

6th UNICA meeting for EU Research Liaison Officers Session II : Marie Programmes Case of the University of Lausanne (UNIL)

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Outline

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- 2) Promotion/communication of the Marie Curie Actions
- 3) Support offered
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- 6) Shift of Marie Curie Actions from the DG Research to DG Education & Culture



Quick figures

■ Number of students

- UNIL: 12'000
- EPFL: 7'762

■ Number of researchers (FTE)

- UNIL: 1603 (450 professors)
- EPFL: 3803 (263 professors)

■ Annual budget

- UNIL: 399 mio CHF (332 mio €)
- EPFL: 750 mio CHF (625 mio €)

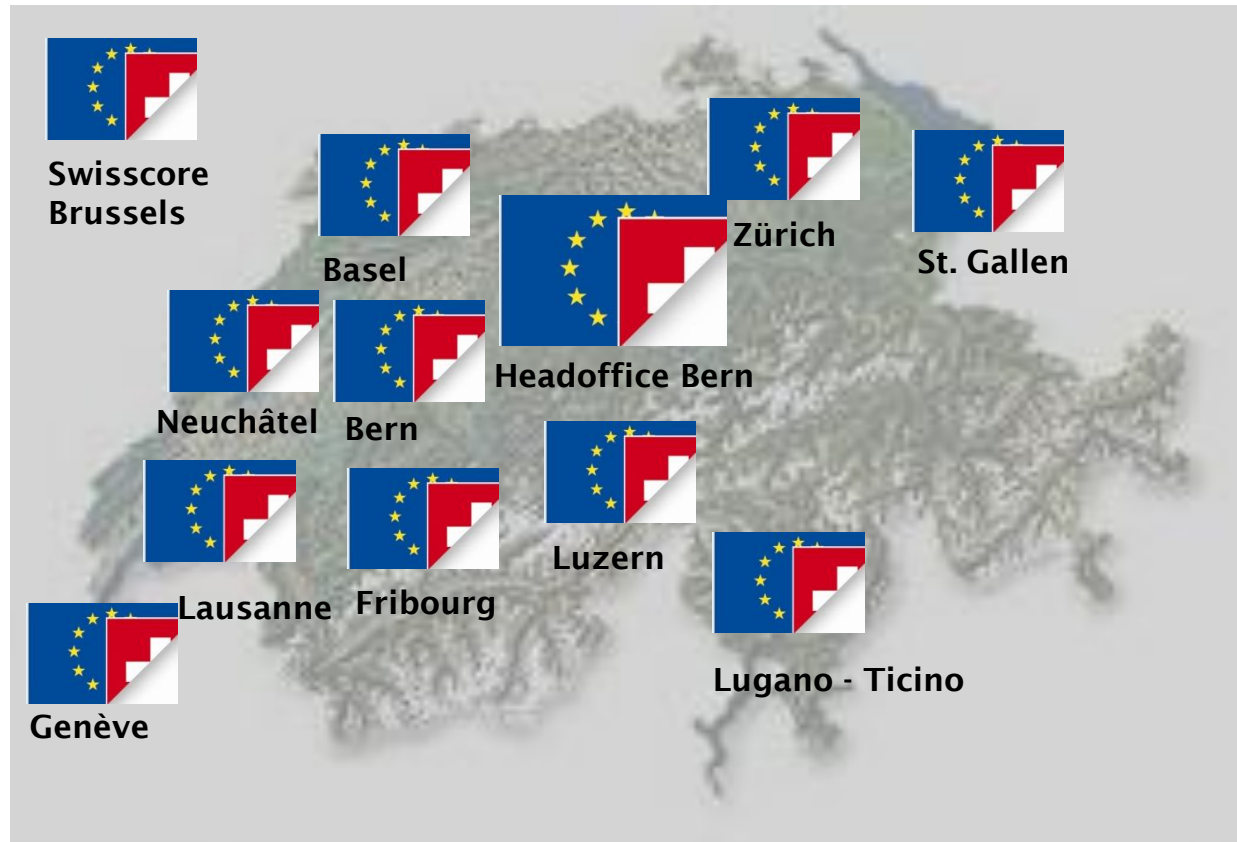
■ Research budget

- UNIL: 182 mio CHF (152 mio €) of which 59 mio CHF (about 50 mio €) of third party funding (about 12.2 % UE)
- EPFL: 500 mio CHF (417 mio €) of which 205 mio CHF of third party funding (167 mio €) (22.7 % UE)

Euresearch

- Mandated by the State Secretariat for Education and Research
- Head Office
 - 9 National Contact Points (NCPs)
- 10 Regional Offices located in each University or EPF
- Swisscore

The Swiss network Euresearch



Regional Offices: Generalists, Administrative, Legal & Financial issues

Head Office: Specialists, Scientific & Strategic Support

SwissCore: Lobbyists, Brussels contacts

Euresearch services

- Information, advice and assistance during all project phases :
 - Evaluation of opportunities
 - Elaboration and submission of the proposal
 - Negotiation and signature of the Grant Agreement (GA)
 - Management of the project

