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Scientific Exchange Programme between Switzerland and the New
Member States of the European Union



Programme Goals and Objectives

The main goal of the programme is to establish scientific collaborations, which will:

- (1) Develop individual researchers' capacities (human capital);
- (2) Foster scientific progress and innovation (scientific prospects); and
- (3) Establish or enhance networks between researchers (networking).





Financial Allocation

- Swiss Contribution: CHF 4 million

Programme Instruments

Instrument	Purpose	Beneficiary	Duration
Research Fellowship	Professional qualification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> n Attain degree n Develop scientific skills 	Junior researchers (with Master or PhD Degree)	6 to 24 months
Short term research visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n Design and implement a joint research project with Swiss partner n Support the junior researcher (mentoring) 	Senior researchers	5 days

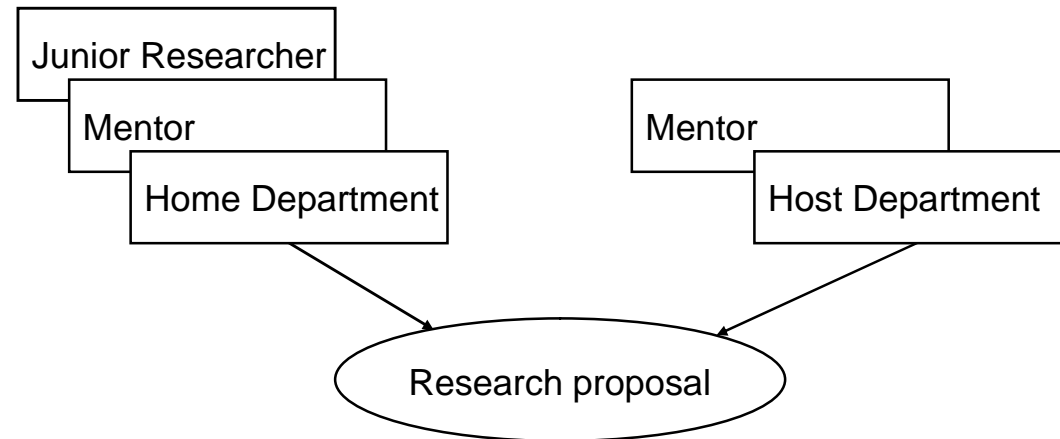
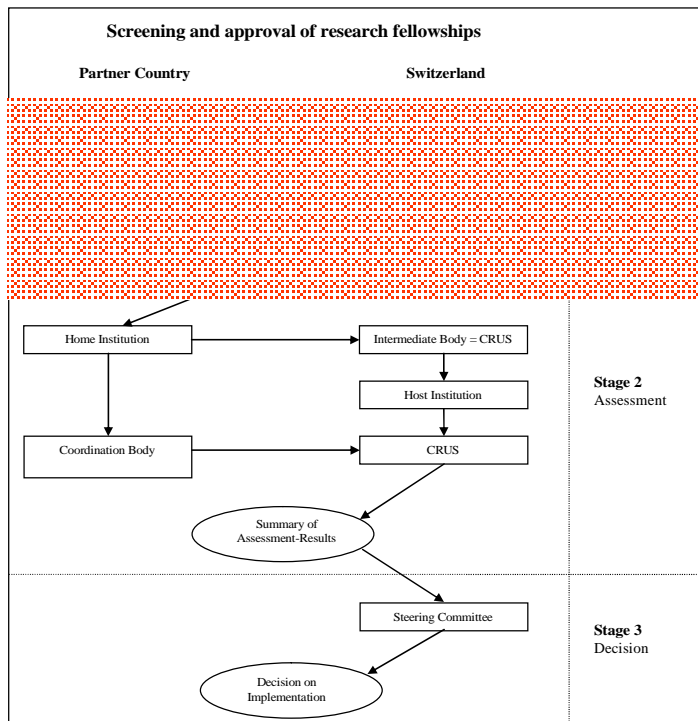
Synoptic view over Switzerland's university landscape

