

Request of Expressions of political Support (EoS) for Swiss participations in the ESFRI Roadmap 2026

A short guideline for applicants

i. Request for what?

Eligible proposals for European research infrastructure (RI) projects applying to the ESFRI Roadmap 2026 require an Expression of Political Support (EoS) from the lead country, as well as from at least two additional Member States (MS) or Associated Countries (AC). These EoS documents must be signed by the respective national ministries responsible for Research Infrastructures (RIs).

The Swiss Confederation will only consider requests for **Expressions of Political Support (EoS)** for participations in proposals submitted for the ESFRI Roadmap 2026.

An expression of political support for Swiss participation in the ESFRI Roadmap 2026 does not replace an application for the Swiss Roadmap for Research Infrastructures, which must be submitted in course of a separate application procedure.

ii. Who?

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

iii. 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 requirements¹ for ESFRI proposals to be reached until ESFRI submission deadline of **8 April 2025**. That is, the project must
 - a) have successfully completed the RI's design/feasibility study,

¹ For detailed information and definitions, please consult the [Public Roadmap 2026 Guide](#) on the [ESFRI website](#).



- b)** have planned the RI's business case/delivery strategy,
- c)** provide proof of political support, i.e. Expressions of Support (EoS) by the lead country & at least one additional MS & AC, signed by national ministries responsible for RI (or Council resolution of involved research organisation),
- d)** provide proof of financial commitment, i.e. Expression(-s) of Commitment (EoC) to financially contribute to preparation & implementation by "authority" from lead country as well as one additional country MS & AC
- 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: GENERAL INFORMATION from the proposal for the ESFRI Roadmap 2026;
- 3** PART C: IMPLEMENTATION CASE from the proposal for the ESFRI Roadmap 2026;
- 4** Answers to the QUESTIONS regarding the strategic importance of the proposed RI to Switzerland and the Swiss Research and Innovation Community (see Appendix);
- 5** Proof(-s) of financial commitment, i.e. EoC to financially contribute to preparation & implementation by at least one "authority" (see iv) from Switzerland.

iv. Only submissions in English are considered.

For detailed information and definitions, please consult the [Public Roadmap 2026 Guide](#) on the ESFRI website (www.esfri.eu). 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).

v. What is the deadline and where to submit?



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Federal Department of
Economic Affairs, Education and Research EAER
**State Secretariat for Education,
Research and Innovation SERI**
International Programmes
Research and Innovation

Requests for an EoS from the Swiss Confederation must be submitted:
latest by **15 February 2025** to the State Secretariat for Education, Research and
Innovation (SERI) (Dr Anna Fill (anna.fill@sbfi.admin.ch)).

All interested Swiss parties are encouraged to promptly announce their interest in
receiving an Expression of Support (EoS) from the Swiss Confederation to facilitate
planning and guidance. SERI will handle the requests, consulting other relevant
federal authorities as needed. SERI will make the final decision on granting the EoS
and inform the requesting institutions of its decision by **1 April 2025** at the latest.



Appendix

QUESTIONS regarding the strategic importance of the proposed Research Infrastructure (RI) to Switzerland and the Swiss Research and Innovation Community:

1 Describe the importance and benefits of your participation in the proposal for the Swiss research and innovation system, as well as for business, industry, public services, and society at large (maximum 3000 characters, including spaces)?
2 How does your proposal align with, overlap with, and contribute to the current landscape of Swiss research infrastructures? How do you plan to collaborate with similar research infrastructure initiatives in this field? In what areas can you foster synergies (maximum 3000 characters, including spaces)?
3 How can this research infrastructure endeavour strategically contribute to the current Swiss research and innovation landscape? What are the unique benefits and contributions of your proposal for the Swiss research and innovation system (maximum 3000 characters, including spaces)?
4 Elaborate on the proof(s) of financial commitment (e.g. Expression of Commitment (EoC) to financially contribute to the preparation and implementation) provided by at least one Swiss authority (maximum 3000 characters, including spaces)?
5 What (open access) digital services does this research infrastructure proposal plan to provide? How is it connected to projects within the Swiss Open Science landscape, the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC), or other open science services (maximum 3000 characters, including spaces)?