Funding contributions of CHF 33.1 million awarded by the end of June 2021

impulse programme Swiss Innovation Power

After just six months, it is already clear that there is huge demand from Swiss companies for the impulse programme. A total of CHF 226 million has been set aside to fund the impulse programme.

**Measure 1**

Stimulate new innovation projects

- 197 applications submitted
- 132 applications assessed
- 67 applications approved (Approval rate 51%)

**Measure 2**

Support structural change, disruptive or radical innovation

- 27 applications submitted
- 11 applications assessed
- 5 applications approved (Approval rate 45%)

224 applications were received by June as part of the impulse programme Swiss Innovation Power.
In the first call for applications, 78 pre-applications for flagship projects were submitted in the two specified thematic areas. After an initial evaluation, Innosuisse recommended that 33 consortia submit a full application by mid-August 2021.

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14 Recommendations for submission of full applications
Improving the resilience and sustainability and reducing the vulnerability of society, infrastructure and processes

19 Recommendations for submission of full applications
Coping with the accelerated digital transformation prompted by COVID-19

- Demographic change: 1
- Supply chains: 5
- Resilience of ICT infrastructures: 1
- Decarbonisation: 7
- Education, learning and teaching: 9
- Tourism and the travel industry: 1
- Real estate and urban planning: 2
- Healthcare and medical technology: 7
Facts and figures mid-2021

Funding contributions of CHF 46.0 million awarded by the end of June 2021

Innovation projects

- 260 applications submitted
- 259 applications assessed
- 129 applications approved
  (Approval rate 50%)

Innosuisse’s regular funding business remained very brisk in the first half of 2021. 484 applications were received together with the Impulse programme. Last year, 361 applications were received from January to June.

Compared with the previous year, demand for international projects increased significantly by the middle of the year. In particular, the Eurostars call for proposals in spring 2021 saw an all-time record of 130 applications with Swiss participation.

Fortunately, a project led by a Swiss SME with a German SME partner and a German research partner took first place out of a total of 560 Eurostars applications submitted. The Swiss success rate for this tender is 23%.

International projects

- 176 applications submitted
- 104 applications assessed
- 24 applications approved
  (Approval rate 23%)
Start-up coaching

As was the case last year, the coaching programme proved to be very popular in the first half of 2021. At 30 June 2021, a total of 553 start-ups were in Innosuisse's coaching programme (1st half of 2020: 466).

In 2021, the second call for scale-up coaching will be held.

Innovation mentoring

377 SMEs received one or more vouchers for mentoring services.

Compared with the previous year (266 mentoring services by the end of June), Innosuisse has reported a large increase in the number of applications received. The figure shows SMEs' huge drive for innovation despite the pandemic.