-associated countries. Swiss entities can participate in these activities as associated partners.

Overview	
Governance	The Governing Board brings together the private sector (representatives of the Private Members Board) and the public sector (representatives of the Chips JU Participating States and the European Commission). It has overall responsibility for the strategic orientation and all operations of the Chips JU.
Funding opportunities	Available in the yearly Chips JU work programme on their website / Funding & tender opportunities . Participants from Switzerland in 2024 non-initiative calls will be funded by SERI, which will provide both national cofunding (up to 10 Mio CHF) and direct financing for positively evaluated projects, within the limits of the budget allocated by the Federal Council and Parliament. Swiss organisations are requested to submit an Annex for Part C detailing their costs (Annex C) when they submit their proposal in the participant portal. The template can be found here and in the call documents on the Chips JU webpage .
Eligibility criteria	Please see the criteria outlined in the current work programme . Switzerland can participate in non-initiative calls as an associated partner. Swiss entities can apply for funding from by SERI (providing both funding in lieu of the European commission and the national contribution).
Funding rates	See Information in Annex C . The financing rates are provisional and depend on the decisions by the Parliament on the budget as well as the requested volume of Swiss project partners in the 2024 Chips JU calls. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large enterprises: up to 35% including EU contribution - SMEs: up to 70% including EU contribution - Research organisations: up to 70% including EU contribution 2. Innovation Actions (IA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large enterprises: up to 35% including EU contribution - SMEs: up to 60% including EU contribution - Research organisations: up to 70% including EU contribution
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