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Flagship Initiative: Decision-making process for topic selection

The identification and selection of flagship topics in the frame of the Flagship Initiative follows a structured and carefully coordinated process. This process ensures that the chosen flagship topics effectively stimulate systemic innovation as well as transdisciplinary collaboration and to find solutions to current or future challenges relevant to a large part of the economy or society.

Proposal of	
Flagship Topic	•

The Innovation Council, Innosuisse experts, and office members are invited to propose flagship topics.

Topic Discussion and Pre-selection

The Innovation Council Flagship Subgroup reviews, clusters, and pre-selects the proposed topics.

IC Plenary Review

The Innovation Council provides input on the pre-selected topics.

Board of Directors Review

The Board of Directors gives initial feedback on the topics and may suggest additional ones.

Detailed elaboration

The Innovation Council Flagship Subgroup and the Innosuisse Office further refine the selected topics, with input from Innosuisse experts in relevant fields.

Final IC Plenary Review

The Innovation Council proposes several flagship topics to the Board of Directors.

Board Decision

The Board of Directors selects the final topic for the upcoming Flagship Initiative call.

Announcement

Innosuisse officially announces the Flagship Call.

Regular updates on potential topics and coordination with the Interdepartmental Coordination Committee for federal government research