



SWEET – swiss energy research for the energy transition

Glossary of terms

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A

Applicant – requests **SWEET** funding from the **SFOE** through a **consortium**. Upon award, all applicants become beneficiaries of the subsidy contract between the SFOE and the **host institution**. All applicants will establish a consortium agreement and are henceforth referred to as members of the consortium.

Application Phase – second phase of a **SWEET call**. Based on the input collected in the **Stakeholder Consultation Phase** (first phase), the **SFOE** defines the content for the call for proposals. After the call's launch, **consortia** have several months to submit full proposals.

C

Consortium – group of partner institutions led by a **host institution** with the purpose of implementing a project portfolio that addresses the **research challenges** of a **SWEET call**. A consortium will sign a binding agreement which sets out the rights and obligations among its members.

Cooperation Partner – partner that chooses not to apply for funding but contributes resources to the **consortium** as specified in a Letter of Commitment. Cooperation partners may join more than one consortium.

Coordinator – person responsible and accountable for the overall coordination and submission of the proposal as well as for the execution and administration of the **consortium**. The coordinator is a member of staff of the consortium's **host institution**. The coordinator, on behalf of the entire consortium, is the contact point for the **SFOE** and is responsible for the administrative and financial management of the consortium.

Core Budget – potential financial award as specified in the subsidy contract is referred to as the «core budget». The awarded core budget will be allocated to each winning **consortium**. The core budget cannot be revised to higher amounts. The core budget is earmarked for subsidiary funding of the work program as agreed upon in the subsidy contract, subject to changes during the term of the consortium.

D

Deliverable – a distinct output of the consortium, meaningful in terms of the overall objectives and constituted by a report, a document, technical diagram, a software etc.



G

Guiding Theme – theme defined by the **SFOE**, in collaboration with the Swiss Federal Energy Research Commission CORE, prior to the **stakeholder consultation phase**. Guiding themes are formulated broadly to elicit a wide range of perspectives and intend to relate the overall scope of **SWEET** to Switzerland's energy strategy 2050 and climate goals. It is possible that more than one call is issued within the context of one particular guiding theme.

Gantt chart – a type of bar chart that illustrates a project schedule. This chart lists the tasks to be performed on the vertical axis, and time intervals on the horizontal axis. The width of the horizontal bars in the graph shows the duration of each activity.

H

Host Institution – represents a **SWEET consortium** to the **SFOE**. The SFOE takes the host institution of a consortium that has been awarded a grant under contract, while the partners within this consortium establish their own agreement.

I

Interdisciplinary Research – research that spans across different disciplines and creates interaction between the disciplines. Such research has common goals and aims, and researchers undertaking collaborative interdisciplinary research create joint solutions.

M

Milestones – control points in the project that help to chart progress. Milestones may correspond to the completion of a key deliverable, allowing the next phase of the work to begin. They may also be needed at intermediary points so that, if problems have arisen, corrective measures can be taken. A milestone may be a critical decision point in the project where, for example, the **consortium** must decide which of several technologies to adopt for further development.

P

Potential Research Topic – topic proposed by the research and innovation community to the **SFOE** in the **stakeholder consultation phase**. These topics need to be of sufficient scope to be addressed through a portfolio of research projects as well as pilot and demonstration projects.

R

Research Challenge – subject of a call for proposals in the **application phase**. The **SFOE** will use proposed **potential research topics** as input to specify Research Challenges.



S

SFOE – Swiss Federal Office of Energy, owns and operates the **SWEET program**.

Stakeholder Consultation Phase – first phase of a **SWEET call**, in which the **SFOE** invites the research and innovation community to propose **potential research topics** that are relevant to the **guiding theme** defined by the SFOE.

Supplementary Budget – upon request of a **consortium** and subject to the availability of additional funds, the **SFOE** may grant a «supplementary budget». The supplementary budget may not exceed 10% of the «**core budget**» granted over the term of a consortium. An application for a supplementary budget may be submitted once the results of the consortium's ongoing project portfolio lead to new questions that can be best addressed by launching a follow-up activity. A consortium may receive a supplementary budget no earlier than 3 years after the launch of the consortium.

SWEET – Swiss Energy research for the Energy Transition, a funding program owned and operated by the **SFOE**.

SWEET Calls – periodically published thematic calls within the **SWEET program**. The calls are structured in two distinct phases, the **stakeholder consultation phase** and the **application phase**.

T

Transdisciplinarity – complementary to **interdisciplinarity**, this approach achieves a fusion of disciplinary and other kinds of knowledge, not only from the sciences but also from other societal fields and includes deliberation about facts, practices and values.

W

Work Package – means a major sub-division of the proposed **consortium** activities. A work package contains the description of a research and development project, or pilot and demonstration project note, or can be generic and describe, for example coordination activities, or activities linked to communication, dissemination and exploitation of results.