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Science and innovation cooperation between Switzerland and Latin America

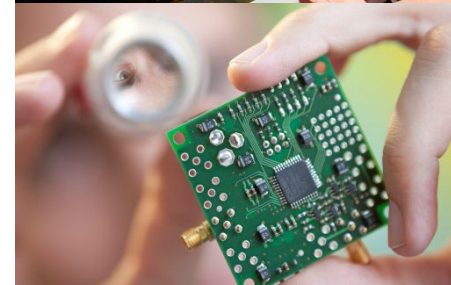
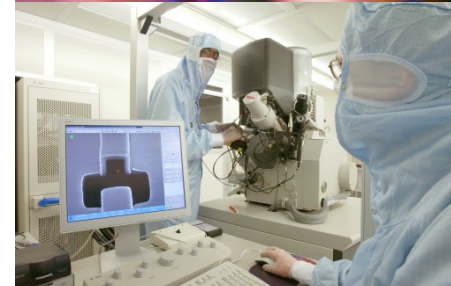
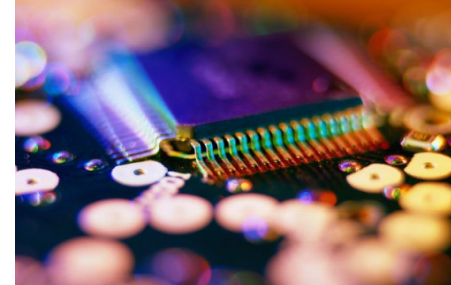
What is the role of the Federal Government?

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Switzerland's International Strategy on Education, Research and Innovation

Guidelines

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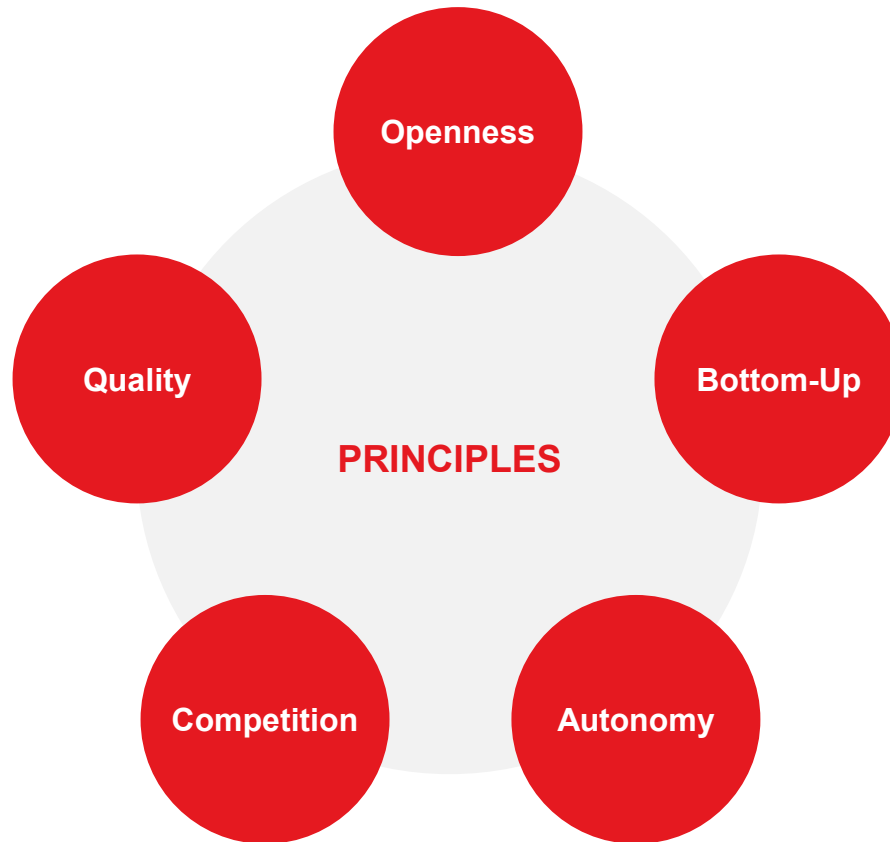
Continuous creation of optimal framework conditions for Swiss education, research and innovation actors to **freely engage in international activities**

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Strengthening Switzerland's international attractiveness as one of the world's leading countries in education, research and innovation



Switzerland's ERI principles





SERI's international activities



Official activities (ministerial tasks, science diplomacy)