Information & Training

- Euresearch WEB

www.euresearch.ch

Services available *on registration*:

- Euresearch Newsletter
- Euresearch E-Alerts (calls, partner search)
- Euresearch EVENTS

<http://www.euresearch.ch/index.php?id=9>



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INFORMATION AND TRAINING

→ **EURESEARCH WEB**
 Overview of the programmes and domains of FP7, calls for proposals, events, trends, partner searches, evaluation statistics, and participation rules.
www.euresearch.ch

→ **EURESEARCH INFO**
 A free monthly newsletter (electronic and hardcopy) that keeps you abreast of all news about European research programmes.
www.euresearch.ch/newsletter

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ADVICE AND HELP

Questions?
 Looking for project partners?
 Proposal prescreening needed?
 Questions about contracts and Intellectual Property Rights?
 Administrative support needed?

Contact us!
 Our services are free of charge.

FP7 Marie Curie projects in Lausanne

- **72 Marie Curie Actions** (15 UNIL / 57 EPFL)

of which

- **50 Individual driven actions** (11 UNIL / 39 EPFL)
- **22 Host driven actions** (4 UNIL / 18 EPFL)

UNIL: 3 ITN, 8 IEF, 1 IIF, 2 IOF, 1 IAPP

EPFL: 15 ITN, 24 IEF, 7 IIF, 4 IOF, 5 IAP, 2 CIG

Promotion/communication of the Marie Curie Actions

- **E-alerts:** calls, events, news, etc. to all researchers according to their research interests
- **2 half-yearly NCP mails** (personal schedule for opportunities in FP7 people: calls, deadlines, contact, thematic webpage, Swiss Marie Curie blog, events, etc.)
- **Announcements** in internal press & Faculties' e-newsletters
- **Euresearch website** (<http://www.euresearch.ch/index.php?id=185>)
 - MC in a nutshell; infosheets for all MC Actions

Promotion & Communication (2)

- **Stand** at the Faculties' Research Day, Doctoriales, FORUM EPFL, etc.
- **Marie Curie information sessions** for Faculties
- **Web 2.0:**
 - **Facebook page:**
<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100002739901507#!/pages/Euresearch-Switzerland-Marie-Curie/185060518224199>
 - **Twitter account:** <http://twitter.com/#!/EuresearchMarie>
 - **LinkedIn group:** http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Euresearch-Switzerland-Marie-Curie-4037851?trk=myg_ugrp_ovr

Support offered

- Helpline & website (IEF, IIF & IOF checklists for proposal submission)
- Swiss Marie Curie Blog (<http://swissmariecurie.blogspot.com/>)
- Marie Curie Applicants Workshops (Individual Fellowships):
 - Who's who (tour de table) ?
 - MC rules; evaluation criteria; timeline; budget
 - Practical exercises in small groups (subcriteria + questions: S&T, researcher, training, implementation, impact); REA's feedback
 - Hints & tricks;
 - Experience of an evaluator
 - Good luck aperitif

Support offered (2)

- Face to face consulting
- Prescreening of proposals submitted with Swiss institutions (with or without NCP): S&T, Researcher, Training/TOK, Implementation, Impact (for S&T: argumentation, consistency, clarity, workplan, timeline)

Pre-Screening Survey conducted in September-October 2011
(40 researchers / return rate: 92.5%)

Positive : our speed & friendly professionalism; checking for the missing points; check list, our experience; personalized service, tailor-made feedback for each proposal; level of detail;

Negative : we do not send a successful proposal; only one prescreening/proposal; no feedback on the S&T content

Suggestions : an even more detailed checklist; advertise the service even more; more workshops; a successful proposal as example

Kind of information collected / channels

- Euresearch & its services are well known on the campus (professors refer applicants to us)
- but
- No obligation for the researchers to consult us
- Information to the Faculty/Direction about the EU submissions no mandatory
- Statistics relating to the Swiss/regional participation & success rates transmitted by the NCP yearly

2010/11	IEF 2010	IOF 2010	IIF 2010	COFUND 2011	IRSES 2011	IAPP 2011	CIG 2011	ITN 2011	RNight 2011
Global	17%	17%	12%	59%	45.7%	31.9%	21.6%	7.3%	52%
CH	26%	21.5%	26.11%	62%	42.8%	20%	33%	10.7%	100%

Policy according to the different Marie Curie Actions

- No institutional policy
- At UNIL, financial incentive for collaborative projects (ITN, IAPP, etc.) offered by the Direction of the University
- Euresearch Lausanne focuses its efforts on the individual fellowships (IEF, IIF, IOF, CIG) or on the coordination of Host driven actions (impact)

Consequences of the shift from the DG Research to the DG Education & Culture

- New actions introduced by DG EAC (IDP, EID, CIG)
- Communication & dialogue with NCPs improved and strengthened
- At the level of Euresearch Lausanne, no real impact on our daily work

Thank you for your attention !