

Abbreviations and glossary

Actionuni

Organisation representing young researchers as well as non-professorial teaching staff associations of the universities and the ETHs nationally and internationally

CTI

Commission for Technology and Innovation of the federal government of Switzerland

EAER

Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research

economiesuisse

Association of Swiss companies: largest umbrella organisation representing Swiss businesses

ERA-NET

Scheme introduced by the 6th European Framework Programme for coordinating research activities

ERC

European Research Council

ERI sector

Institutions, companies and offices in the education, research and innovation domain

ETHZ / EPFL

Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology (Zurich and Lausanne)

FOJ

Federal Office of Justice, Switzerland

Horizon 2020

EU framework programme for research and innovation 2014–2020

MHV

Marie Heim-Vögtlin grants (SNSF funding for women)

NCCR

National Centre of Competence in Research, Switzerland

NRP

National Research Programme, Switzerland

Overhead

Contribution to indirect costs of SNSF-funded projects

r4d programme

Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development

SAHS

Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences

SAMS

Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences

SATW

Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences

Science Europe

Umbrella organisation of national research organisations in European countries

SCNAT

Swiss Academy of Sciences

SDC

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

SERI

State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation

SGB

Swiss Federation of Trade Unions

SwissCore

Contact Office for European Research, Innovation and Education: SNSF office in Brussels, co-financed by SERI

swissuniversities

“swissuniversities”, the rectors’ conference of Swiss higher education institutions, was founded after the entry into force of the Higher Education Funding and Coordination Act (HFKG) on 1 January 2015. It comprises the Rectors’ Conference of the Swiss Universities (CRUS), the Rectors’ Conference of the Swiss Universities of Applied Sciences (KFH), the Swiss Conference of Rectors of Universities of Teacher Education (COHEP). swissuniversities works to strengthen and enhance collaboration among Swiss institutions of higher education and promotes a common voice on educational issues in Switzerland.

TBS

Temporary Backup Schemes: SNSF Starting Grants and SNSF Consolidator Grants to compensate for ERC funding in 2014

Tenure track assistant professorship

Assistant professorship with an option to make the position permanent in the case of outstanding performance (tenure-track procedure)

VPOD

Association of Swiss Civil Servants