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Questions and Answers



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Question 1

Can a project proposal include costs for the procurement of equipment?

Answer

Yes, a project proposal can also include the procurement of equipment, if needed. Please include the expected amount in the proposal application form in Section 2.2. 'Direct costs' and attach the offers, should any be available.

Please note that if more than 50% of the procurement is to be financed by MeteoSwiss in the framework of GCOS Switzerland, the recipient is generally obliged to obtain at least three offers.

Question 2

Approximately how much of the total available budget can a project apply for?

Answer

The current Call for Proposals is intended to support 4-6 projects with an overall indicative budget of 1.4 Mio CHF. The financial share per project will not only depend on the final number of approved projects but also on the scope of each approved project.

Question 3

In the case of a consortium, does the in-kind contribution have to come in equal parts from all consortium member institutions or is it considered as a whole for the project?

Answer

The in-kind contribution is considered for the whole project, not for the individual consortium member institutions.

Question 4

What would be an indicative range (in percentage) for a significant in-kind contribution of the overall project volume?

Answer

Given that the GCOS Switzerland contribution is a subsidy, certain conditions must be met. The institution receiving the subsidy is required to make a reasonable in-kind contribution of its own (e.g., the supervision work of the project manager or data generated within the framework of other activities) and exhaust any other financing possibilities. As a consequence, only part of the total costs incurred in the project may be claimed. Please note that the provision of office space, computing hardware a.s.o. cannot be considered as in-kind contributions.

Question 5

Can a consortium include partner institutions from non-Swiss institutions?

Answer

Yes, according to Section 5 of the GCOS Switzerland Call for Proposals document, non-Swiss institutions can be part of a consortium. Please note that the Principal Investigator has to be based at a Swiss institution in Switzerland. In addition, please note that according to Section 8 of the GCOS Switzerland Call for Proposals document, the benefit for GCOS, especially with respect to the implementation for the GCOS Implementation Plan 2022 and the GCOS Switzerland Strategy 2017-2026 is a general evaluation criterion for all proposals.

Question 6

Can an institution outside of Switzerland (e.g. as co-Principal Investigator) request funding from the project?

Answer

We refer to Section 5 and Section 9 of the GCOS Switzerland Call for Proposals document. Funding requests are limited to individuals and consortia with a Principal Investigator based in a Swiss institution in Switzerland. MeteoSwiss issues an agreement with the institution of the Principal Investigator, even if more institutions are involved in the project. The institution of the Principal Investigator is then responsible for the further distribution of the funding.

Question 7

Can the same institution submit more than one proposal?

Answer

Yes, it is possible for more than one proposal to be submitted within the same organisation, provided the proposals have different Principal Investigators.

Question 8

May private companies based in Switzerland also submit projects as Principal Investigators?

Answer

We refer to Section 5 of the GCOS Switzerland Call for Proposals document. While the Principal Investigator has to be affiliated to or be employed by a Swiss institution (including private companies) in Switzerland, institutions/companies abroad can be part of the consortium.

Question 9

Can MeteoSwiss employees be part of a consortium?

Answer

Yes, MeteoSwiss employees can be part of a consortium. However, MeteoSwiss employees are not eligible to receive any funds from the project.

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