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National research programmes (NRPs): NRP Thematic Proposal Round for 2022/2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

National research programmes (NRPs) are the federal government's research funding tool to support research projects that develop knowledge useful in guiding decisions and practices – and thereby help to solve current social and economic challenges. NRPs usually run between two and five years.

At the request of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER), the Federal Council periodically decides on the thematic focus of new NRPs and establishes the budget for each. The Federal Council then gives the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) a mandate to launch these NRPs.

A bottom-up approach is used to select NRP themes. Interested parties may therefore submit their thematic proposals to the EAER via the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI). The closing date for submissions is:

23 March 2022.

Submission of thematic proposals for a new NRP. All thematic proposals submitted by the closing date will be reviewed, selected and processed with the assistance of technical experts. The Federal Council is expected to decide on the launch of two to three new NRPs in the spring of 2023.

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Enclosed you will find the announcement for the NRP Thematic Proposal Round. We kindly ask that you provide this information to interested parties in your area.

- The mandatory requirements for submission of proposals are posted on the SERI website. **The submission form** can be found on the SERI website at <https://bit.ly/SERINRPen>.

For questions, please contact Dr Claudine Dolt (Tel. 058 462 78 38, claudine.dolt@sbfi.admin.ch) or Dr Benedikt Knüsel (Tel. 058 469 61 75, benedikt.knuesel@sbfi.admin.ch).

Thank you for your interest in national research programmes.

Yours sincerely,

State Secretariat for Education,
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'N. Schaad', is positioned above the typed name.

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Bern, 24 January 2022

Announcement of NRP Thematic Proposal Round for 2022/2023

Interested parties are invited to propose possible themes for new national research programmes (NRPs).

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At the request of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER), the Federal Council periodically decides on the thematic focus of new NRPs and establishes the budget for each. The Federal Council then gives the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) a mandate to implement these NRPs.

Acting on behalf of the Federal Department of Education and Research (EAER) and in preparation for the launch of two to three new NRPs, the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) is currently seeking thematic proposals for new NRPs. **These proposals should be thematic outlines, providing a brief explanation of the problem to be addressed**, the main concerns underlying the proposal as well as the **research activities aimed at achieving the desired objectives of the NRP**. We do **not** require detailed outlines of scientific research projects. The Federal Council is expected to decide on the launch of two to three new NRPs in the spring of 2023.

The closing date for submission of NRP thematic proposals to SERI is:

Wednesday, 23 March 2022

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- **The submission form** can be found on the SERI website at <https://bit.ly/SERINRPen>.

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