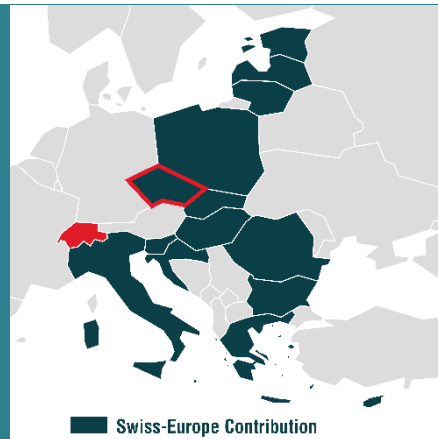


SWISS-CZECH Cooperation Programme



4 Programmes

76.9 Mio. CHF



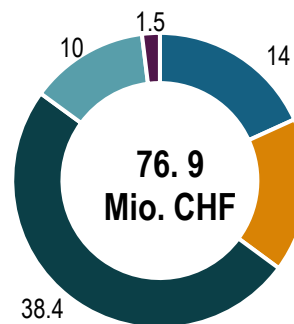
The Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme, implemented between 2023 and 2029, aims to reduce economic and social disparities in the Czech Republic and to further strengthen the bilateral cooperation between the two countries. The Cooperation Programme is built on the success of the first Swiss Contribution, which terminated in 2017. The second contribution amounts to CHF 76.9 million.

The Second Swiss Contribution has a total value of CHF 1.302 billion and a duration of ten years until 3 December 2029. On 30 June 2022, Switzerland and the EU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Brussels, specifying key parameters of the contribution, such as the amount, its distribution among the partner countries, thematic priorities and principles for cooperation and implementation



Key Areas of Support

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- Fostering research infrastructures and cooperation
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- Protecting biodiversity and advancing sustainable tourism



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Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme

The Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme supports programmes in four areas where the Czech Republic has a recognised need and Switzerland can add value with its expertise and experience: biodiversity and sustainable tourism, health, migration and research. Switzerland contributes 85% of the total budget, while the Czech Republic provides 15% co-financing. The programmes are coordinated by Czech ministries and implemented in cooperation with a wide range of stakeholders, including local authorities, non-governmental organisations, the private sector and Swiss partners. Overall coordination of the Swiss-Czech cooperation programme is provided by the Czech Ministry of Finance in close cooperation with the Swiss Contribution Office in Prague.





The Four Programmes

Assisting migrants to integrate into the Czech Republic

The programme promotes the economic and social integration of people from Ukraine (following Russia's war of aggression) and other third-country nationals legally residing in the Czech Republic. To achieve this goal, several tailored activities are being funded, such as legal and financial advice, the involvement of children in leisure activities/animation programmes, psychosocial support, job placement, and a platform for the recognition of migrants' qualifications. Ultimately, the programme should benefit not only the migrants receiving support, but also Czech society and the economy as a whole, thanks to the better use of migrants' expertise and experience and their enhanced integration into communities. The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs is responsible for this programme.

Czech-Swiss Research Infrastructure Initiative

The Czech-Swiss Research Infrastructure Initiative programme fosters partnership initiatives between national infrastructure hubs spread across several countries in which Czech and Swiss researchers participate. It also supports the further integration of the Czech Republic's Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI) into international networks. This programme is coordinated by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and counts with a high number of Swiss partners. The programme is expected to not only foster the Czech position in the European and international research infrastructure landscape but also, through practical applications developed thanks to the funded basic and applied research, both Czech and Swiss societies.

Home-based healthcare

The programme intends to strengthen home-based healthcare for the sake of patients in the Czech Republic. It seeks to improve patient care through a better coordination between health and social care providers, increase the efficiency and quality of homecare provision and strengthen the national framework for the management (networking of

providers, data collection, classification of services) and funding (reimbursement model) of homecare services. The programme is operated by the Ministry of Health. Specialized Swiss partners provide advice but also learn from the advanced Czech experience in homecare.

Sustainable Tourism and Enhancing Biodiversity

This is in financial terms the largest endeavor of the Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme. The aim is to address two main causes of biodiversity decline: (1) landscape fragmentation and (2) excessive tourism. Activities under the first pillar intend to enhance water and land connectivity of species populations as well as landscape permeability and stability. The second pillar focuses on changes to the management of visitor flows and the related impact on ecosystems in selected protected areas. The programme finances both infrastructure, such as visitor centers or nature trails, and "soft" measures such as the monitoring of species or tourist awareness raising campaigns aimed at improving visitor behavior and their knowledge about the natural and cultural value of protected areas. The programme operator on the Czech side is the Ministry of Environment. Many Swiss partners, in coordination with the Swiss Parks Network, are involved.

Further information about the Swiss-Czech Cooperation Programme: <https://www.swiss-contribution.cz/en/>



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