

2027 Swiss Roadmap for Research Infrastructures

swissuniversities' internal process

End of 2024

Preparation

GS provides information on contact persons at HEIs, selection criteria, governance, and process

Vice presidents inform their institutions about the process

March 2025

Phase A Coordination

Objective: VPsRES use opportunities of coordination; early establishment of consortium structures.

Vice presidents submit project ideas to GS via online form

GS shares project list with VPsRES

Initial discussion
Vice presidents exchange bilaterally / trilaterally for coordination

May - August 2025

Phase B Prioritisation

Objective: VPsRES prioritise two-page proposals and make recommendations to the responsible bodies of swissuniversities; if necessary, the prioritisation leads to sensible merging of projects at the earliest possible stage.

Vice presidents submit two-page proposals to GS

GS shares two-page proposals with VPsRES

Discussion/meeting
VPsRES prioritise/rate two-page proposals

Second half of 2026

Phase C Pre Selection

Objective: VPsRES pre-select projects and give a recommendation to the responsible bodies of swissuniversities on which projects should be submitted for the Roadmap.

GS shares SNSF evaluation results with VPsRES

Discussion/meeting
VPsRES pre-select projects on the basis of the SNSF evaluation report and the internal selection criteria

Selected steps of the RM27 process organised by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation

September 2025
swissuniversities first selection of projects

Researchers submit project proposals to the SNSF

First half of 2026
Scientific Evaluation done by the SNSF

Until end of 2027
swissuniversities selects projects for RM27 on the basis of the financial feasibility assessment in consultation with the responsible HEIs

SERI publishes the RM27 for the attention of the Federal Council

Abbreviations:

GS General Secretariat of swissuniversities **RM27** 2027 Swiss Roadmap for Research Infrastructures
SERI State Secretariat for Education Research and Innovation **Vice presidents** Vice presidents for research
VPsRES Vice presidents for research at the 10 cantonal universities and 2 federal institutes of technology, 1 representative from the universities of applied sciences and arts, 1 representative from the universities of teacher education, and 1 representative from the research institutions of the ETH Domain

Information for projects of the ETH Domain:

The ETH Board is the responsible body for research infrastructure projects in the lead of institutions of the ETH Domain. The ETH Board takes its decisions according to its established internal process and in line with SERI's guidelines.

Status of the document:

The current process is subject to possible developments and decisions on the part of the responsible institutions.

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