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Innosuisse
explained
in brief



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Innosuisse – Swiss Innovation Agency

Innosuisse is the Swiss Innovation Agency. We fund science-based innovation in the interests of industry and society with the aim of increasing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Switzerland.

MISSION AND GOAL

Digitalisation is changing the world. That is why we need innovations for the Switzerland of tomorrow. Through targeted support, Innosuisse wants to help promote science-based innovation, enable the creation of jobs that add significant value and boost our prosperity.

Switzerland is a country of SMEs. They make up most of our industry. Innosuisse is doing everything in its power to ensure that they will remain competitive in the digital age. We give SMEs in Switzerland easy access to the knowledge and resources of research institutions and particularly fund projects with a very high level of innovative potential.

We are committed to giving SMEs the scope to take calculated risks and promote a disruptive approach to problem-solving. By promoting innovative business models and forging international partnerships, Innosuisse opens up new horizons for SMEs. The focus is particularly on protecting intellectual property.

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU



START YOUR
INNOVATION PROJECT

Would you like to start an innovation project?

Innosuisse primarily funds innovation projects run jointly by companies and research institutions. SMEs can investigate the feasibility of their ideas with the innovation cheque. Innosuisse also funds high-risk projects with a high degree of innovation run by researchers who do not yet have a partner to implement the results of their project.



START AND GROW
YOUR BUSINESS

Would you like to set up a company?

Innosuisse provides targeted training courses to encourage an entrepreneurial approach among the next generation of researchers and business-people. It also offers expert support in the form of individual coaching for start-ups and for people interested in setting up a company. Experienced coaches provide help and support to establish and develop a company and achieve lasting growth.



BE
CONNECTED

Are you looking for the right partner?

Experienced mentors can give SMEs help in setting up innovation projects and identifying a variety of funding instruments. Innosuisse also supports eleven National Thematic Networks (NTN) and themed specialist events which bring SMEs and research institutions together.



GO
GLOBAL

Do you want to move into international markets or find partners in other countries?

Start-ups have the opportunity to test their product or business model in Market Entry Camps outside Switzerland and to develop a local network. Innosuisse also gives companies easy access to international research networks and manages the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) in Switzerland.

THEMATIC PROGRAMMES

Swiss Competence Centers for Energy Research (SCCER)

As part of the “Swiss Coordinated Energy Research” action plan, Innosuisse finances and manages the establishment and operation of eight competence centres in seven action areas of energy research.

BRIDGE

As a joint project run by Innosuisse and the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), BRIDGE creates opportunities at the interface between basic research and science-based innovation with two funding instruments (Proof of Concept, Discovery).

Innosuisse has an annual funding budget of around CHF 200 million, most of which is put towards funding innovation projects.

Innosuisse’s legal basis is the Innosuisse Act (SIAA). Its responsibilities are regulated in the Research and Innovation Promotion Act (RIPA).

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