

Scientific Cooperation

Scientific Cooperation between Eastern Europe and Switzerland - SCOPES



Background

Research and educational systems are among the numerous challenges that the Eastern European transition countries are confronted with each day. Scientists, research teams, and scientific institutions in this region face financial difficulties and hard working conditions. The Scientific Cooperation between Eastern Europe and Switzerland focuses on the promotion of research projects, on the improvement of institutional framework conditions, and on the better integration of individuals and institutions into the international scientific community. It consists of two main sub-programmes: Institutional Partnerships and Joint Research Projects.

General Information

Project region:
**Eastern European states
including South Caucasian
countries**

Project duration:
2005-2008

Total budget:
CHF 9'500'000

Project partner:
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Objectives

The SCOPES Programme goals are:

- promotion and valorisation of research in Eastern Europe
- improving the framework conditions governing research by stimulating institutional modernization where appropriate
- strengthening the competitiveness of eastern European scientists and institutions on an international level.

Description of the SCOPES Program

Institutional Partnerships that further develop and modernize, through Swiss partners, the institutional aspects of Eastern European research institutions, strengthening thereby the position of the concerned institution.

Joint Research Projects to enable scientists from the partner countries to undertake jointly with Swiss scientists in original research of high quality, and to participate in relevant transition strengthening, thereby transferring knowledge and expertise, as well as facilitating the international networking of Eastern European research teams.

It is obligatory to have a Swiss partner who coordinates a SCOPES project.

The program covers disciplines in the following scientific domains: Humanities and Social Sciences; Mathematics; Natural and Engineering Sciences; Biology and Medicine.

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