



Legal basis for concluding agreements under the new ERA-NET Cofund programme:

On 29 November 2013 the Federal Council approved the totally revised Federal Act on the Promotion of Research and Innovation (RIPA). It also endorsed the ordinances based on this Act. RIPA and its ordinances came into force (barring some provisions) on 1 January 2014.

Article 8 of the Ordinance on Support Measures for Participation in the European Union's Framework Programmes in Research and Innovation allows for international agreements with limited scope to be concluded by the department responsible according to the organisation of the Federal Administration (ERA-NET agreements fall into this category). The individual departments can choose to delegate this authority to their federal offices, as provided for in paragraph 2.