

SWITZERLAND – Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE)

a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria

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Funding commitment	€ 4'000'000 from SFOE P+D Programme <i>(Please read disclaimer below)</i> € 500'000 from SFOE R+D Programme (Note that proposals can be submitted either to the R+D OR the P+D programme and R+D and P+D funding cannot be cumulated)
Anticipated number of projects to be funded	3-4 P+D projects 2-3 R+D projects
Maximum funding per awarded project/per partner	No maximum per project/per partner. The SFOE P+D Programme covers max. 50% of the eligible project costs, while the R+D Programme covers max. 75% of the eligible project costs.
Eligible types of organisations	In principle, all types of partners such as universities (including ETH-domain), universities of applied science, public authorities, NGOs, research organizations and the private sector in Switzerland are eligible. Federal authorities can be involved but are not eligible for funding. All partners must comply with the SFOE Directive for energy research (R+D) and P+D projects.
Eligible Call Modules	CM2024-04: Carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) CM2024-07: Geothermal energy technologies
Eligible types of RDI and TRL	P+D projects: TRL 4-9 R+D projects: TRL 1-4 (Note that proposals can be submitted either to the R+D OR the P+D programme, not to both simultaneously)
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	For Swiss applicants invited to submit a full proposal: the SFOE-specific full proposal and financial sheet must be submitted to the SFOE by February 2025 (exact date to be determined).
Additional eligibility criteria	Eligibility criteria for the Swiss partners are based on the SFOE Directive for energy research (R+D) and P+D projects and the project must demonstrate its relevance to Switzerland. Direct communication through a formal expression of interest with the national contact point at SFOE is strongly recommended by 15 October 2024 .

Eligible costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel costs • Operational costs (P+D projects only) • Investment costs (P+D projects only) • Subcontracting Please refer to the SFOE Directive for energy research (R+D) and P+D projects
Information available at	For details see SFOE guidelines at www.bfe.admin.ch/cetp
Other	The funded Swiss partner may use and commercialize the project results. In return the project results will be made publicly available by SFOE. SFOE disclaims the IPRs. The subsidy recipients can utilize the project results.

Disclaimer for P+D projects:

The Federal Council recently proposed measures [to relieve the Confederation's finances](#), and one of these measures concerns the cessation of the financial support for P+D projects as of 2027, with possible adjustments from 2026 onwards. Although an early termination of P+D support due to the parliament's reduction or cancellation of the P+D budget was always a possibility, we would like to point out that the risk of such an event occurring is currently higher than in the past.

No parliamentary decision on the measures has yet been taken, and the Federal Council is expected to initiate a consultation on the proposed measures in January. We do not expect a final decision on the proposed measures to be taken until the first half of 2025 at the earliest, but it could take much longer, particularly if a referendum is held.

Contact the National Contact Point for further information on the potential impact on project submissions and project consortia.

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

	Basic research	Industrial/Applied Research	Experimental development/innovation
Large Enterprises	n.a.	75%	50%
Medium Enterprises	n.a.	75%	50%
Small Enterprises	n.a.	75%	50%
Universities, public research organisations	n.a.	75%	50%
Public authorities	n.a.	75% federal authorities can be involved but are not eligible for funding	50% federal authorities can be involved but are not eligible for funding
Associations without economic activities, NGOs	n.a.	75%	50%