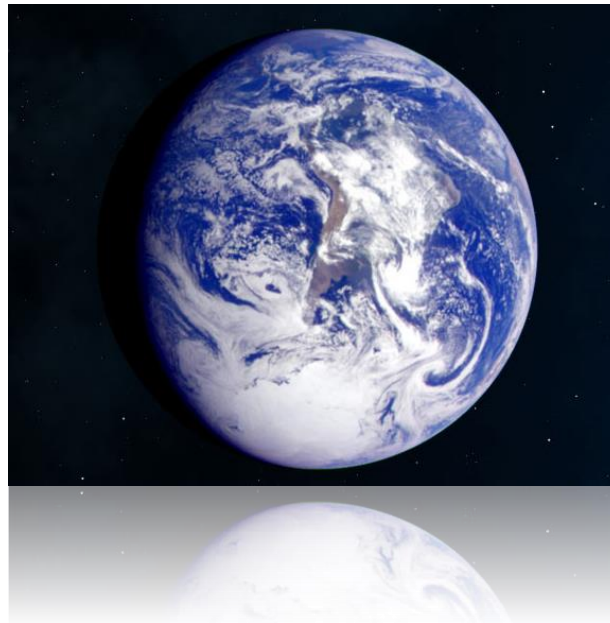


# Industry grants and CTI projects: **Innosuisse**

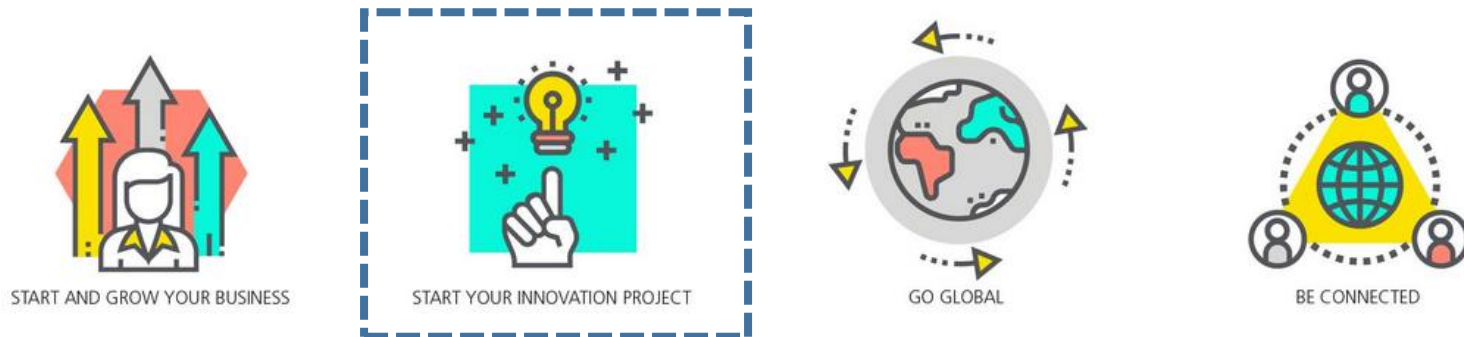
Technology Platform

Technology transfer between private and  
public sector



# Innosuisse

Innosuisse is the Swiss Innovation Agency which funds science-based innovation in the interests of industry and society with the aim of increasing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Switzerland

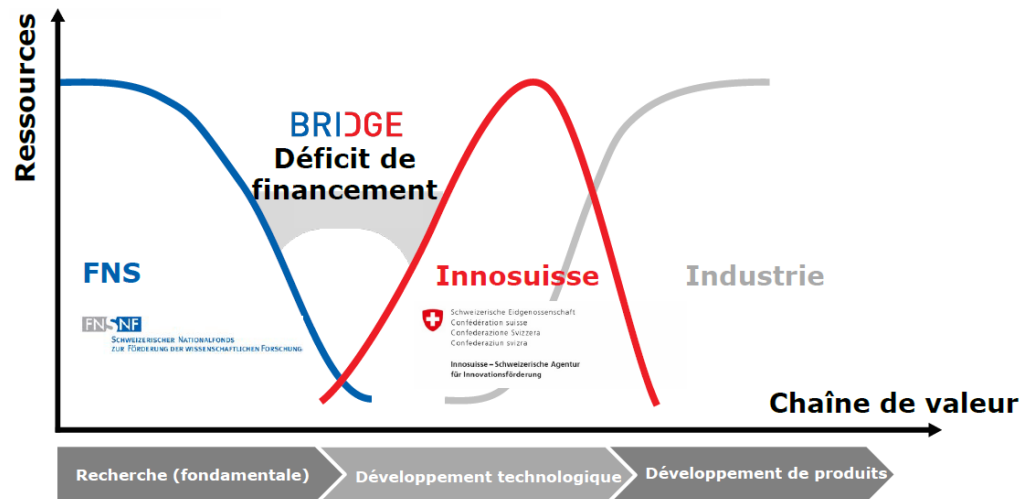


# Start your innovation project with BRIDGE Programme

*Implement your research results on the market!*

Two funding opportunities:

- For young researchers: [Proof of Concept](#)
- For experienced researchers: [Discovery](#)



# Bridge Programme: Proof of concept

- Have you earned your spurs as a young researcher and come up with an idea for developing your research results into a marketable product?
- Are you looking for an opportunity to test and refine your idea?



Proof of Concept helps young researchers to apply their research results and gain the confidence needed to make a market entry.

# Proof of concept: summary

- Proof of Concept projects (up to 4 calls may be announced per year) may cover any type of innovation or research field.
- It covers your salary and any costs that are directly linked to the execution of your project (max. CHF 130,000 per year).
- It provides funding for your project for a twelve-month period (it may be extended once for a maximum of six months).



