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EXPANDING THE HORIZON

Innovation driving economic,
social and ecological impact



Taftie

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Dear Taftie network colleagues



Innovation is more than an engine for economic success. It is an important key to finding solutions to the pressing economic, social and environmental challenges of our time and to using resources more efficiently. I am thinking, for example, of areas such as energy supply, climate change and migration. It is important to take a

systemic view and to strive for sustainable, inclusive and equitable solutions for these pressing issues.

The national funding agencies of the Taftie network play an essential role in developing and supporting convincing solutions for the economy and society. In our presidential year 2024, we are therefore focusing on the topic “Expanding the horizon: innovation driving economic, social and ecological impact”. We want to work to achieve effective innovation – in all areas.

We will examine the topic from different angles at the physical and virtual events. And we will share our experiences within the Taftie network, learn from examples of best practice and bring in experts on the topic. I invite you to join us in thinking outside the box and exploring the question of how innovation and the promotion of innovation can have an even greater economic, social and environmental impact.

With this in mind, I look forward to an impactful presidential year in 2024.

Annalise Eggimann

Chair Taftie Presidency 2024

Programme 2024

6 February Online

Executive Working Group

Surprise: special online meeting with possibilities for different round-table discussions

To kick off the presidential year, Innosuisse cordially invites you to an interactive virtual meeting. You can exchange views on various topics in different discussion sessions. The topics will be defined shortly beforehand based on the needs of the Taftie members. Be surprised!

17/18 April Lugano

Executive Working Group
and Extended Insight Session

Sustainability in all its dimensions: the role of innovation and innovation agencies on the way to a sustainable world

Innovation plays a central role on the path to a sustainable world. All aspects must be taken into account: the social, economic and ecological. We will explore the question of how innovation agencies can increasingly contribute to the development of sustainable technologies and services.

18/19 June Bern

Board Meeting and
Annual Conference

Social impact: how can social innovation be promoted and how can its impact be measured?

At our Annual Conference, we will be dedicating ourselves to the topic of social impact. We will explore the question of how social innovation can be promoted – independently, but also as part of technology-based innovation. We will also exchange ideas on how to measure their impact.

24/25 September Geneva

Executive Working Group
and Insight Session

International cooperation for development: what is the link between innovation funding and development cooperation worldwide?

This Insight Session will shed light on the question of what contribution innovation promotion can make to development cooperation around the world. What role do the national innovation agencies play in this? We will share our experiences and get inspired by concrete examples.

13/14 November Brussels

Board Meeting and
Policy Forum

Building up and connecting world leading innovation ecosystems: international cooperation and other ways to leadership in innovation

Europe is known for its strong fundamental science base, but often fails to translate the achieved scientific breakthroughs into concrete innovations and to build world champions in new sectors. In times of increased global competition, we would like to address the question of how we as national innovation agencies can join forces and contribute to building a world-class innovation ecosystem in Europe.

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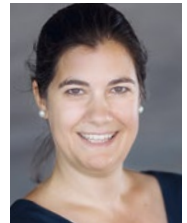
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About Switzerland

Small Switzerland, with a population of just under 9 million, is known for its diversity. Four language regions (German, French, Italian and Romansh) are shaped by different cultures. The population is involved in political decisions in its unique direct democracy in 26 cantons. The Swiss economy has a wide range of industries, such as banking, pharmaceuticals, watchmaking, mechanical engineering and tourism.

For the 13th time, Switzerland has been cited as the most innovative country in the world in the Global Innovation Index 2023. This can be seen in the high quality of universities and high number of patent applications per capita, for example. The driving force is the SMEs in the country, which make up 99% of firms.

About Innosuisse

The core of Innosuisse's funding is supporting innovation projects in collaborations between research institutions, companies and other organisations. Innosuisse promotes their creation and initiation with networking opportunities and advice. Innosuisse also offers training, coaching and support for inter-

nationalisation in order to found and develop science-based start-ups. Innosuisse contributes to sustainable economic, social and environmental development at national and global level by strengthening science-based innovation and entrepreneurship in Switzerland.

**600,000
SMEs**

**1,031 patents
per million
inhabitants**

**400 start-ups
a year**

Innovations supported by Innosuisse

Cutiss

Skin is our body's largest organ. Worldwide, millions of people suffer from severe skin defects requiring surgical interventions to restore skin function. Large burn skin defects require surgical intervention to restore skin coverage and function. The goal of Cutiss is to automate bioengineering skin fabrication to produce large quantities of these grafts in a reproducible and cost-efficient manner.



Planted

Vegetarian or even vegan nutrition is no longer just a trend. According to current studies, there are at least 80 million vegans and vegetarians in Europe now and almost 40% of meat-eaters are actively trying to reduce their consumption, with many citing either health or environmental reasons. Riding on this wave, Planted produces plant-based meat. Using various technologies, Planted designs and structures alternative proteins in any size, shape and fibrous texture.



UniSieve

Heavy industry currently faces the challenge of having to decarbonise its production in a very short space of time. UniSieve offers an innovative molecular separation solution to reduce energy consumption while contributing to a cleaner, more sustainable future.



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