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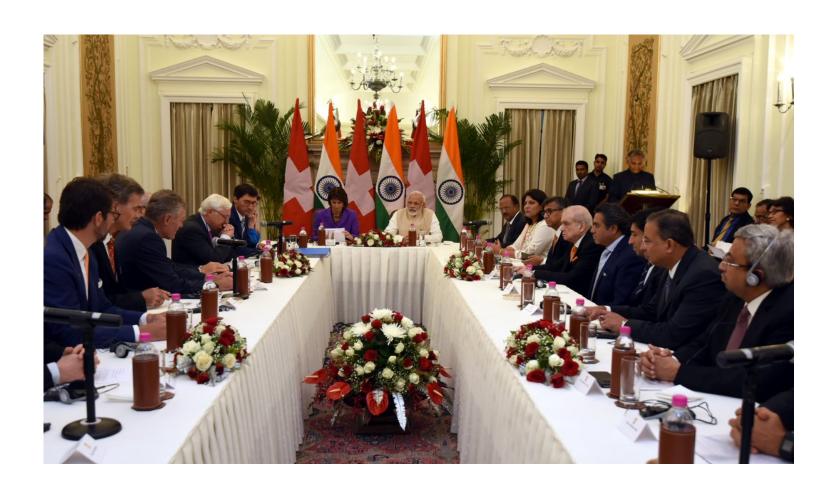
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Switzerland's international collaboration in Education, Research and Innovation

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Untense relations



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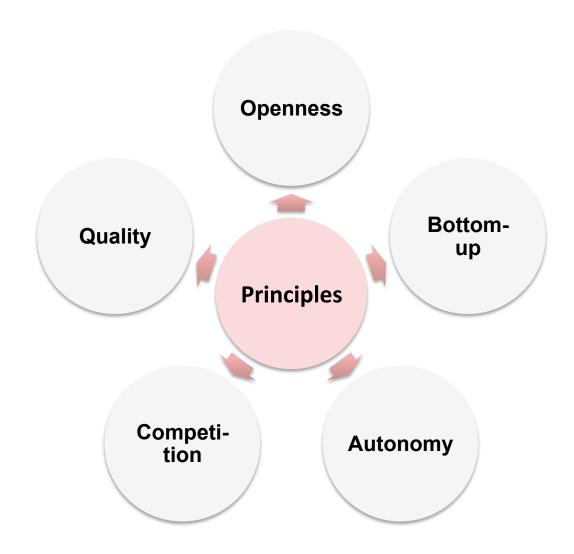
International strategy - objectives

Reinforce and expand international networking activities, participate in global challenges

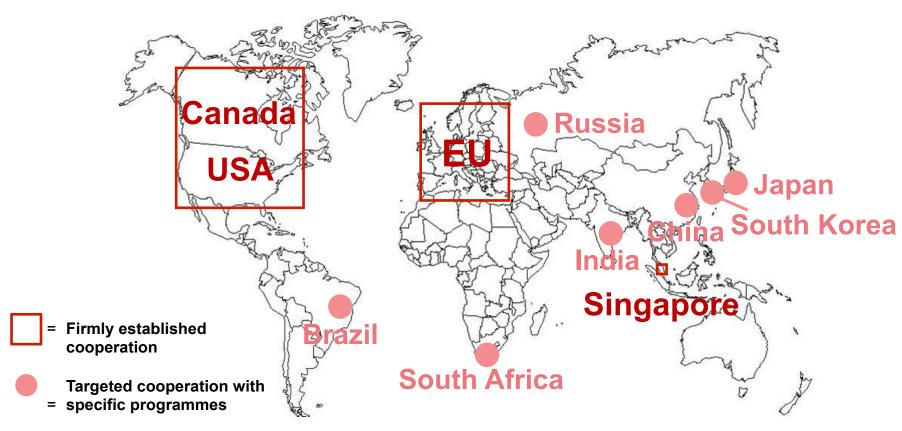
Encourage **brain circulation** to make Switzerland an even more appealing location

Follow the development of new scientific powerhouses and strengthen the knowledge of scientific community

Unternational strategy - Principles



International strategy - Focus



Source: Switzerland's International Strategy on ERI 2010 and Swiss ERI Dispatch 2013 – 2016

International strategy - Priorities



PRESERVE



CONSOLIDATE, FACILITATE



EXPLORE

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Instruments

European Union

Participation in European research framework programmes



Int. research organisations and programmes

ESA, CERN, ESO, EUREKA, HFSP, EMBC, ...



