

Network REHES

Research on higher education and science in Switzerland

Forschung zu Hochschulen und Wissenschaft in der Schweiz

Recherche sur l'enseignement supérieur et la science en Suisse

Ricerca sull'educazione superiore e la scienza in Svizzera

Network principles

As of 14 November 2022

Purpose

As a scientific network REHES pursues the following goals:

1. To foster scientific exchange and the development of cooperation in the field of research on higher education and science in Switzerland
2. To increase the visibility of research on higher education and science in Switzerland and create awareness of the research field
3. To ensure the ability to communicate with national and international actors in policy regarding science and higher education
4. To maintain contact and exchange with related domestic, foreign and international research communities

Central activities to achieve these objectives

To implement the above-mentioned objectives the network

1. keeps a public list of members;
2. holds at least one network assembly annually (in-person or online);
3. maintains an internet presence;
4. communicates the activities of its members via a newsletter;
5. organizes at least one conference/meeting per year on general and specific topics of the research domain or participates in the organization of such events;
6. aims to create suitable publication opportunities for the research of its members;
7. also considers the needs of young researchers in its activities and
8. can award a prize for outstanding contributions in research on higher education and science. The prize can be awarded at the annual meeting/conference.

Name and languages

1. the network appears under the following names:
 - a. REHES Research on higher education and science in Switzerland
 - b. REHES Forschung zu Hochschulen und Wissenschaft in der Schweiz
 - c. REHES Recherche sur l'enseignement supérieur et la science en Suisse
 - d. REHES Ricerca sull'educazione superiore e la scienza in Svizzera
2. Mutual communication shall take place in the national languages as well as in English, which shall be equivalent to the national languages.

Autonomy

The network is independent from individual institutions of higher education and other research institutions and constitutes and organizes itself.

Membership

1. Membership is open to both natural and legal persons.
2. Individuals wishing to become members of REHES may contact the network coordinators via email with an informal application.
3. Members participate in the creation of knowledge for reflection and/or practical action on higher education and science.
4. Membership can be terminated in writing or expires by the death of the natural person or the dissolution of the legal entity.
5. The network does not charge any fees to its members.

Network assembly

1. The network assembly is responsible for
 - a. adopting the principles of the network and any amendments thereto by a two-thirds majority;
 - b. electing the coordinators;
 - c. deciding on the program of activities;
 - d. taking fundamental decisions on matters of substance and
 - e. addressing motions of the members.
2. All members, whether natural or legal persons, have the same voting rights, i.e. one vote in the network assembly.
3. Only members present (in-person or online) are entitled to vote; a vote by proxy is not possible.
4. Once per calendar year, the annual, ordinary network assembly is held. Invitations must be sent to all members in writing (also by e-mail) at least two weeks in advance and stating the agenda items. Extraordinary network assembly can be convened by 30% of the members at any time.
5. The proceedings will be protocolled, and the minutes will be made available to all members within 60 days.

Coordination

1. The network is managed by two coordinators They do their work in an honorary capacity.
2. The coordinators are elected for a period of two years and can be re-elected twice.
3. A relative majority applies to the election of the coordinators. In the event of a tie, a lot drawn by the coordinators will decide.
4. The coordinators conduct day-to-day business for the purpose of the above activities, and act as contact persons for stakeholders, and coordinate the organization of conferences.

Procedure

Unless otherwise requested, votes will be taken openly. Resolutions shall be passed by a majority of the valid votes. In the event of a tie, the coordinators shall have the casting vote. In the event of a disagreement among the coordinators, the lot will determine which coordinator will cast the deciding vote.

Dissolution

The dissolution of the network or its transfer to a successor organization can be decided by the network assembly with a two-thirds majority.

Commencement

These principles come into force with the approval by the constituting assembly of 18.01.2021.