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# Switzerland's perspective on the SKA radio- astronomy project

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# SKAO and the Swiss Confederation

- 19 January 2022: **Switzerland becomes full member of SKAO**
  - Boost to Swiss research in radio astronomy at int'l level
  - Opening opportunities for Swiss industry
- **Convention establishing SKAO**
  - Commitment by Switzerland to contribute to construction and operation of infrastructure until 2030+
- **Financial commitment**
  - Securing Switzerland's full membership of SKAO





# Support Measures

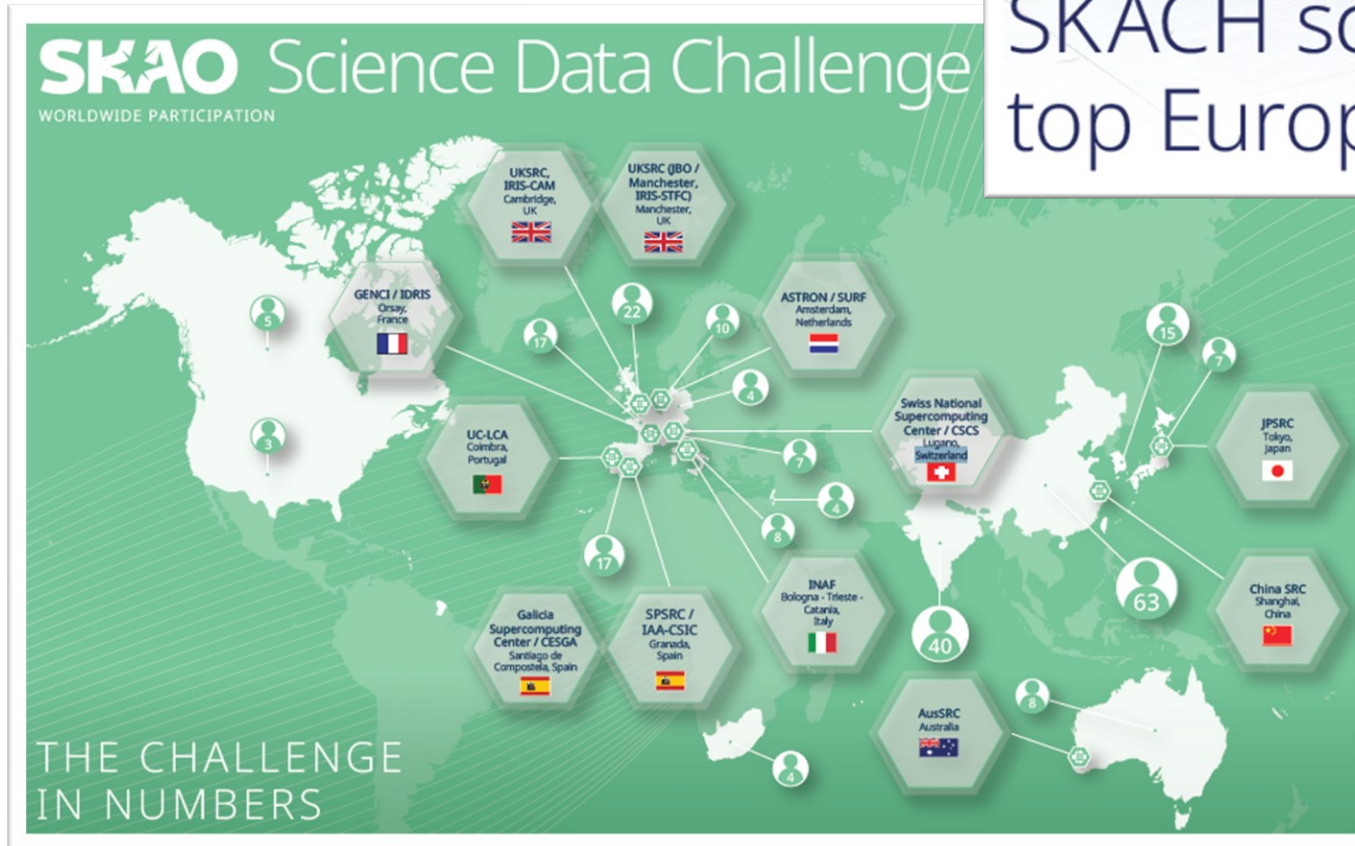
## Education, Research and Innovation (ERI) Period 2021-2024

- Swiss contribution to SKACH by means of support measures
- Overarching goal: Coordinating and supporting all Swiss stakeholders
- Performance contracts SERI – EPFL, and SERI – ETHZ / CSCS

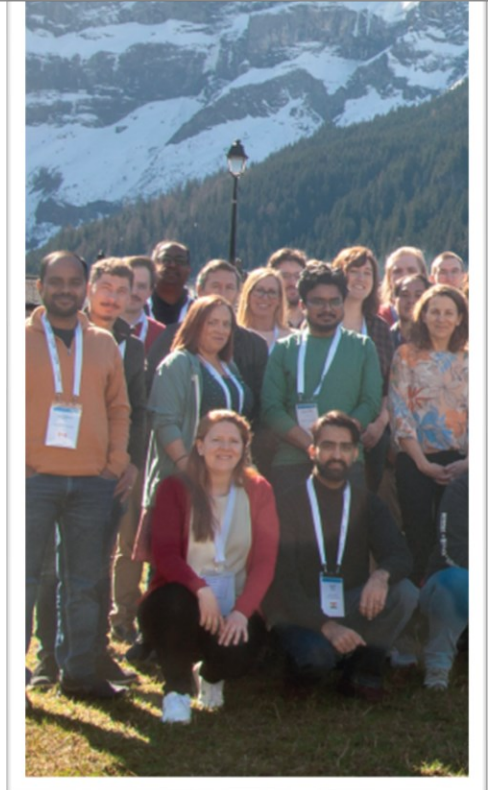




# A look at Switzerland in «Contact», the SKAO magazine



SKACH scientists win time on top European supercomputer







# Helping to build SKA Regional Centres Network



- Switzerland's contribution (Sept 2023 to June 2024): **5.8%** (FTE)
- Switzerland's planned contributions to SRCNet 0.1: **5.0%** (storage)  
**2.6%** (compute)



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## Education, Research and Innovation (ERI) Period 2025-2028

- [ERI dispatch](#) for the next period (2025-2028)
  - Submitted by Federal Council to Parliament on 8 March 2024
- Overall yearly nominal growth rate: 1.6%
- Commitment by SERI to extend support measures
  - Letter of State Secretary to EPFL/SKACH and CSCS, contemplating similar funding level as during 2021-2024







**Thank you!**



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