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# **NRP 82 “Promoting biodiversity and sustainable ecosystem services for Switzerland”**

## **Template Preparatory phase proposal**

*The research plan and preparatory phase description must fulfil the following criteria for a successful submission:*

- *The research plan and preparatory-phase description must be submitted in English;*
- *The research plan must not exceed five pages, excluding references;*
- *The preparatory-phase description must not exceed two pages;*
- *A minimum of point 10 font size and 1.5 line spacing must be used;*
- *The research plan and preparatory-phase description must be uploaded in PDF format in the respective data container of your mySNF application. (deadline: **29 February 2024, 17:00 h CET**);*
- *Applicants must follow the structure given in this template and the instructions in the call document.*

## Preparatory phase proposal: Cover page

**Applicant**

Last name, first name,  
Institution

**Other applicant(s)**

Last name, first name,  
institution

**Project title**


Please indicate the most relevant research module for your project:

- Module 1:** “Drivers and Trends”
- Module 2:** “Values and visions”
- Module 3:** “Governance and transformation”

If applicable, please indicate which research module(s) is/are also relevant for your project:

- Module 1:** “Drivers and Trends”
- Module 2:** “Values and visions”
- Module 3:** “Governance and transformation”

**Please list five resources (e.g. scientific articles, publications, policy briefs, reports, videos) from third parties (not yours) that you consider relevant as stepping stones for the envisaged project:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Please list the five most important contributions of your team that you consider relevant for the envisaged project:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

## Research Plan (maximum 5 pages, excluding references)

### 1 Broader context, state of scientific knowledge in the field and novelty of the project

*Set out the broader context of the problem that your project will address. Explain the need to perform transdisciplinary research on the topic you propose, related to the current national and international debates and policies. Highlight the state of scientific knowledge and the gap in societal problem-solving which your research your project will fill and the novelty of the topic, approach or method you propose.*

### 2 Objectives and main research questions

*Specify the objectives that you aim to achieve during the lifetime of the project and how they match with the aims of the NRP 82 programme. Formulate preliminary main research questions.*

### 3 Approaches and methods

*Outline the comprehensive approach and methods which the research process will use. Specify the data situation (e.g., availability and collection of data). Demonstrate how your planned research will lead to a comprehensive understanding of the problem. Specify your approach and methods to cope with the evolving character of transdisciplinary projects.*

### 4 Practical significance and implementation of research findings. Expected transformative impact.

*Describe how the project contributes to problem handling in society and its relevance for stakeholders, be it that the latter affect biodiversity and ecosystem services or that they depend on and are affected by biodiversity and ecosystem services. Highlight the potential transformative impact of the project.*

### 5 References

## Preparatory phase description (maximum 2 pages)

### 1 Preparatory phase plan

*Outline to which degree your project consortium (minimum one main applicant according to the SNSF Funding Regulations and one societal actor as co-applicant), is already established. Describe your approach to building the final composition of your consortium (including describing qualifications and clarifying the collaboration and roles and responsibilities). Specify your joint problem-framing and collaboratively project design within the consortium (including tools, methods and concepts/frameworks to be used). Describe how and when project partners and relevant practitioners and the public (including end-users) will be considered in preparing the project.*

### 2 Timeline with planned activities

*Present the timeline with detailed activities in form of a Gantt chart.*