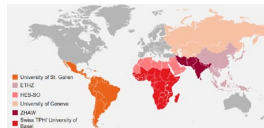
Participation in multilateral programmes



Participation in multilateral infrastructures



Bilateral Programmes



Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Scholars and Artists



Swissnex





Bilateral Programmes

Since **2008**, these programmes aim at facilitating **long-term and sustainable partnerships** with regions that have a **significant potential** for scientific and technological development



Objectives

Promotion, enhancement, diversification and exploration of international partnerships, political dialogue



Principles

Excellence, mutual interest, joint funding

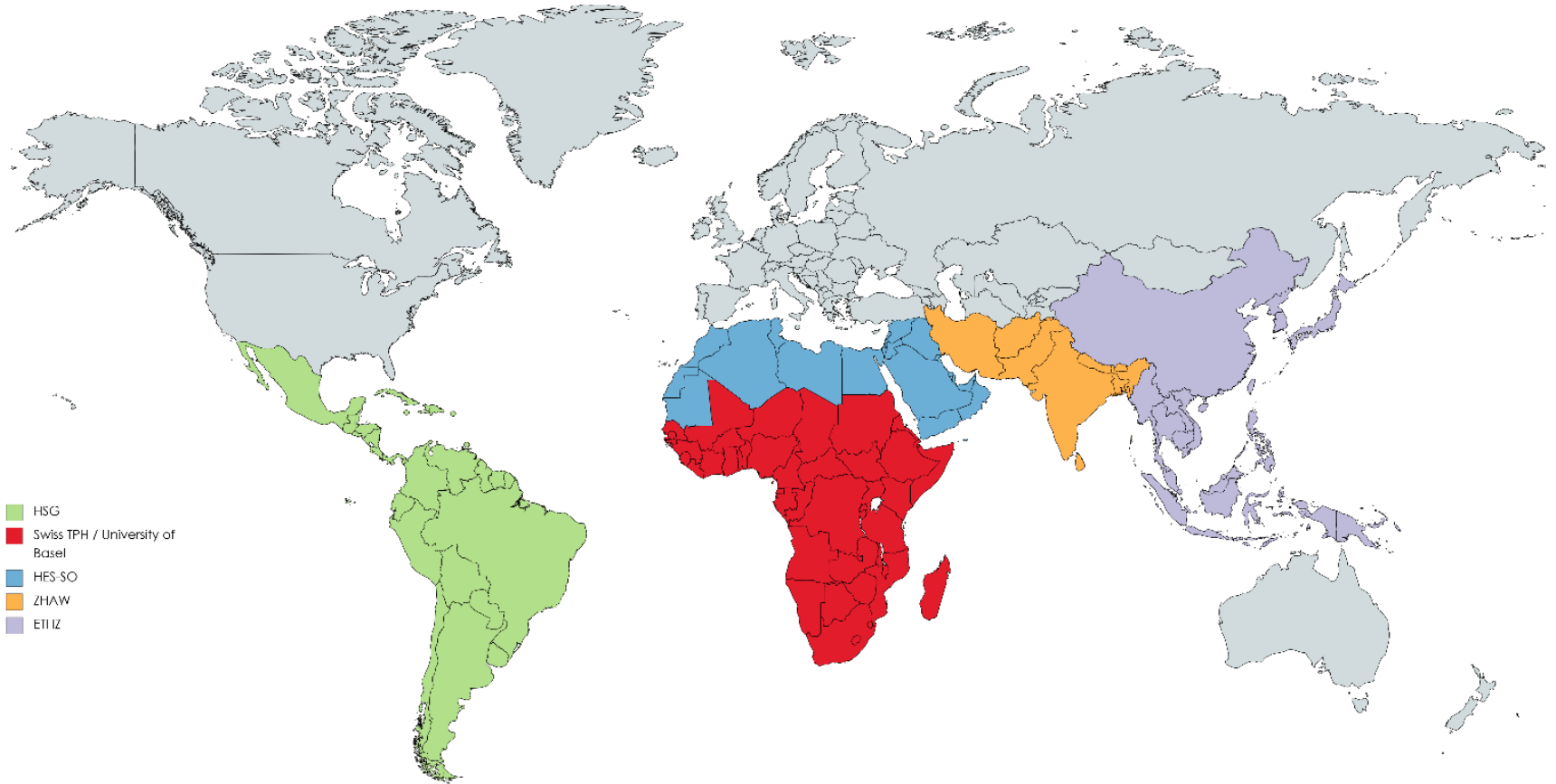


Mandates

SNSF: Joint Research Projects (JRP)

