

CHIPS JOINT UNDERTAKING

The Chips Joint Undertaking (Chips JU), formerly known as Key Digital Technologies (KDT) JU is an Institutionalised Partnership that funds projects focusing on key enabling technologies. The members of the Chips JU are the EU (represented by the EC), the Participating States (Member States and associated countries to Horizon Europe on a voluntary basis), and private industry associations representing their constituent entities. The Chips JU supports research and innovation actions, for which the funding is provided jointly by the Chips JU Participating States, the European Union, and the project participants.

The Chips JU aims to combine the financial and technical means essential to keep pace with the acceleration of innovation in this area, to generate important spill-overs for society, and to share risk-taking by aligning strategies and investments towards a common European interest. The [ECS Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda](#) provides a strategic roadmap for the Chips JU in line with strategic policy priorities and global challenges.

The Chips JU has a budget of 4.2 billion Euros for 2021-2027 funded through Horizon Europe and the Digital Europe Programme. Its activities are subdivided into two parts:

- **Chips for Europe** (2.9 bn Euros): New activities focused on capacity building following the Chips for Europe Initiative including pilot lines, a design platform, competence centres and quantum chips technology.
- **ECS R&I Calls** (1.3 bn Euros): This part of the programme covers what was previously included in the Work Programme of the KDT JU.

Overview	
Governance	The Governing Board brings together the private sector (representatives of the Private Members Board) and the public sector (representatives of the Chips JU Participating States and the European Commission). It has overall responsibility for the strategic orientation and all operations of the Chips JU.
Funding opportunities	Available in the yearly Chips JU work programme on their website / funding & tender opportunities . Following the transitional arrangement activated after the marital conclusion of the negotiations between Switzerland and the EU, entities from Switzerland can submit project applications to 2025 calls funded through Horizon Europe (Call ID mentions "HORIZON") as beneficiaries . National cofunding for positively evaluated projects will be provided by SERI, within the limits of the budget allocated by the Federal Council and Parliament (max. 6 Mio CHF for 2025). Swiss organisations are requested to fill out a short questionnaire on SERI's website when they submit their proposal in the participant portal.
Eligibility criteria	Please see the criteria outlined in the current work programme . In general, Swiss entities can participate in calls funded through Horizon Europe as beneficiaries (Call ID containing "HORIZON"). Swiss entities with a positive evaluation may then request national cofunding from SERI. Swiss entities are in general not eligible to participate in Chips JU calls funded through the Digital Europe Programme (Call ID containing "DIGITAL"). Please refer to the specific calls in the workprogrammes to check for additional eligibility conditions.
Funding rates	National cofunding for positively evaluated projects will be provided by SERI, within the limits of the budget allocated by the Federal Council and Parliament (max. 6 Mio CHF for 2025). The financing rates are provisional and depend on both the decisions by the Parliament on the budget as well as the requested volume of Swiss project partners in the 2025 Chips JU calls. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large enterprises: up to 10% - SMEs: up to 35% - Research organisations: up to 35% 2. Innovation Actions (IA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large enterprises: up to 10% - SMEs: up to 30% - Research organisations: up to 35%
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