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Kick-Off Event MAPS

26 June 2025

Procedure Meeting

- Please note that the meeting will be recorded
- Please put your microphone on mute during the presentation.
- There will be ample time for questions after the presentation.
- If you have a question, please raise your virtual hand.
- We will then ask you to unmute yourself and answer one question after another.

Talking Points



- Funding mechanism of MAPS under the Second Swiss Contribution
- Lifetime management (scientific and financial reporting)
- Grant Agreement
- Request of release of funds
- Q&A

Second Swiss Contribution

- The Second Swiss Contribution is a key part of Switzerland's European policy, helping to foster cohesion and stability in Europe as well as consolidating and developing bilateral relations with the partner countries.
- The CHF 1.302 billion contribution runs until 2029 and will be used to support the countries that joined the EU after 2004 (the EU-13) or countries facing major migration flows. The Second Swiss Contribution aims to reduce economic and social disparities in Europe and to promote measures to manage migration.
- The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), and the State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) are responsible for the distribution of the funds.
- Mandated by the SDC, the SNSF is responsible for the implementation of the basic research programme under the Second Swiss Contribution (PROMYS, Sciex, MAPS).
- Legal framework ends in December 2029 – hence, the projects need to be completed in June 2029

Second Swiss Contribution

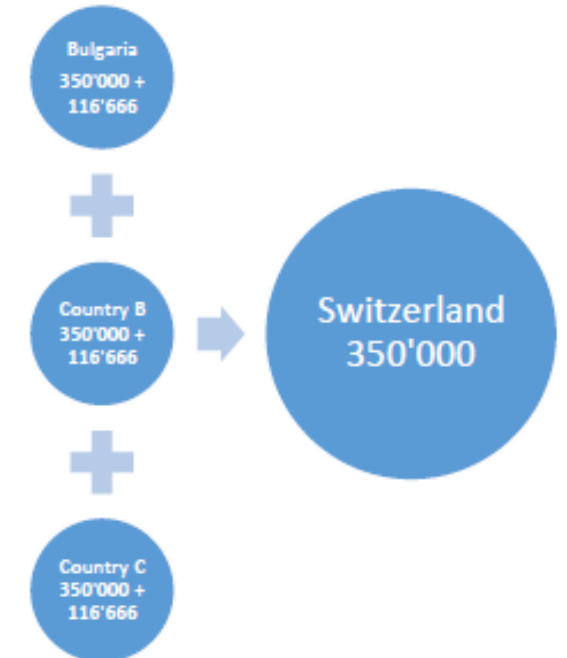
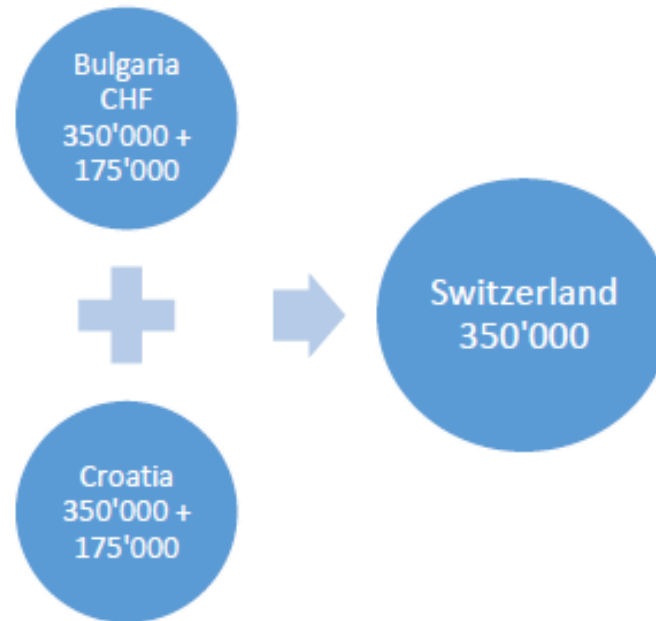
Funding Mechanism MAPS (85%-15%)

- MAPS is a programme that is co-financed by the Second Swiss Contribution (85%) and a national contribution by the partner countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, and Romania (15%).
- The national contribution of 15% is supposed to give ownership to the partner countries involved in MAPS.
- Support of the Joint Research Projects:
 - Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia: 14.286%
 - Hungary: 16.66%
- The SDC reached a different agreement with Poland, whose MAPS-PIs are 100% financed by the Second Swiss Contribution.

