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Switzerland's perspective on the SKA radio- astronomy project

10th Swiss SKA days, 31 August 2026

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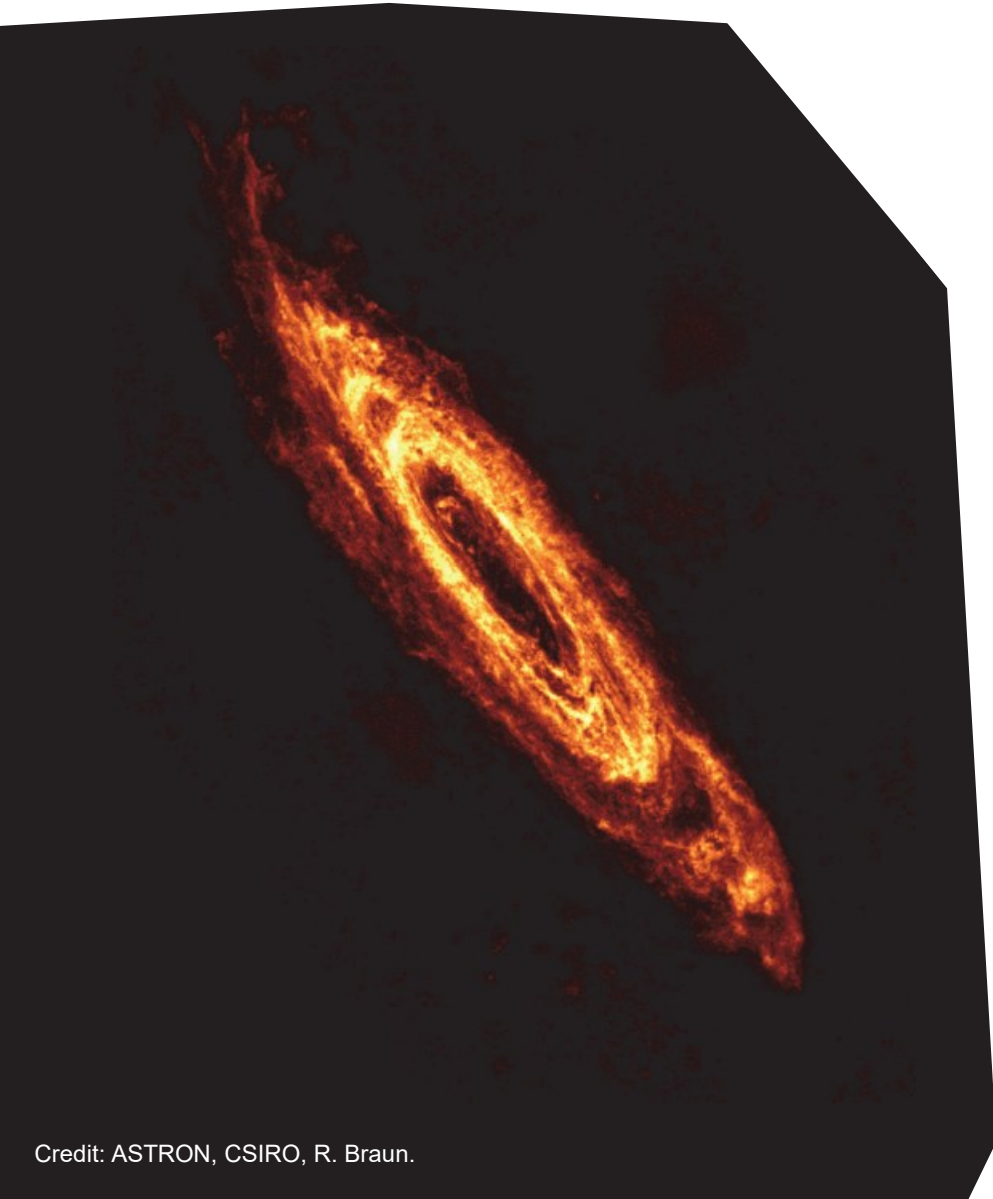
Scientific advisor @ SERI, head of Swiss delegation
to SKAO council



