

Application Criteria:

## **Small Contributions to Research and Transfer Activities for Regional Development**

### **1. Objectives and type of contribution**

As a part of the activities of regiosuisse ([www.regiosuisse.ch](http://www.regiosuisse.ch)) and its research network («service range 4»), small financial contributions to research and transfer activities can be paid.

They must be within the overall objectives of the Swiss Regional Policy and of regiosuisse, which is:

- to promote the integration of actors in the field of regional policy in networks
- to promote the exchange and dissemination of knowledge
- to improve the co-operation between research and practice

More specifically, the objectives of the financial contributions are as follows:

- contribute to the **transfer** of scientific results and approaches into practice, i.e. improve the dissemination, the applicability and application of research concerning regional development in Switzerland into practice (transdisciplinarity); and to narrowing the gap between research and application
- contribute to the **co-operation** between research and **practice**
- contribute to the **orientation** of research, i.e. contribute to focussing research on practical questions
- contribute to the **co-operation between research institutions**, if (and only if!) this will improve the benefits for the practice of regional development, e.g. if there is a missing link between research projects and practice

Since the contributions will be rather small, they are usually **not** intended to finance new research projects or new data collection. The financial contributions are mainly intended as an **add-on** (additional element) to ongoing or existing research, designed to improve the practical application of the results and other activities to promote the transfer of results into practice. Examples include

- practical case studies where research results are applied,
- production of practical guidelines or handbooks,
- workshops to disseminate and test research results with practitioners
- synthesis of research work targeted at practitioners
- the connection of Switzerland to international research projects (if there is a practical interest in the results)
- or other similar activities in the field of application or transfer of research results.

The financial contributions:

- will only be paid to projects that are fully in line with the objectives stated above
- will not be paid to support fundamental research
- will not be paid to industrial development or to the promotion of commercial projects or projects that are part of the cantonal implementation plans («Umsetzungsprogramme»)
- will only be paid if there is an explicit value added to ongoing or planned projects
- will only be paid, if other sources do not allow to carry out the specific part of the project (subsidiarity)

### **Duration of the supported action**

Usually maximum 1 year, possibly 2 years

### **Eligible institutions**

All public and/or private institutions based in Switzerland; members of the regiosuisse management are excluded.

### **Monitoring and publication**

- The deliverables / interim-reports will have to be defined in the proposals and fixed in the contract.
- As a minimal requirement, a short written interim report (status report) every 6 months is expected.
- The projects will be supervised (monitored) by a member of the regiosuisse L4 management team who will have to approve the interim and final reports.
- The projects that receive financial contributions and their results will be published by regiosuisse.

## **2. Criteria for the selection**

Based on the objectives, the criteria are as follows:

- Basic requirements according to section 1 of this document (objectives and type of contributions)
- Relevant and concrete value-added (output) for the target groups with respect to the objectives stated above
- Co-operation with practice (trans-disciplinarity), involvement of the target group(s): The project needs explicit written support from the target group(s). Financial or other contributions from the target groups (co-financing) are considered an additional asset for the project.
- Quality of the project (concept, scientific and practical approach, project planning)
- Quality of the research team
- Costs with respect to expected benefits

## **3. Finance**

- Total contributions: maximum 15'000 to 20'000 CHF per project per year.
- Rates for researchers: according to the rates paid by the Swiss National Science Foundation in National Research Programmes

## **4. Application**

### **Application Form**

Only fully completed applications in the official application form on <http://www.regiosuisse.ch/> are accepted.

### **Deadline**

The first deadline for the submission of proposals (including a PDF-File (Scan) of the letter(s) of interest as well as any annex (max. 20 pages) is **November 30, 2010, midnight**. Applications (in German, French or English) have to be sent **by email** to [johannes.heeb@regiosuisse.ch](mailto:johannes.heeb@regiosuisse.ch).

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