21 October 2024

Dear ▓▓▓▓▓▓▓,

Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00819

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 16 September in which you requested the following:

Your request:

If the information is available and you are able to share it could you please answer the following.
For the UK-Switzerland CR&D Round 2 please can you provide:

1. *The number of applications*
2. *The number of successful applications*
3. *The success rate*
4. *the minimum successful score*
5. *the maximum successful score*
6. *maximum score of failed applications*
7. *the score distribution of the applications, <70, 70.1-75, 75.1-80, 80.1-85, >85*
8. *details of the portfolio metrics applied e.g. theme/category*
9. *the count of assessed applications by portfolio element*
10. *the count of successful projects by portfolio element*
11. *the highest successful score by portfolio element*
12. *the lowest successful score by portfolio element*
13. *average grant fund value per project*
14. *average grant fund value per project by portfolio element*
15. *total funds allocated*

Our response:

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) holds some information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

The projects selected for funding in the UK-Switzerland CR&D Round 2 competition were agreed in collaboration with [Innosuisse](https://www.innosuisse.admin.ch/en)[1]. Each agency conducted their own assessments of projects submitted to their respective portals.

As per the [competition brief](https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/1854/overview/a86ae338-987c-4066-a290-b372f85c678f#eligibility)[2], in order to be funded, projects had to be deemed successful by assessors of both agencies and funding was then awarded using a top-down approach, up to the cap of £4 million allocated to this competition. If a parallel application was unsuccessful in the corresponding Innosuisse programme, an application submitted to Innovate UK (IUK) could not be considered for funding, regardless of the score it received.

The information provided below is relevant to applications submitted to IUK only. Information is not held relating to applications submitted to and assessed by Innosuisse.

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Table 1: Questions 1-6, 13 and 15

Question	Answer
1. The number of applications	103 (96 eligible for assessment)
2. The number of successful applications	11
3. The success rate[1]	10.6%
4. The minimum successful score	76%
5. The maximum successful score	80%
6. Maximum score of failed applications	84.2%
13. Average grant fund value per project	£358,102
15. Total funds allocation	£3,939,124

[1] Based off number of eligible applications vs successful applications.

Table 2: Question 7. The score distribution of the applications, <70, 70.1-75, 75.1-80, 80.1-85, >85

Score Range	Count	%
<=70	42	43%
70.1-75	19	20%
75.1-80	22	23%
80.1-85	13	13%
85.1-100	0	0%
Total	**96**	**100%**

As noted above, a top-down funding approach was taken in this competition, in collaboration with the Swiss assessment process. Therefore, a portfolio approach was not applied and information is not held in relation to Questions 8-12, or 14.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact within the next 40 working days:

Head of Information Governance
Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk.

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy[3].

Yours sincerely,

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