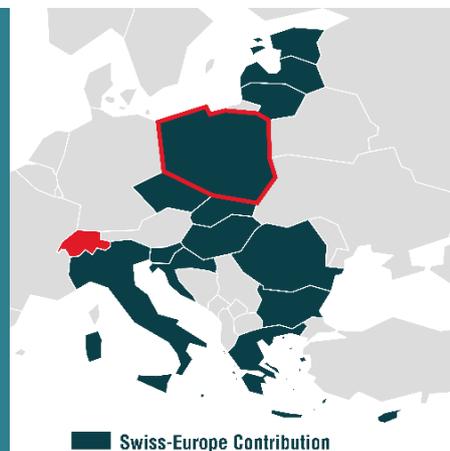


SWISS – POLISH Cooperation Programme



2 Programmes

320.1 Mio. CHF



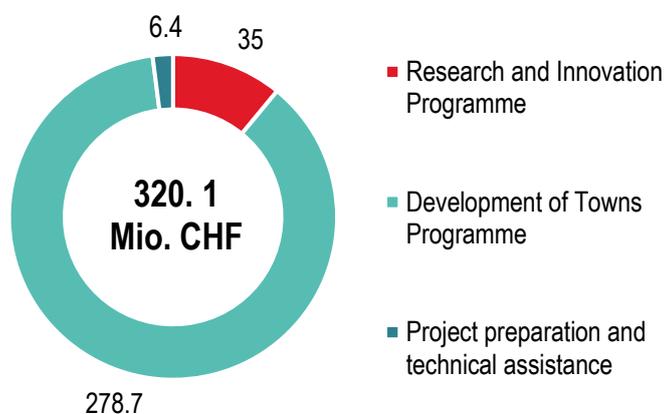
As part of the Second Swiss Contribution to selected EU member states, the Swiss-Polish Cooperation Program (SPCP) contributes to the reduction of social and economic disparities in Poland, promotes bilateral cooperation and strengthens knowledge exchange, building on the success of the Swiss Enlargement Contribution to Poland 2007-2017.

Through the SPCP, Switzerland provides funding of over CHF 320 Mio. for two strategic programmes on **urban development** and **research & innovation**.

The Second Swiss Contribution has a total value of CHF 1.302 billion and will last until 3 December 2029. On 30 June 2022, Switzerland and the EU signed a Memorandum of Understanding, 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

- Promoting economic growth and social dialogue, reducing (youth) unemployment
- Managing migration and supporting integration; increasing public safety and security
- Protecting the environment and the climate
- Strengthening social systems
- Civic engagement and transparency



Swiss-Polish Cooperation Programme

The Framework Agreement between Switzerland and Poland on the implementation of the Second Swiss Contribution, signed on December 5th 2022, provides the basis of the Swiss-Polish Cooperation Programme. The agreed-upon strategic areas for cooperation, namely the development of marginalised Polish towns and the strengthening of research excellence and innovation capacities, were subsequently further specified in the Support Measure Agreements signed on October 13th 2023. The SPCP was officially launched on December 5th 2023 and has hence proceeded with the implementation of its two parts, the Development of Towns Programme and the Research & Innovation Programme.



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Development of Towns (DoT) Programme

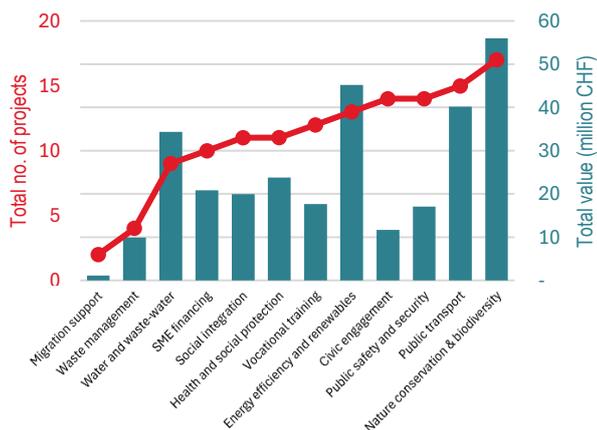
By supporting medium-sized towns throughout Poland in targeted projects across 12 thematic areas, the DoT Programme aims to increase the quality of life of their citizens, contributing to the reduction of economic and social disparities. The total budget of the DoT Programme amounts to CHF 327.8 Mio. CHF, including CHF 278.7 Mio. Swiss funding and CHF 49.1 Mio. Polish co-financing.

Between March 2024 and January 2025, 119 of the 139 eligible medium-sized towns – classified as at risk of losing their socio-economic function by the Programme Operator, the Polish Ministry for Development Funds and Regional Policy – submitted their project proposals. These represented high-quality, comprehensive projects with activities across various thematic areas, based on city diagnostics and developed through participatory approaches. After expert assessment and a second refinement stage, **19 towns** across Poland were selected for the DoT Programme:



Beneficiary towns are supported by the Association of Polish Cities (APC) in partnership with the Swiss consortium ENCO-urbaplan. Expert meetings, study trips and bilateral partnerships provide the 19 selected towns with Swiss best practices and mutually beneficial exchanges with peers from Switzerland. In 2026, the towns begin implementation of the total 152 projects across all thematic areas of the Programme.

Projects per thematic area across 19 selected towns



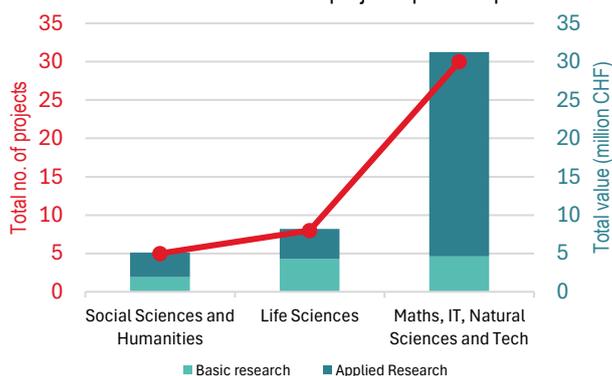
Research and Innovation Programme

The Research and Innovation Programme aims at strengthening the research excellence and innovation capacities of Polish researchers and enterprises through collaborative projects with Swiss and other international partners. It supports two types of projects: bilateral applied research projects of Polish and Swiss researchers and enterprises, and multilateral basic research projects of researchers from Poland, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Romania and Switzerland. The total budget of the Research and Innovation Programme amounts to CHF 41.2 Mio CHF, including CHF 35 Mio. Swiss funding and CHF 6.2 Mio Polish co-financing.

The call for Multilateral Academic Projects (MAPS), launched by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) as Programme Operator, led to the selection of 11 basic research projects with Polish participation, covering areas from quantum systems to historical evolution. The implementation of MAPS in Poland is supported by the National Science Centre (NCN) as the institutional partner of the SNSF.

Two calls for bilateral applied research projects were implemented by the Programme Operator, the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR), in cooperation with Swiss institutional partner - the Swiss Innovation Agency Innosuisse. Among the total 243 applications, 32 projects and consortia were awarded funding across diverse fields such as renewable energy, material and food sciences, or immunology.

Research and Innovation projects per discipline



Further information about the Swiss-Polish Cooperation Programme: <https://tinyurl.com/22evdfjn>