# Proof of concept: Young researcher with the following criteria

- Your institution has assured you of their support for the duration of the project.
- You have gained research experience while studying for your bachelor's or master's degree, which you obtained no more than four years ago or
- You are on course to complete your doctoral studies within the next six months or less, or
- You are working as a postdoctoral researcher, having obtained your doctorate no more than four years ago.
- You submit your proposal as an individual and not as part of a group.



# Bridge Programme: Discovery

The BRIDGE Discovery funding opportunity offers contributions to experienced researchers who are currently working on both basic and applied research, to help them realise the innovation potential of their research findings. It allows the researchers to forge ahead with their vision during the critical pre-competitive phase.



# Discovery (Bridge programme): summary

- Based on a technological innovation with a strong societal or economic impact.
- Up to 2 calls may be announced per year
- Coverage of staff salaries as well as costs directly linked to the execution of your project.
- Funding of your project for up to four years (up to CHF 850k for 4 years per applicant).





# Discovery (Bridge programme): Researcher with the following criteria

- You are conducting research at a university, a Federal Institute of Technology, a University of Applied Sciences or at another research institution pursuant to the Federal Act on the Promotion of Research and Innovation.
- You have the competence to lead a research project.
- You submit your project as a single applicant or as a part of a small consortium of a maximum of 3 applicants.



# Start your innovation project with an Innovation Cheque

- **What?** Innosuisse provides SMEs with easy access into the world of science-based innovation funding.
- **For Whom?** R&D services from a public research partner
- **How?** The innovation cheque gives you access to up to CHF 15k worth of R&D services from a public research partner.
- **Pre-requisites:**
  - Your SME or start-up is based in Switzerland.
  - Your SME or start-up has fewer than 250 employees (full-time equivalents).
- Web page: [link](#)

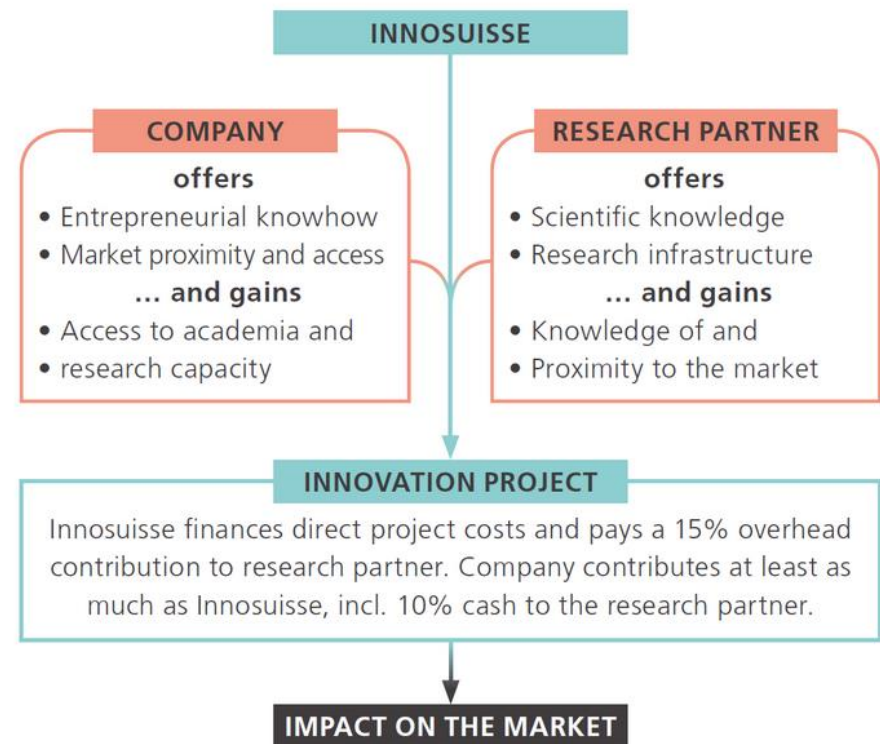
# Innovation Project with an implementation partner

- Your project must meet a market need and provide economic benefits or create social value.
- Research-based innovation topics:
  - Energy & Environment
  - Engineering
  - ICT
  - Life Sciences
  - Social Sciences & Business Management



# Innovation Project with an implementation partner

Innovation Project supports science-based innovation projects carried out by companies – particularly SMEs – working with public-sector research partners.



# Innovation Project with an implementation partner: *how?*

- Innosuisse covers the research partner's salary and, under certain conditions, material costs as well as a contribution to overheads. The company provides at least the same amount of funding and thus bears the costs for its project itself.
- 8 calls per topic



# Innovation Project **without** an implementation partner

- Has your research work thrown up a great innovative idea with market potential, but you have not yet found a business partner to implement your project on the market?
- Are you convinced that your scientific findings could be implemented successfully onto the market by a company?



*Innosuisse funds innovation projects by researchers who have not yet found a partner to implement the result (particularly support for highly innovative yet risky projects).*

# Innovation Project **without** an implementation partner: What sort of projects are funded?



- Projects such as feasibility studies, prototypes and test facilities as well as projects to execute themed funding programmes commissioned by the Federal Council.
- The project displays a considerable innovation potential and a clear business idea
- With the current state of research, there is a high risk of the project not succeeding on the market.
- You intend to try to convince potential implementation partners of the economic benefits of your idea over the next few months
- Your project staff have the skills required to execute the project.

# Innovation Project **without** an implementation partner: *how?*

- For a maximum of 18 months (if the project is part of the federal funding programme in the field of energy, support may be provided for up to 36 months).
- 8 calls per topic





# TP WebPage

<http://nccr-planets.ch/platforms/technology-transfer/>