Leading Houses: Funding of collaborations and pilot activities

Bilateral programmes 2021-2024



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Promotion of research and innovation

Complementary set of instruments



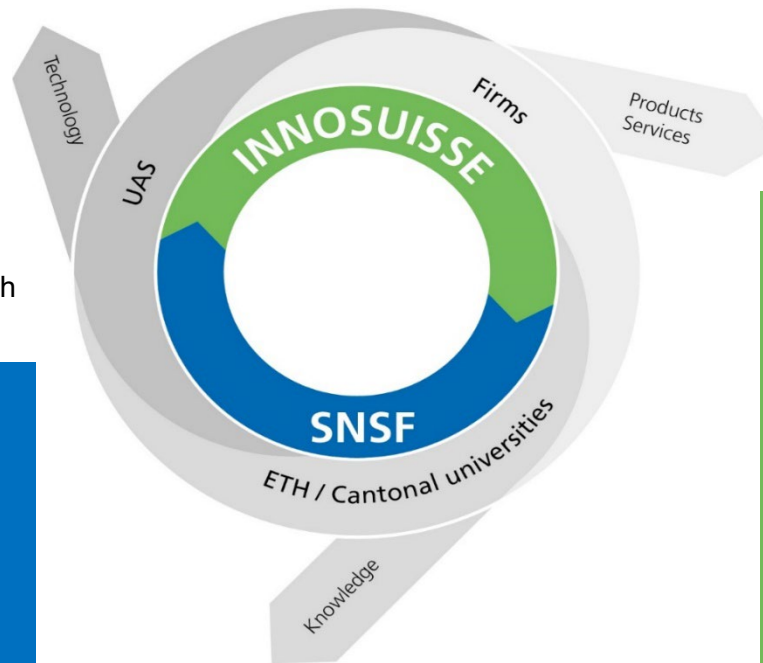
Swiss National Science Foundation
Fundamental research

Instruments for cooperation with Latin America:

- Bilateral Programmes (Joint Research Projects)
- Lead Agency Agreement with São Paulo (FAPESP)
- SPIRIT

... and more

→ Between 2017 and 2021, the SNSF supported 452 project collaborations between CH and South American researchers.



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Applied research

Instruments for cooperation with Latin America:

- Start-up support
- Bilateral calls with EMBRAPII (Brazil)
 - 2020: 3 projects (1.445M CHF)
 - 2021: 1 project (0.349M CHF)
 - 2022: 5 pre-proposals received

Further cooperation instruments for Swiss – Latin American ERI cooperation

Bilateral Agreements

Bilateral agreements (binding and non-binding) with Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico and Paraguay.

Vocational Education and Training

Ongoing dialogue about vocational education and training with different countries.



Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

- Pool Central America: 5 – 20 scholarships per year
- Pool South America: 10 – 20 scholarships per year
- Brazil: 5 – 15 scholarships per year
- Mexico: 4 scholarships per year

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- Swissnex in Brazil
- Science Counselor at the Swiss Embassy in Brasilia

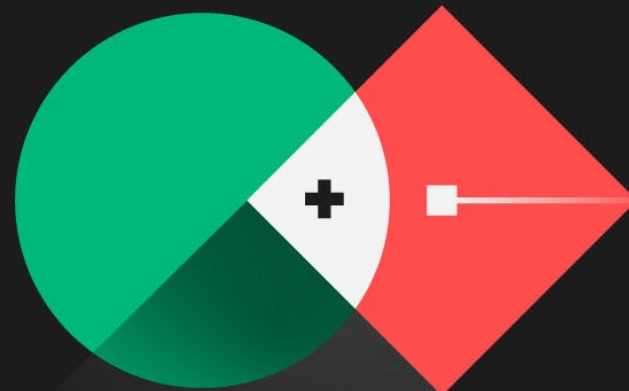
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Further information:

- **State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation**
 - www.sbfi.admin.ch
- **Switzerland's International Strategy on Education, Research and Innovation**
 - <https://www.sbfi.admin.ch/sbfi/en/home/services/publications/data-base-publications/int-strategy-eri.html>
- **Bilateral cooperation programmes**
 - <https://www.sbfi.admin.ch/sbfi/en/home/research-and-innovation/international-cooperation-r-and-i/bilateral-programmes.html>
- **Swissnex**
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