-  **2 Federal Institutes of Technology**
(ETH Zurich and Lausanne)
-  **17 Federal Research Institutes**
(among them the four national research labs for energy, materials, natural risks and water)
-  **10 Cantonal Universities**
-  **50 Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS, Fachhochschulen)**
organized in 8 regional clusters
(seven are public, one is a Public-Private Partnership, PPP)



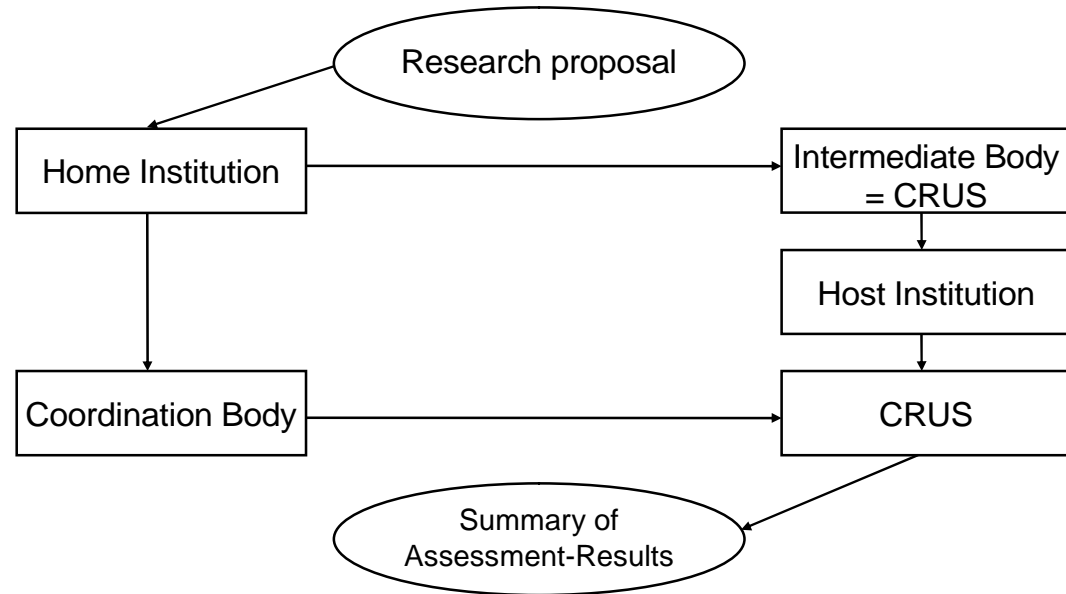
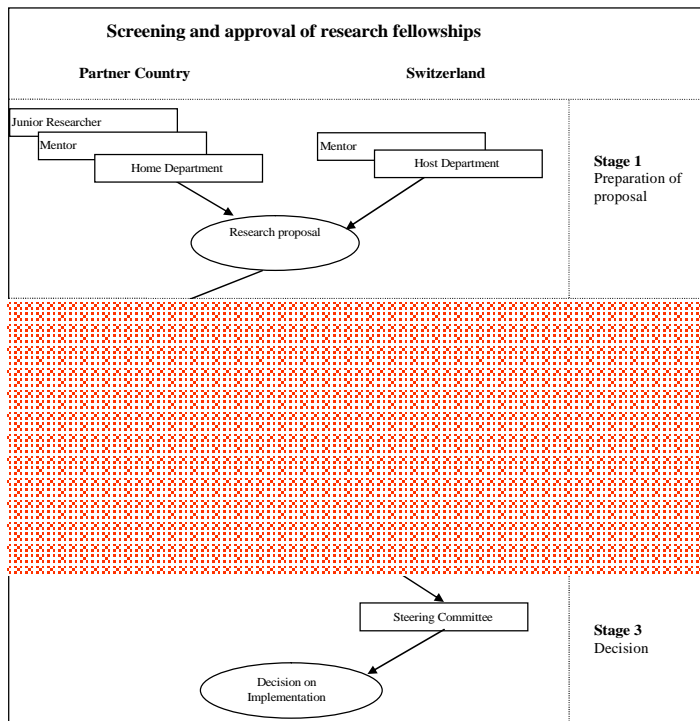
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Stage 1 - Preparation



