

# How Innosuisse provides funding

## FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS AWARDED

A total of CHF 243.3 million in **funding contributions** were awarded in 2019 (inc. EEN specialist contributions, excl. overheads). This is compared with CHF 149.4 million in 2018.



START YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT

CHF  
**167.5**  
million  
excl. overheads of CHF 23.0m



START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS

CHF  
**11.7**  
million



BE CONNECTED

CHF  
**6.8**  
million



GO GLOBAL

CHF  
**19.3**  
million

ENERGY FUNDING PROGRAMME

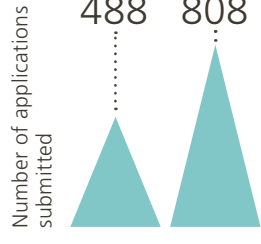
CHF  
**31.0**  
million

BRIDGE PROGRAMME

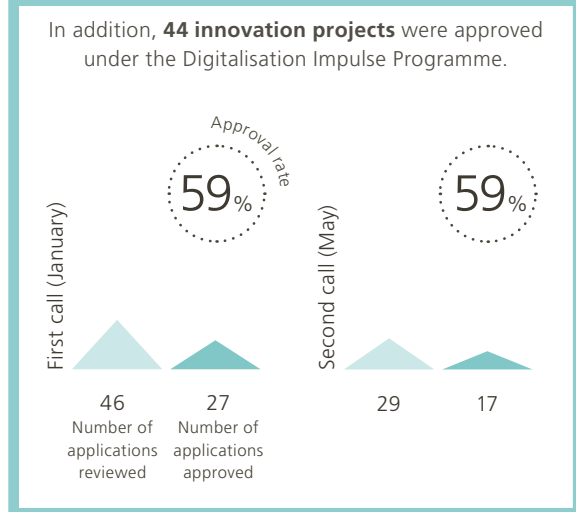
CHF  
**7.0**  
million

\* Incl. Digitalisation Impulse Programme: CHF 17.6m (excl. overheads of CHF 2.5m); incl. international projects: CHF 2.4m (excl. overheads of CHF 0.4m)  
\*\* Innosuisse portion

### "START YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT"

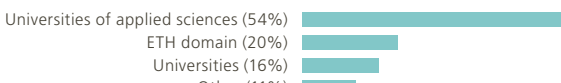


In 2019, **funding applications for innovation projects** were up **65.5 per cent** on the previous year. 404 applications were approved, 46 of which were without implementation partners. The **approval rate averaged 60 per cent**.



A total of **CHF 241.3 million** was requested for the projects submitted. CHF 143.9 million was awarded.

Excl. overhead contributions and innovation cheques, incl. international projects



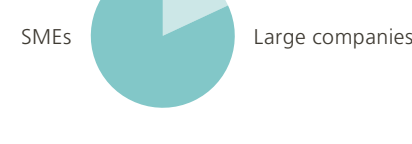
54 per cent of the research partners participating in the innovation projects are **universities of applied sciences**.

1,093 innovation projects supported by Innosuisse were under way at end-2019.

**400**

innovation cheques

totalling more than CHF 6.0 million were approved in 2019 (559 applications received, 513 applications evaluated), enabling SMEs to join the world of science-based innovation.



The **proportion of SMEs** among the participating companies is about 82 per cent. SMEs are firms with fewer than 250 employees.

Proportion of women

The proportion of women in approved innovation projects was 15 per cent among the **main research partners** and 13 per cent among the **main implementation partners**.

For the first time

In 2019, 502 companies participated in an innovation project. **56 per cent** of them for the first time.

### "START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS"

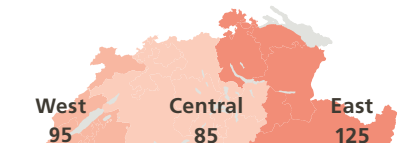
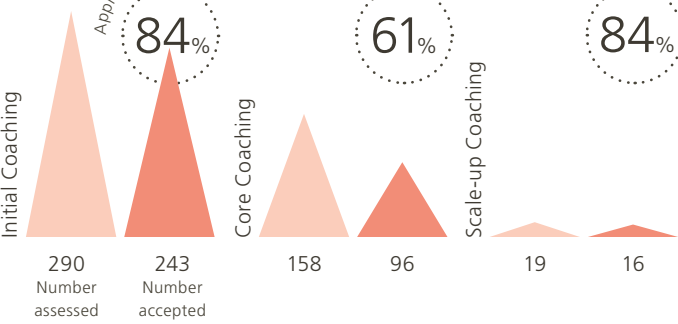
**Coaching**

**477 start-ups** applied for coaching from Innosuisse in 2019. This represents an increase of 40 per cent compared to 2018 (341 start-ups).

