

Call for Mandate

The aim of the National Research Programme “Promoting Biodiversity and Sustainable Ecosystem Services for Switzerland” ([NRP 82](#)) is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the challenges facing, and opportunities offered by biodiversity and ecosystem services and to develop practical solutions for their conservation and sustainable use.

NRP 82 will run from 2024 to 2032 and is structured in several phases (see also Chapter 5.5 of the call document): During the preparatory phase, the transdisciplinary project teams will finalise their project design. A competitive selection process will be followed by a four-year research phase during which the projects will be implemented.

Programme activities that coordinate the individual projects will run throughout the entire duration of NRP 82. In the second part of the programme, a synthesis phase will be initiated with the aim of acquiring new knowledge and drawing joint conclusions that go beyond the findings of the individual research projects.

The programme is managed by the Steering Committee, and the operational activities are supported by the programme managers from the SNSF office in cooperation with the Head of Knowledge Exchange and Head of Transdisciplinarity.

For the programme-specific public relations work and the planning and realisation of the knowledge exchange activities, we are looking for a

Head of Knowledge Exchange

This position will be filled on the basis of an eight-year personal mandate, ideally starting mid-May 2024 but no later than 1 August 2024. The Head of Knowledge Exchange will work closely with the Head of Transdisciplinarity, who will be [recruited in parallel](#). Joint applications are welcomed.

Duties & responsibilities

- Developing and implementing strategies and innovative approaches for knowledge exchange between the scientific community and stakeholders from civil society, the public and the private sector.
- Providing project support with identifying implementation measures and connecting to target audiences and potential users of project findings.
- Contributing to increasing the impact of the individual projects.
- Advising researchers and the Steering Committee on knowledge exchange and implementation.
- Organising programme events and stakeholder workshops on knowledge exchange during all phases of the programme.
- Developing concepts for the programme synthesis and contributing to it.

- Ensuring communication and dissemination of findings and results to the wider public through media relations, including media releases and media conferences.
- Managing the trilingual website and social media channels.
- Planning, budgeting and monitoring individual knowledge exchange activities.

The FTE will vary considerably depending on the phase of the programme and will be around 30% on average.

Profile, skills & experience

- Able to establish a network with relevant stakeholders such as the scientific community, authorities, associations and the media.
- Strong communication skills (oral and written, including social media) and media relations.
- Experience of political communication.
- Experience of managing politically sensitive issues.
- Experience of developing strategies and implementing measures for knowledge exchange between the scientific community and stakeholders from civil society, the public sector and the private sector.
- Good knowledge of the subject covered by NRP 82 and the corresponding stakeholder landscape.
- Very good command of English, French and German.
- Excellent teamwork skills.

For more information about the programme, please consult the [call document](#).

Please send your application, including cover letter, CV, references and details of major achievements (in English) by 15 March 2024 to nrp82@snf.ch. The NRP 82 Programme Managers Anne Jores (tel. 031 308 23 11) and Beatrice Schibler (tel. 031 308 21 01) will be happy to provide you with further information. Please note that the person recruited for this mandate cannot simultaneously participate in funded projects of this NRP. The interviews are scheduled to take place on 9 and 15 April 2024.

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