Second Swiss Contribution

Funding Mechanism MAPS (85%-15%)

- A country's programme budget is charged with the amount for own PI plus share for Switzerland



Second Swiss Contribution

Funding Mechanism MAPS (85%-15%)

- Grant is provided in yearly instalments as advanced payments:
- SNSF:
 - Swiss PI -> transfers share to consortium partners
 - The Polish PI will receive whole yearly instalment through Swiss PI
- Partner organisations (Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Romania):
 - National contribution of 15% transferred by partner organisations
- The financial distribution has implications on the following activities:
 - Request for release of funds
 - Reporting

MAPS Lifetime Management

The yearly reporting for MAPS consists of a **financial report** and a **scientific report**.

Scientific Report(s):

- As for the scientific reports, the Swiss PI of each MAPS project will collect the input of their partners and then send a consolidated report to the SNSF via mySNF.
- A template will be provided on mySNF directly.
- Output data must be included as well, as is the case for other SNSF projects.
- Output data can be completed even after the end of the project.

MAPS Lifetime Management

Financial Report(s):

- Each PI from the MAPS partner countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, and Romania is asked to provide a financial report about their part of the project (85%) to the Swiss PI.
→ Polish PIs need to report on the entirety of the grant to the Swiss PI
- The Swiss PI then consolidates these reports, adds their own information, and sends all the reports to the SNSF.
- A template for the reporting of the partner PIs is provided (also available on SNSF website). Concerning the overall report, the structure each Swiss institution normally uses in SNF projects can be used as well.
- For the partner PIs, this report must cover the 85% of the funds from the Second Swiss Contribution.
- They will have to send an additional report, concerned with the 15% of the national contribution, directly to the respective funding agency (Poland being an exception, as all the funds are channeled through the SSC).
- Here, the formal requirements of each national funding agency must be respected.

MAPS Lifetime Management

Financial Report(s):

PIs Partner Countries

- Each PI from the MAPS partner countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania is responsible for preparing their financial report and for gathering all receipts.
- One reports must then be sent to the Swiss applicant (account for funds received from Switzerland).
- Separate report to be submitted to the respective funding organization (15%) – except Poland.

Swiss PI

- The Swiss applicant is then responsible for uploading all the reports and the receipts to mySNF.
- The Swiss applicant must also fill in a consolidation of all reports. Using the following mode.
(https://www.snf.ch/media/en/hlDX7sSmQt9bCgQ6/snf_finanzielle_zusammenstellung.xls)

MAPS Grant Agreements

Grant Agreement all parties involved:

- For MAPS, a Grant Agreement needs to be signed between the consortium members, their institutions, and the funding agencies involved.
- A template has already been sent to the Swiss PIs to be circulated among the consortium partners.
- Grant Agreements not usually necessary between SNSF & Swiss PIs but:
- For MAPS, the ruling about the grant has only been sent to the Swiss PI – the partner PIs therefore have no legal basis for receiving their part of the grant.
- To remedy this and to institutionalise the flow of funds and of the reporting, a Grant Agreement is necessary.

MAPS Grant Agreements

- This Grant Agreement does not in any way change the legal relation the SNSF already has to the Swiss MAPS grantees, via the ruling and the SNSF regulations.
- It takes into account the international scope of the project when specifying rights and obligations.
- The Grant Agreement must be signed by the Swiss PI & their institution, as the relation of the SNSF to the Swiss PI is personal (and already established by the ruling).



MAPS Grant Agreements

Grant Agreement each MAPS partner country + PI from specific country

- Additionally, the institutions involved in MAPS in Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, and Romania will sign a different Grant Agreement with the PIs from their respective country to cover the 15% national contribution.
- Necessary for the funding agencies involved to be able to pay out the 15% national contribution.
- Will be reached individually between Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, and Romania and the PIs from the respective country.
- Can only be concluded once the overall Grant Agreement is signed by all parties.
- To avoid delays, our colleagues in the funding agencies in Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, and Romania are already preparing the documents, so that the last pieces of information can be quickly added once the overall agreement is signed.

Request for the Release of Funds

- Must be made by the Swiss PI via mySNF
→ Kind reminder for those who haven't submitted request yet
- Cuts of 15% necessary for budget of Bulgarian, Croatian, Hungarian, and Romanian PI
- Preparation of DMP also necessary for release of funds
- First instalment will be transferred by the SNSF once the request for the release of funds is correctly submitted via mySNF.
- 15% national contribution can only be released once the Grant Agreement involving all parties is signed and a separate Grant Agreement is signed between the respective funding agency and the PI/their institution
- This legal situation will certainly lead to delays, but 85% of the yearly tranche should be sufficient to kickstart the projects in all the partner countries involved.
- All requests for a release of funds must be dated to 1 July 2025 at the latest – no exception to this is possible, as the legal frame for the Second Swiss Contribution runs out in 2029.

Q&A

Are there any questions?

Thank you for your participation!



In case any additional questions come up, please contact Timothy Ryan & Isabelle Fellner via maps@snf.ch.