Bilateral cooperation

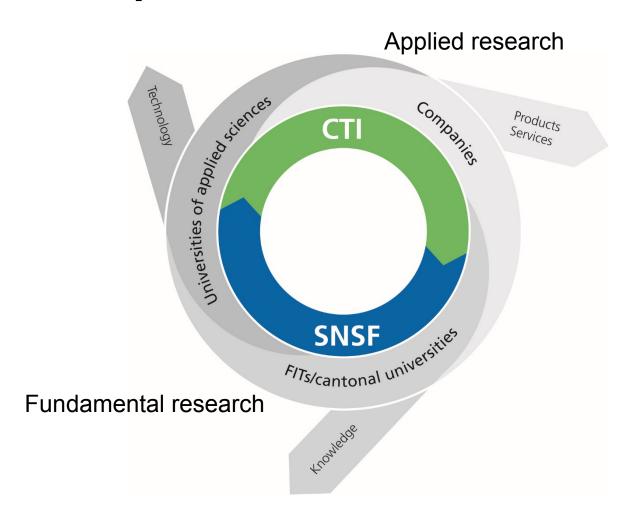
Cooperation with priority countries Swiss Government's Excellence Scholarships Swissnex network



v swissnex India – the whole team



Instruments supporting international cooperation

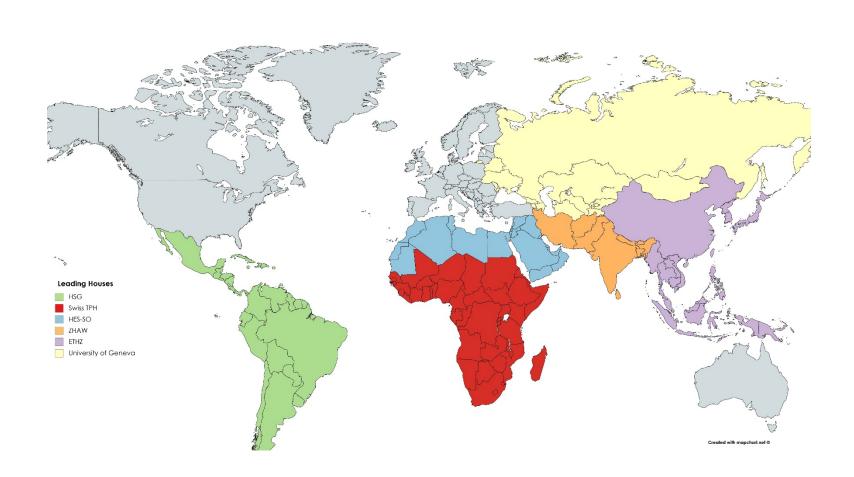


Instruments

Bilateral programmes

- Targeted collaboration through bilateral programmes
- Instruments: mobility, research collaboration
- Principles: scientific excellence, mutual interest and reciprocity (matching funds)
- Goals: establish contacts, encourage cooperation, facilitate exchanges, build sustainability
- Coordination: Leading House, SNSF
- **Funding**: 2017-20, ca. 50 millions

Control Leading Houses



Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme ISJRP



3rd Joint Committee Meeting, Bern, September 2015

Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme ISJRP

- The Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme opened its first four-year funding period in 2008 (after a pilot period 2005-2007)
- is based on scientific excellence, mutual interest and reciprocity (matching funds)
- has been enabling knowledge creation, academic dissemination, transfer of knowledge to society, and innovation in industry and politics in both Switzerland and India



ISJRP - past activities

Pilot Phase 2005-2007

- 12 JRPs supported, in the fields of ICT and life sciences
- Managed by EPFL as Leading House (LH)

1st Phase 2008-2012

- more than 130 projects funded
- incl. 33 JRPs (2 calls)
- Managed by EPFL / University of Lausanne as LH / ALH

2nd Phase 2013-2016

- More than 40 Swiss-Indian collaboration projects supported
- 11 JRPs funded and managed by SNSF and DST

Coming next



SNSF in charge of the joint research projects



Zurich University of Applied Sciences as "Leading House", in charge of launching other types of instruments (e.g. mobility, innovation, seed money, etc.)

- Many collaboration opportunities exist outside the bilateral programme!
- Contact people in India :
 - STC in Delhi
 - Swissnex in Bangalore
 - www.swissnex.org