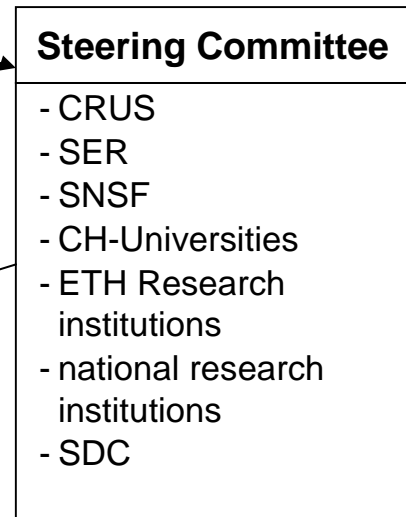
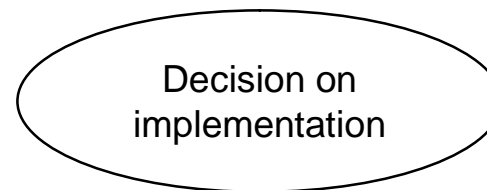
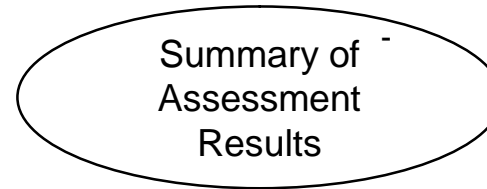
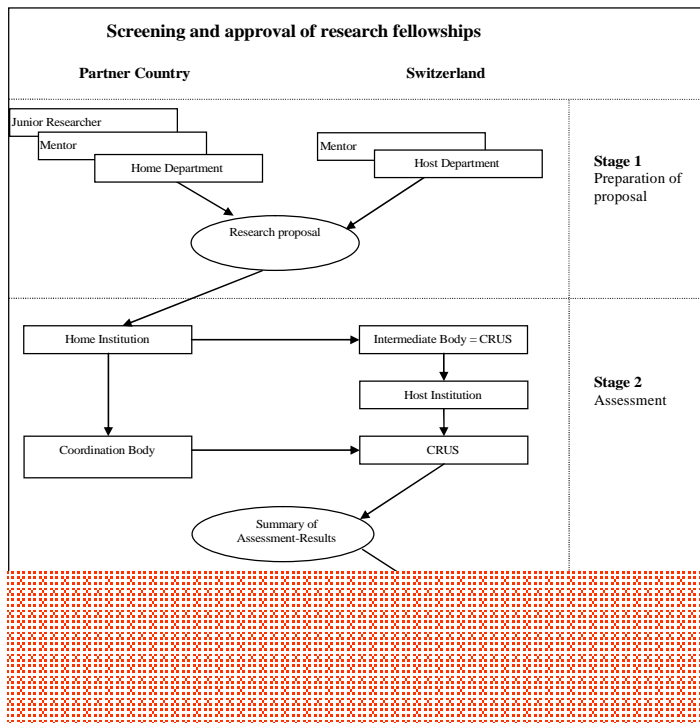
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Stage 2 - Assessment



Screening and approval

Stage 3 – Decision



Important implementation features

- § Researchers are **employed** by the host institution – Wages are according to SNSF standards
- § **Short term research visits** to support junior researcher as well as to develop research cooperation between senior researchers
- § **VKHS Course (optional)**: information about Swiss culture, developing essential scientific skills, establishing contacts
- § **Steering Committee** composed by main Swiss research stakeholders
- § **Programme review** planned in 2011/12



Next steps

- § Pilot Phase now running
- § Evaluation of the Pilot Phase
- § First Call in autumn 2009
- § One call per year
- § Last call in 2015



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