Credit: DRAO (J. English and CGPS team) / SERI / SKAO



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

SKAO ministerial council



G20 site visit

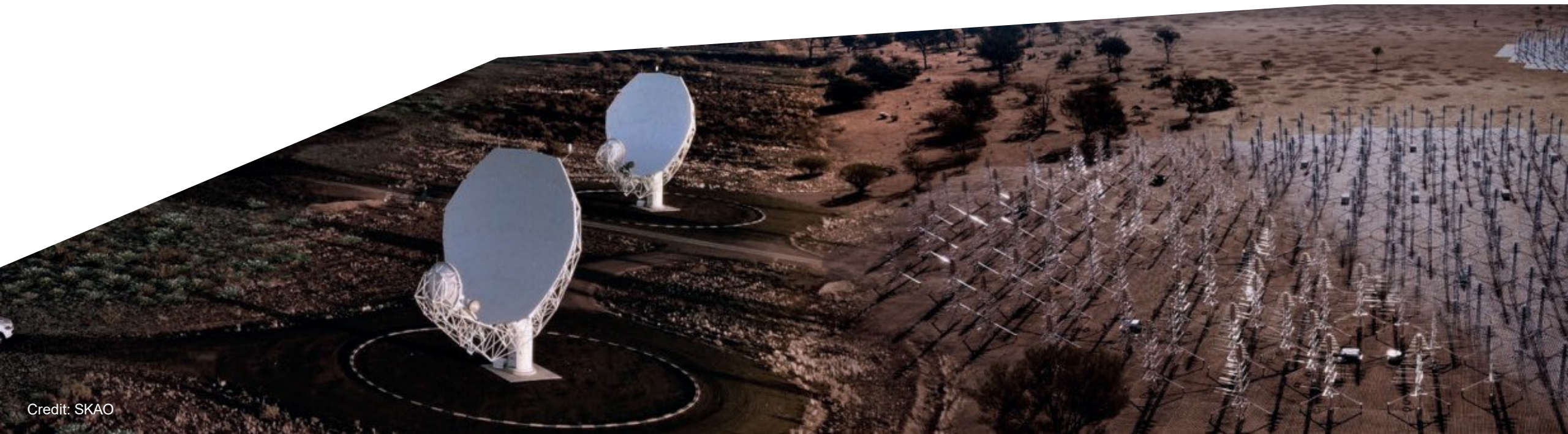


Support measures in ERI period 2025-2028

Swiss contribution to SKACH by means of support measures, as in 2021-2024

Overarching goal: coordinate and support all Swiss stakeholders

Financing decisions and performance contracts SERI – EPFL,
and SERI – ETHZ / CSCS





Support measures in ERI period 2025-2028

Status

- Federal Councilor Guy Parmelin signed the financing decisions on 26 June 2025
- EPFL: max. 4.5 MCHF
- CSCS / ETHZ: max. 4.7 MCHF
- Performance contracts between SERI and EPFL and ETHZ / CSCS in place
- Going well



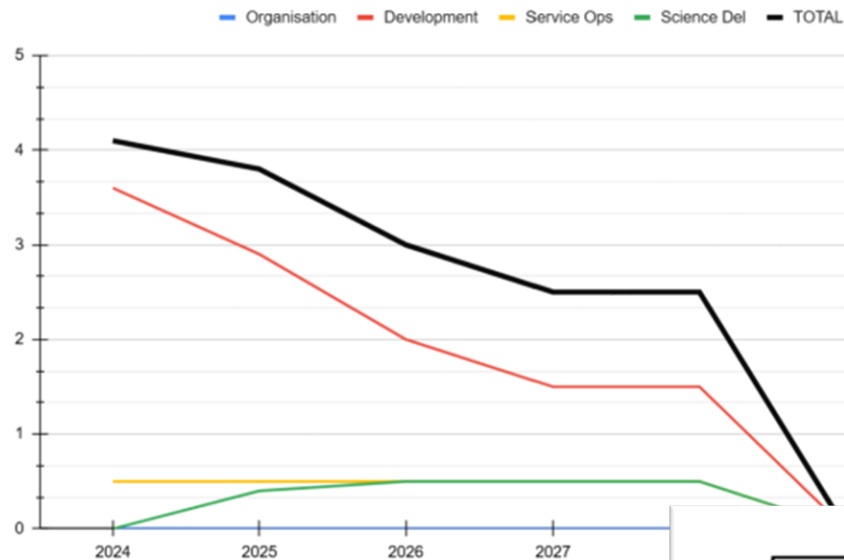


The Swiss contribution to SRC Net

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Aspirational share: unknown (projected project share as of CO-16: 1.6%)

FTE Pledged per Value Stream



COUNTRY	Existing node	Storage offer, PBytes	Compute offer, PFLOPS	Storage % of request	Compute % of request
SWITZERLAND	✓	0.4	0.014	5%	1%

Thank you!