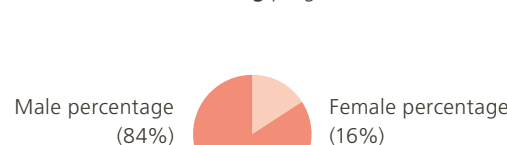
**3,576**

trainees

took part in one of the four **Start-up Training** modules in 2019.



At end-2019, a total of 305 start-ups were in Innosuisse's **Core Coaching** programme.



Women make up 16 percent of the participants in **Core Coaching**.

**Camps**

In 2019, 58 start-ups were selected to take part in an **internationalisation camp**. These gatherings, held in eight cities across ten countries, enable entrepreneurs to discover new markets.



6 start-ups received an **Innosuisse Certificate** in 2019, confirming that they are "ready for sustainable growth".

### "BE CONNECTED"

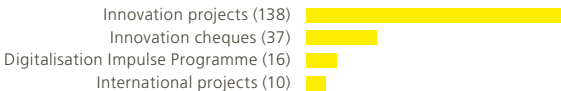
**216**

innovation project submissions were supported by the **innovation mentors**.

Excl. innovation cheques, incl. Digitalisation Impulse Programme

**Networks**

A total of 201 approved innovation projects were supported by the **National Thematic Networks (NTNs)**.



Period from 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019

**330**

SMEs received one or more **vouchers for innovation mentoring** in 2019.

**41**

**Thematic Specialist Events** were awarded funding contributions in 2019.

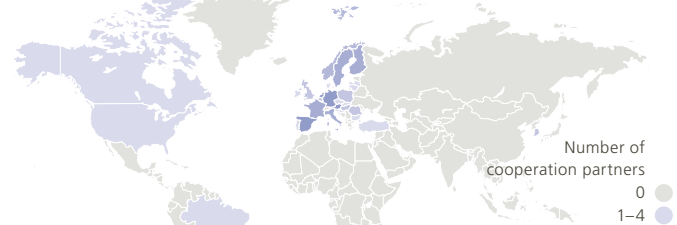
### "GO GLOBAL"

**193**

applications

for support for **international projects** were submitted to Innosuisse in 2019 and 66 applications were approved. The **approval rate averaged 34 per cent**.

Numbers without EEN



The international project cooperation partners in 2019 came from **31 countries**.



**33 Swiss research institutions** were involved in the approved international projects.



**63 SMEs, 7 large companies** and **4 end-user organisations** from Switzerland were **involved** in the approved international projects.

SMEs are firms with fewer than 250 employees.

**Partner introductions and consulting**

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) Switzerland

The EEN is strengthening cross-border innovation funding by **arranging roughly 260 contacts** with potential project partners a year.

Under the Horizon 2020 SME programme (SME Instrument), EEN supported **120 companies** in the search for **coaches** in 2019.

Some 2,000 SMEs took part in **39 partnering events** worldwide.

### THEMATIC PROGRAMMES OF INNOSUISSE

#### ENERGY FUNDING PROGRAMME

**39%** third-party funding generated by SCCER in 2019, in addition to direct contributions from Innosuisse (CHF 31 million) and universities' own funds (CHF 41.7 million), from competitive federal funds and industry (CHF 46.9 million).

**8** SCCERs. As part of the funding programme, eight Swiss Competence Centers for Energy Research (SCCER) are investigating innovative energy solutions for the future.

**1,386** researchers are taking part in the SCCER.

**50** innovation projects were approved in 2019 under the Energy Funding Programme across the seven action areas.

#### BRIDGE

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Through the BRIDGE programme, Innosuisse and the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) are supporting researchers with a total of CHF 70 million between 2017 and 2020.

30 projects were supported in 2019 via BRIDGE's **Proof of Concept** offering.

10 funding applications were approved as part of **BRIDGE Discovery**.