



# Request of EoS for Swiss participations in ESFRI Roadmap 2021 proposals

## A short guideline for applicants

### request for what?

The Swiss Confederation only considers requests for Expressions of (political) Support (EoS) for participations in proposals for the ESFRI 2021 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 2023 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<sup>1</sup> for ESFRI proposals to be reached until ESFRI submission deadline on 9 September 2020<sup>2</sup>. That is, the project must
  - 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 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"<sup>3</sup> 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 2021;
3. Answers to the QUESTIONNAIRE on importance of proposed RI for Switzerland and strategic interest of involved Swiss research institutions (see Appendix);
4. proof(-s) of financial commitment, i.e. EoC to financially contribute to preparation & implementation by at least one "authority" from Switzerland.

<sup>1</sup> For detailed information and definitions, please consult the [Public Roadmap 2021 Guide](http://www.esfri.eu) on the ESFRI website ([www.esfri.eu](http://www.esfri.eu)).

<sup>2</sup> The deadline has been moved from 5 May 2020 to the 9 September 2020 due to the Corona crisis.

<sup>3</sup> 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).

Only submissions in English are considered.

**what is the deadline and where to submit?**

Requests for an EoS from the Swiss Confederation must be submitted by **1 July 2020** at the latest to the Swiss ESFRI Delegation:

- Dr. Anna Fill ([anna.fill@sbfi.admin.ch](mailto:anna.fill@sbfi.admin.ch))
- Dr. Mirjam van Daalen ([mirjam.vandaalen@psi.ch](mailto:mirjam.vandaalen@psi.ch))

All interested Swiss parties are encouraged to immediately announce their interest in an EoS from the Swiss Confederation, allowing for planning and guidance.

**check, decision and issuing of EoS**

The Swiss ESFRI Delegation will check the eligibility of the request. The State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI will process the request, consulting other relevant federal authorities, if necessary. SERI finally will decide upon providing an EoS. The Swiss ESFRI Delegation will inform the institutions having submitted an EoS request about SERI's decision by **24 July 2020**.

## Appendix

### **QUESTIONNAIRE on importance of proposed RI for Switzerland and strategic interest of involved Swiss research institution(-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, including spacing):
- Describe the strategic interest for the involved Swiss research institutions (maximum 5000 characters, including 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):