

SWITZERLAND INNOVATION TECH4IMPACT INITIATIVE 1ST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

THE FIRST SI TECH4IMPACT CALL FOR PROPOSALS IS NOW OPEN FROM
18 MAY UNTIL 31 JULY 2020

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OBJECTIVES

As one of the worldwide leading innovation countries, Switzerland has an opportunity to make its unique technological expertise and innovation competences available to society by supporting entrepreneurial solutions that have the potential to achieve **sustainable impact** in a comprehensive sense, i.e. in economic, environmental and societal terms.

The objective of the **“Switzerland Innovation Tech4Impact Initiative”** (SI Tech4Impact) is to facilitate the realization of innovation projects that tackle society’s most pressing environmental and societal challenges, focusing on selected themes of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

To achieve this ambition, SI Tech4Impact provides a common platform to promote the development of groundbreaking projects that focus on real market applications in collaboration with Swiss universities as well as entrepreneurs and SMEs collaborating with research partners. This initiative is led by Switzerland Innovation in collaboration with EPFL Tech4Impact. The companies supporting SI Tech4Impact as innovation partners are the following: ABB, Credit Suisse, Die Mobiliar, Economiesuisse, Interpharma, Schindler, Swiss Re Foundation, Swisscom, UBS, Zurich.

Through the network of the Switzerland Innovation Parks, the partners of this initiative receive direct added value and visibility through the supported projects, the annual demonstration event (Demo day) and through preferential access to the ecosystem of the network.

Switzerland Innovation is a network of five innovation parks across Switzerland based on a joint initiative of public institutions, academia, and the private sector with a statutory mandate from the Swiss government. Switzerland Innovation forms an ecosystem that allows universities and innovative companies to collaborate and use their knowledge and research results for the development of new marketable products and services.

THE PROGRAM

The SI Tech4Impact initiative will award **5 to 7 selected projects** with a one-year project grant ranging from CHF 70.000 – CHF 100.000 each. For its first 2020 cohort, the program focuses specifically on projects that aim to tackle one of the following SDGs:

- » SDG 3 – Good health and well-being
- » SDG 7 – Affordable and clean energy
- » SDG 9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- » SDG 11 – Sustainable cities and communities
- » SDG 12 – Responsible consumption and production
- » SDG 13 – Climate action



For more information on the SDGs, please review <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>