



## SWISS PARTICIPATION IN HORIZON 2020

### KEY MESSAGES REGARDING COST

Information as of 26 February 2014

- Switzerland is and remains a full member with all rights and duties of the intergovernmental initiative COST as well as of the COST Association.
- The bilateral agreement between Switzerland and the EU regarding Switzerland's participation as an associated country in the EU's 7th Framework Programme (FP7) remains unconditionally valid until all projects under FP7 have run their course. This includes the COST II Grant Agreement between the EU-Commission and the ESF.
- In all COST Actions financed under FP7 (Action grant agreements under FP7) Switzerland-based scientists participate in all COST activities. Switzerland-based scientists are reimbursed according to the rules of COST.
- No COST Actions are financed under Horizon 2020 before the 'COST H2020 Coordination and Support Action' contract between the EU-Commission and the COST Association has been signed and the COST Action grant agreements have been renewed with the COST Association.
- No restrictions should be applied in the planning of future activities of COST Actions in Switzerland or including Switzerland-based scientists.
- Additional information will be given in due course, at the latest in mid-May 2014.

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