

How Innosuisse provides funding

ORGANISATION AND ROLE OF INNOSSUISSE

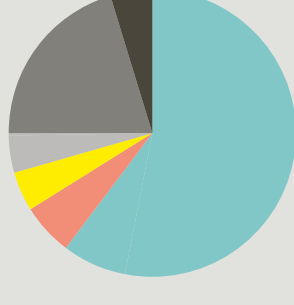
Innosuisse is the Swiss Innovation Agency. We fund science-based innovation in the interests of industry and society with the aim of increasing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups in Switzerland.

149.4

CHF m

The CHF 149.4 million of **funding contributions awarded** in 2018 were distributed as follows (clockwise):

Funding in 2018



- 61% START YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT (incl. overheads of CHF 11.6 million)
- 6% START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS
- 4% BE CONNECTED
- 4% GO GLOBAL (incl. overheads of CHF 0.6 million)
- 20% Energy funding programme
- 5% BRIDGE programme

Working for Innosuisse

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Innosuisse funding of innovations by companies and start-ups in Switzerland is geared towards needs:



START YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT



START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS



BE CONNECTED



GO GLOBAL

"START YOUR INNOVATION PROJECT"

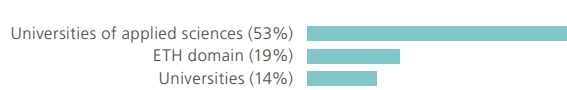
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funding applications

for innovation projects were submitted to Innosuisse in 2018. 239 applications were approved, including 31 with no implementation partner. 56 per cent were **approved**.



Regional breakdown of the **main implementation partners** in approved innovation projects.



Over 50 per cent of the research partners participating in the innovation projects were **universities of applied sciences**.

1,127 innovation projects supported by Innosuisse were under way at end-2018.

Proportion of women

The proportion of women in approved innovation projects was 14 per cent among the **main research partners** and 10 per cent among the **main implementation partners**.

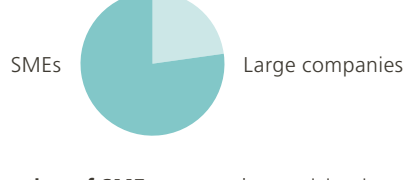
For the first time

In 2018, 270 companies were participating in an innovation project. **53 per cent** of them for the first time.

308

innovation cheques

totalling more than CHF 4.6 million were approved in 2018, enabling **SMEs** to join the world of science-based innovation.

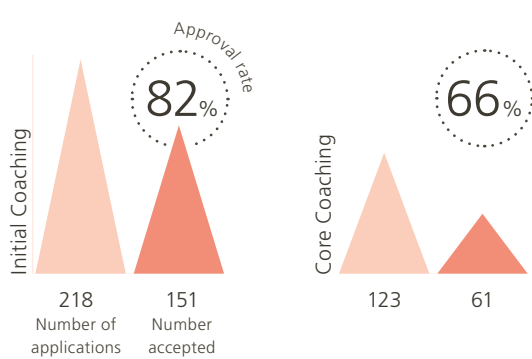


The **proportion of SMEs** among the participating companies was about 77 per cent. (SMEs are firms with fewer than 250 employees).

"START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS"

Coaching

341 start-ups applied for coaching by Innosuisse in 2018.



3,668

trainees

took part in one of the four start-up **Training Modules**.

Camps

In 2018, 49 start-ups were accepted to take part in an **Internationalisation Camp**. These gatherings, held in eight cities across five countries, enable entrepreneurs to discover new markets.



At end-2018, a total of 250 start-ups were in Innosuisse's **Core Coaching** programme.



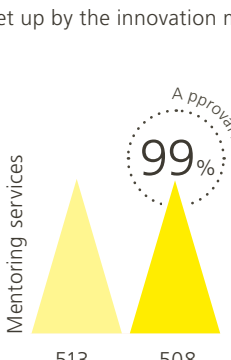
Number of camps in brackets

7 start-ups received an **Innosuisse Certificate** in 2018, confirming that they are "ready for sustainable growth".

"BE CONNECTED"

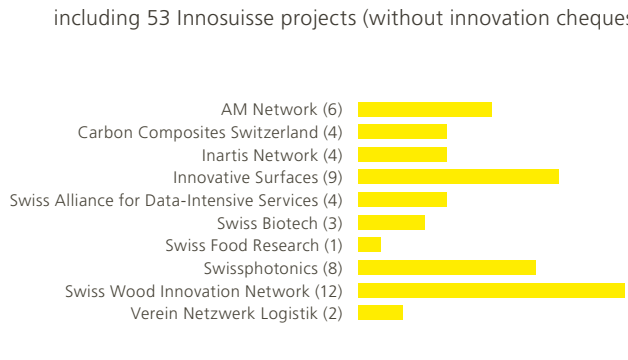
Mentoring

337 SMEs received one or more **Voucher for innovation mentoring** in 2018. 69 innovation projects were set up by the innovation mentors.



Networks

In 2018, a total of 147 funding instruments were set up with help from the **National Thematic Networks (NTNs)**, including 53 Innosuisse projects (without innovation cheques).



Specialist events

14 Thematic Specialist Events were awarded funding contributions in 2018.

"GO GLOBAL"



Covering the whole of Europe, the Enterprise Europe Network EEN **connects over 600 support organisations from 60 countries**. Innosuisse coordinates the network in Switzerland.

ERA-NET

Innosuisse supports four ERA-NETs. Through these international research networks Innosuisse secures access for companies and research institutions to international calls for tenders. In 2018, seven projects were supported as part of the ERA-NETs.

SME Instrument

The Horizon 2020 programme for SMEs awarded funding contributions to 85 companies in 2018 for their innovation projects.

Partnering events

In 2018, over 2100 SMEs took part in 24 partnering events throughout Switzerland.

First contacts

The EEN is strengthening cross-border innovation funding by arranging roughly 220 first contacts a year.

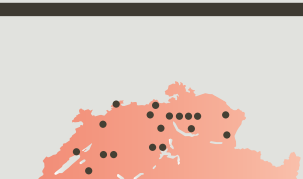
THEMATIC PROGRAMMES OF INNOSSUISSE

ENERGY FUNDING PROGRAMME

38

innovation projects

were approved as part of the energy funding programme in 2018.



are taking part in the Energy funding programme.

8

SCCERs

As part of the funding programme, eight Swiss Competence Centers for Energy Research (SCCER) are investigating innovative energy solutions for the future.

38%

third-party funding

The SCCER generated CHF 43.5 million of third-party funding in 2018.

1,351

researchers

are taking part in the Energy funding programme.

BRIDGE PROGRAMME

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Through the BRIDGE programme, Innosuisse and the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) are supporting researchers with a total of CHF 70 million between 2017 and 2020.



29 researchers tested the commercial potential of their research results thanks to BRIDGE's **"Proof of Concept"** funding opportunity in 2018.



"BRIDGE Discovery" enables experienced researchers to get technological innovations off the ground. 12 applications for support were approved in 2018.

We promote innovation