

Switzerland very successful in FP7 and ERC

Researchers from Switzerland participated very successfully in FP7 and its sub-programme the European Research Council ERC

7th Framework Programme FP7 (2007-2013)

Source: European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, Presentation of 15th September 2015

In total 4482 Swiss participations received €2048 million (these figures include participations of CERN). Swiss researchers achieved a 25% success rate, which is higher than the average success rate of 21.2%. Switzerland ranked first among the associated countries, in number of participations and in budget share. Switzerland had a net positive return on its investments.

The top 4 performing organisations in Switzerland within FP7 are:

Institution	Number of participations	Received funding (million €)
ETH Zurich	569	339.5
EPFL	506	304.4
University of Geneva	241	142.3
University of Zurich	240	143.7

→ Swiss strengths are: ICT, Health, ERC, Marie Curie Fellowships

European Research Council in FP7 (2007-2013)

Source: European Commission (2015): ERC funding activities 2007-2013:

http://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/publication/files/ERC_funding_activities_2007_2013.pdf

Switzerland was ranked 5th in terms of number of ERC grants received (322 grants, €584.5 million) after UK, DE, FR and NL. It had by far the highest success rate (23% of submitted proposals were funded). Among higher education institutions, ETH Zurich (85 grants) and EPFL (76 grants) are ranked 4th and 5th after Cambridge (126), Oxford (119) and University College London (86). 3 out of 4 ERC grantees working in Switzerland are non-Swiss nationals, the larger part from European countries. Switzerland and particularly ETH Zurich and EPFL attract the most brilliant researchers world-wide.

Horizon 2020 (2014-2020)

Source: European Commission (2015): Horizon 2020 – First results:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/sites/horizon2020/files/horizon_2020_first_results_1.pdf

Preliminary results 1.5 years after the start of Horizon 2020 show that the number of Swiss submissions decreased due to the uncertainty after the vote of February 9, 2014. The share of Swiss participations in signed grant agreements went down from 3.3% to 1.9% compared to FP7. The Swiss success rate dropped to 17.7%, a phenomenon observed throughout Europe, due to high oversubscription. The EU success rate average is currently laying around 15%.