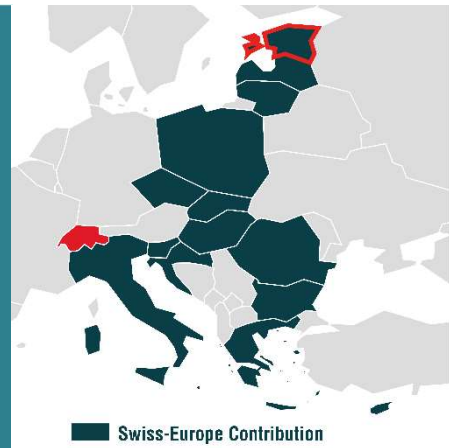
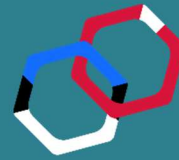


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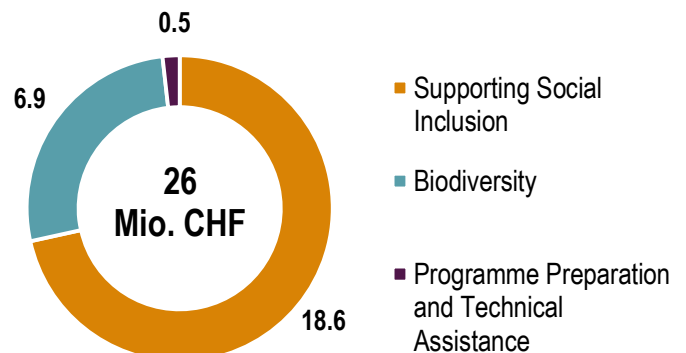
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The Swiss-Estonian Cooperation Programme is part of the Second Swiss Contribution to selected EU member states. It is a continuation of the first Enlargement Contribution and of the transition cooperation between Switzerland and Estonia before the accession of Estonia to the EU and it continues important work on environmental protection.

The Second Swiss Contribution has a total value of CHF 1.3 billion and a duration until 3 December 2029. On 30 June 2022, Switzerland and the EU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Brussels, specifying key parameters of the contribution, such as the amount, its distribution among the partner countries, thematic priorities and principles for cooperation and implementation.

Key Areas of Support

- **Supporting Social Inclusion**
Ensure equal opportunities for all
- **Biodiversity**
Preserve species and habitats



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The Second Swiss Contribution is an investment in Europe's security, stability and prosperity. The Second Swiss Contribution strengthens and deepens bilateral relations with the EU partner countries and the EU as a whole.

In November 2022 and as part of the Second Swiss Contribution, the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of Estonia signed a Framework Agreement. The Swiss-Estonian Cooperation Programme seeks to reduce economic and social disparities within the EU and within Estonia, contributes to the strategic reforms undertaken by Estonia and aims at improving the lives of people.

The Programme will strengthen existing and create new long-lasting Swiss-Estonian partnerships, as well as provide for an exchange of experiences and knowledge in priority areas for both sides.

Estonia contributes 15% as co-financing to each Programme and all Programmes are in-line with Estonia's national policies and priorities.



Supporting Social Inclusion



The Supporting Social Inclusion Programme (SSIP) aims to improve the opportunities for all people living in Estonia, especially people from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds, to participate more actively in Estonian society – focusing on improving the availability and quality of integration, education, social welfare services and promoting social innovation. Switzerland will allocate 18.6 million Swiss francs for the implementation of this Programme.

The Programme contributes to the national strategy “Estonia 2035” and to the objectives of sectoral strategies. SSIP is coordinated by the Ministry of Culture in close collaboration with three other ministries – the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Ministry of Education and Research and the Ministry of Interior - to improve social inclusion in Estonia.

Further information about the Swiss-Estonian Cooperation Programme:
<https://www.rtk.ee/en/Swiss-Estonian-cooperation-programme>



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Biodiversity



The Biodiversity Programme, with the Swiss support of 6.9 million Swiss francs, contributes to the improvement and preservation of the conservation status of species and habitats through a decision-making process that relies on high-quality data, including innovative monitoring solutions.

National Action Plans and site-specific management plans outline how to protect species and habitats. Further plans need to be established and existing ones need improvements because they often lack up-to-date data due to limited resources and fragmented information systems, making analysis challenging. Thanks to more comprehensive and better-quality data, the Programme helps to identify threatened species and habitats more reliably and to protect them better. The improvement in data is achieved by adding modern technologies, such as 3D cameras, drones, sensors and artificial intelligence, and is complemented with the feedback from civilians via smartphone apps. The Programme will also help make data more user-friendly and easier to use for officials and citizens.

