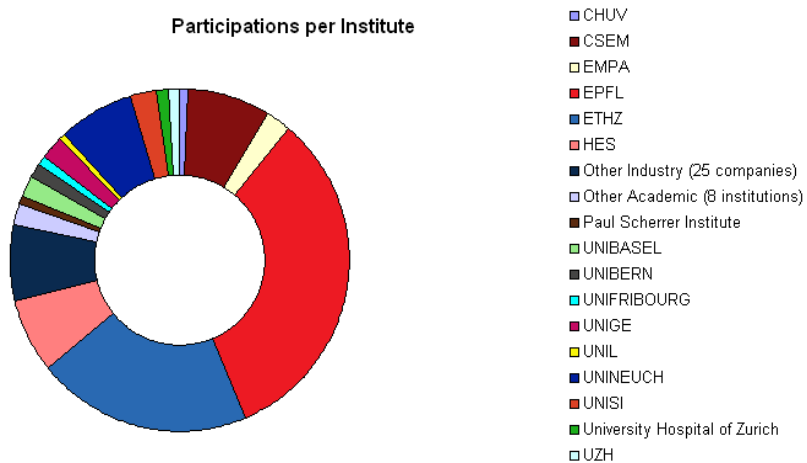

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Swiss program on Systems Engineering for Health, Security and Environment

First call: 54 RTD proposals

The first call for RTD projects proposals brought 54 candidacies which are currently in the review process phase by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and the Executive Committee.



The academic and industrial coverage is impressive, since 24 academic institutions and 25 private companies are represented. Each accepted RTD project can have a total budget of up to CHF 7 Mio for 4 years of duration. Let us recall that Nano-Tera's funding reaches the unprecedented amount of CHF 60 Mio with a consolidated budget of CHF 120 Mio.

Besides, there are for now 2 proposals of NTF projects (small and focused, < CHF 100 000 funding) approved and 2 ED activities (education or dissemination, < CHF 50 000 funding) in the pipeline.

Reviewing process status

RTD proposals for the first call are examined by a board of experts convened by the SNSF and elaborated with the support of the Executive Committee of Nano-Tera.

Leaders of highest ranked RTD projects will be invited for a project presentation meeting in Bern in front of the Panel of experts to take place from November 3rd to 5th. Final approval of the projects will follow this meeting for the projects to start in December 2008. A second call will be opened next year with a deadline in the spring 2009.

The deadline for ED projects is November 1st, 2008. A second call will take place next year. NTF projects can apply anytime.

Accepted projects will hold substantial scientific and technological innovation and have a concrete demonstrator target. The participation of the industry in this program is of great importance since Nano-Tera aims at challenging the convergence of Swiss expertise from the micro-nano physical world with the tera-scale of the communication one. With the latter being market pulled and the former technology pushed, Nano-Tera is a fertile ground for innovation and industry.