

SPIRIT

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Swiss **P**rogramme for **I**nternational **R**esearch by Scientific **I**nvestigation **T**eams

- Collaborative projects
- Researchers in Switzerland and in partner countries
- 2-step evaluation process
- No thematic restrictions
- Project duration 2-4 years



Aims

- Foster cross-border collaboration without disciplinary restrictions
- Provide more opportunities for researchers in Switzerland to collaborate with partners in many countries around the world
- Promote gender awareness and equal opportunities
- Contribute to the increase of research capacity in Switzerland and abroad

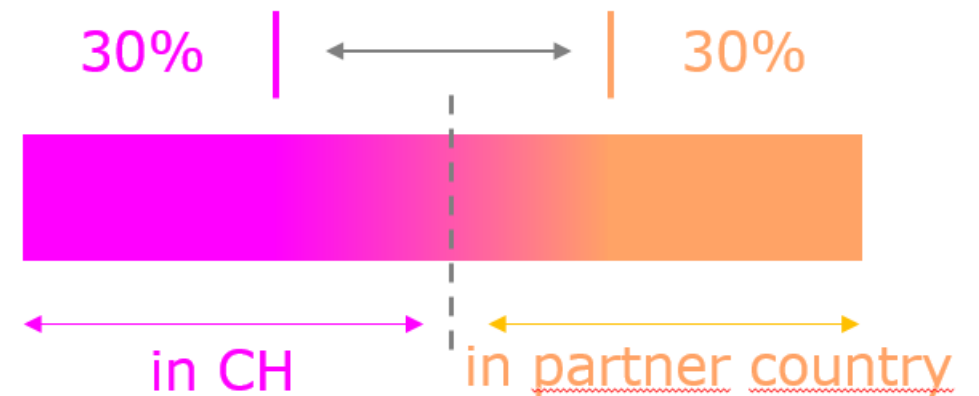
Duration & Budget

Duration

- 2 to 4 years

Budget

- Maximum amount: CHF 500'000
- Minimum amount: CHF 50'000
- 30% rule
- Eligible costs:
 - Like in project funding
 - No applicants' salaries in Switzerland and/or in the partner countries





Research teams

2 to 4 applicants

- Applicant 1: researcher in Switzerland
- Applicant 2: researcher in a partner country
- (Applicants 3-4: researchers in Switzerland or in a partner country)

Partner countries

- At least one applicant must engage in research work in Switzerland, and at least one must do so in an **eligible partner country**
- Partner countries: selection based on list of countries receiving development assistance, issued by the Development Assistance Committee of the OECD
- Exceptions
 - Member states of the European Union
 - Countries associated to Horizon 2020, the European Union's 8th Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) or subsequent programmes
 - Countries collaborating on a bilateral call with the SNSF
- Complete list available on www.snsf.ch/spirit

Eligibility

- Requirements as in project funding, for applicants in Switzerland and abroad
- Only 1 SPIRIT grant per person and period for all applicants
- Compatible with project funding applications or grants
- No overlap with Ambizione or PRIMA grants
- Eccellenza grantees and SNSF professors may submit a SPIRIT application 2 years after starting the Eccellenza grant or SNSF professorship at the earliest.



Evaluation

Evaluation procedure

- 2 phases: pre-proposals and full proposals
- Only full proposals are peer reviewed
- If proposals are deemed to be equal in terms of their scientific quality, proposals submitted by female applicants, or proposals that show better gender awareness, are given priority

Evaluation commission

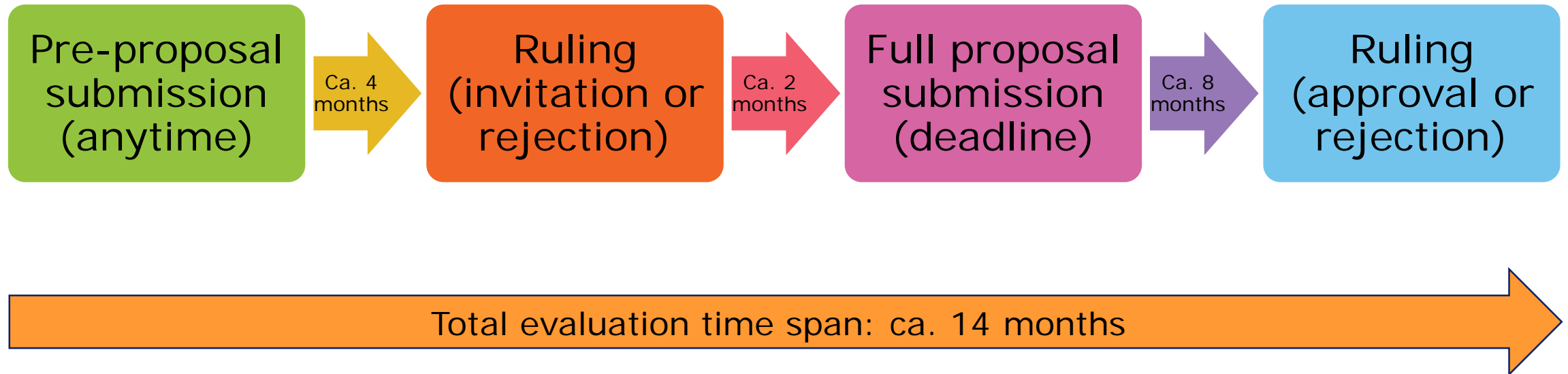
Pre-proposals and full proposals are evaluated by the SPIRIT Evaluation Commission (SEC)



Submission

- Pre-proposals: anytime
- If pre-proposal is rejected: all applicants are barred from submission for 6 months
- If pre-proposal is assigned to one of the three lowest ranking categories out of six: all applicants are barred from submission for 18 months
- Full proposals: upon invitation after approval of the pre-proposal

Evaluation time span





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