

Bern, 1. September 2021

Associated Partner - Letter of Commitment

Universität Bern/University of Bern is committed to participate in the proposed Horizon Europe project "BE-SAFE" - "Implementing a patient-centred and evidence-based intervention to reduce Benzodiazepine and sedative-hypnotic use to improve patient SAFETY and quality of care" as an Associated Partner. Due to the current status of Switzerland as a non-associated Third Country, we cannot participate as a Beneficiary. We are aware that as an Associated Partner we will not receive any direct EU financial contribution.

However, the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation [communicated on 13 July 2021](#) that they guarantee funding for Swiss institutions participating in collaborative projects in Horizon Europe.

The University of Bern agrees and assures that:

- Universität Bern (PIC 999976493) wants to participate in the project under the responsibility of the scientist in charge (Prof. Nicolas Rodondi) at Institute of Primary Health Care, University of Bern/Department of General Internal Medicine, University Hospital Bern;
- we are fully eligible to participate as Third Country "Associated Partner" in accordance with the criteria set out in the specific call for proposals;
- we will budget our costs as "own resources" but do not request EC contribution. Our costs will be funded by the Swiss Government (up to max. the budgeted amounts);
- we have the financial and operational capacity to carry out the proposed tasks;
- should the proposed project be selected for funding, we are ready to conclude a written agreement covering the contractual obligations listed in Article 9.1. of the grant agreement that apply to the Associated Partners.

The scientist in charge, Prof. Nicolas Rodondi is committed to participate in the general assembly of the project.

This letter is based on the information available on 01.09.2021 as regards the status of Switzerland in Horizon Europe.

The Universität Bern is looking forward to participating in the "BE-SAFE" project and is keen to contribute to a successful collaboration.

Prof. Dr. Daniel Candinas
Vice-Rector for Research

Date: 17.9.2021

Prof. Nicolas Rodondi
Scientist in charge

Date:



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**State Secretariat for Education,
Research and Innovation SERI**

The State Secretary

Bern, 13 July 2021

Funding of Swiss Participants in the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 'Horizon Europe' and other Related Programmes and Initiatives in the Calls 2021

To whom this may concern

This is to state that based on Article 2 Paragraph b of the Federal Decree on the financing of Swiss participation in European Union activities in the field of research and innovation in the years 2021-2027 as well as on Article 10 of the Ordinance of 20 January 2021 on the measures for Switzerland's participation in European Union programmes in the field of research and innovation (FIPBV), **funding for researchers and innovators based in Switzerland (including companies and SMEs) for their participation in collaborative projects as associated partners from a non-associated third state will be provided by the Swiss Government for all 2021 calls of Horizon Europe and the Euratom programme.**

Funding will be directly paid by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI to the Swiss participant, under the condition that the full project application is assessed as eligible for funding by the European Commission or by the agency commissioned for this purpose.

Please contact the [EU Framework Programmes Section at SERI](#) in case of any question.

Yours faithfully,

State Secretariat for Education,
Research and Innovation SERI

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