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## Preliminary remarks

The focus of this overview lies on regional development. This includes research that contributes to regional policy and regional development in Switzerland, as defined by the NRP. In particular, economic geography, regional economics, regional policy, legal, sociological and political science, spatial development and research on change processes are taken into account. However, research mainly based on natural science has been excluded, such as studies on biodiversity, hazard prevention, climate change and forest research.

Additionally, the overview reports on educational programmes offered by the registered institutions in the sector of regional development. Explicit descriptions of the offered courses are to be found on the regiosuisse website: [www.regiosuisse.ch/formation](http://www.regiosuisse.ch/formation) (website accessible in French, German and Italian).

This is the fifth fully revised overview of research institutes. Compared to the edition from 2013, 5 institutions have been added to the overview. 35 registered actors have taken the opportunity to update their entry. All in all this overview contains 91 regional research actors in the field of regional development and regional policy in Switzerland.

The list is not concluded – therefore any suggestions and additions are welcome.

We hope that the overview contributes to an exchange and a network amongst scientific actors in the fields of regional development and regional policy. It should facilitate connections between research actors and practice.

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The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	X basic research	no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	X international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Capital city economies
- Spatial economic policy
- Entrepreneurship and regional economic development
- Fiscal federalism
- Research unit tourism

Current projects

- Entrepreneurship in rural areas
- Capital city dynamics: A comparative analysis of innovation and positioning of secondary capital city regions
- Small and medium-sized towns in Switzerland
- Public policy and the geography of economic activity: A structural estimation approach
- Social networks and regional development
- Urban sprawl: The role of land-use regulation and fiscal competition
- See entry for «Forschungsstelle Tourismus» for projects thereof

Education program in regional development available

The Master in Applied Economic Analysis at the University of Bern provides a unique combination of state-of-the-art theoretical and methodological courses and regular applications to real-world cases. With an internationally renowned faculty, close ties to the capital city's political decision makers as well as to the business community, the University of Bern is ideally placed to offer such a program.



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Number of  
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vital	X regional	X basic research	no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Tourism and regional development
- Tourism and macro economics
- Tourism and experience economy
- Tourism and environmental economy

Current projects

- Influence of Exchange Rate Movements on Structural Change in Tourism
- The role of Alpine growth coalitions in the development of secondary residences. Preliminary lessons from Switzerland
- Qualitätsanalyse von Bewertungsportalen in der Hotellerie – Theoretisch-konzeptionelle Analyse und empirische Erkenntnisse für die Schweiz
- Fit together – Kooperationstool für die Hotellerie (GastroSuisse)
- Hedging in der Schweizer Tourismusbranche
- Tourismus im Kanton Bern 2015–2020 (beco)
- Aus- und Weiterbildungslandschaft im Tourismus – Aktueller Überblick (SECO)
- Programmbegleitung und -weiterentwicklung des Qualitäts-Programms des Schweizer Tourismus (Schweizer Tourismus-Verband)

Education program in regional development available

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vital	X regional	X basic research	no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban Management: application of economic approaches in urban and spatial planning (Urban Management refers to the process of value creation regarding the use of land and its transformation. It means that city governments together with other urban stakeholders – civil society, private sector and local communities – assume an active role in mobilization, management and coordination of resources to support the objectives of urban development and ensure the vitality of cities and villages.)</li> <li>Real Estate Investment Management</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-Organizer (together with ETH, Hochschule Luzern and the SIA) of the «Forum Raumwissenschaften» – a yearly transdisciplinary event for researchers and decision makers of the spatial development sector. (under the patronage of Swiss Academics of Arts and Sciences)</li> </ul>
Education program in regional development available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban Management – angewandte Raumökonomie: <a href="http://www.curem.uzh.ch/kompaktkurse/urban-mgmt">www.curem.uzh.ch/kompaktkurse/urban-mgmt</a></li> </ul>

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Number of collaborators 6 collaborators

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X vital	X regional	X basic research	no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Regional competitiveness
- Role of clusters on regional development
- Clusters initiatives
- Drivers of competitiveness
- Competitiveness strategies at the regional and the national level
- Role of Multinational enterprises in regional development

Current projects

- Cluster mapping
- Competitiveness of Swiss regions
- Characteristics of foreign multinational enterprises in Swiss clusters
- Compétitivité internationale: le role des clusters

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X vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rôle des acteurs publics et privés</li> <li>• Emergence des projets de développement</li> <li>• Rôle du territoire dans le développement économique, besoin de proximité géographique</li> <li>• Intégration des projets dans le territoire, multi-secteurs</li> <li>• Importance des services publics dans le développement, par exemple: la santé, les transports, etc.</li> <li>• Développement d'outils de gestion et de planification</li> <li>• Analyse territoriale</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDA – surface d'assolement, CORAT</li> <li>• Rôle des infrastructures de transport dans le développement territorial – Cantons de la Suisse romande</li> <li>• Perspective de l'emploi dans le canton de Fribourg – Canton de Fribourg</li> </ul>

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vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comparative national public policies in spatial planning, regional development and local government demarcation, both in developed and developing country</li> <li>Borders and borderlands issues; transnational metropolitan governance; transnational protected areas policies; transnational area based project</li> <li>Bioregionalism, territorial resources and spatial representation: Mountain environment, Watersheds as spatial patterns</li> <li>Tourism and local development both in developed and developing countries</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESPON Applied Research: Geographic Specificities and Development Potentials in Europe (GEOSPECS: <a href="http://www.geospecs.eu">www.geospecs.eu</a>) aims to provide a solid assessment of the current situation, trends and perspectives of areas with geographic specificities, i.e. mountains, islands, sparsely populated areas, coastal zones, outermost regions, border areas and inner peripheries. The research project not only analyses the geographic specificities themselves but also includes transversal themes such as economic development conditions, social processes, and natural resources and risks, in order to quantify and qualify state and trends in the regions. Lead partner by UNIGE</li> <li>ESPON Scientific Platform: Indicators of Territorial Cohesion (INTERCO: <a href="http://www.espon.eu/ScientificPlatform/interco">www.espon.eu/ScientificPlatform/interco</a>) shall provide a set of comparable and reliable indicators and indices that can be used to measure territorial cohesion, complex territorial development, structural issues, territorial challenges and opportunities as well as territorial effects at different geographical levels and types of regions. Lead Partner by UNIGE</li> <li>Glo-Rete: Globalization and re-territorialization of environmental initiatives in Central Europe: stakeholders, narratives, images; financed via FNS</li> </ul>

- Eco-TREG: Eco-regional Territoriality: Rescaling Environmental Governance; financed via Action COST: IS 0802
  - MIST.AA – The challenge of Marginality and collective Identities in Sustainable Tourism development strategies: case studies in Atlas and Aïr; financed via FNS & DDC
  - Habiter (un temps) la montagne suisse: Trajectoires résidentielles, identités territoriales et catégories géographiques; financé par le FNS
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X	vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
	one among other topics	national	X applied research	yes
	a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban Governance</li> <li>• Decision-making in Planning and Housing</li> <li>• Social and Spatial Complexity</li> <li>• Planning Competitions</li> <li>• Urban Space and Security</li> </ul>
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vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Development and Structural Change in the Upper Rhine Valley, in Northwestern Switzerland and in Basel</li> <li>Regional Foci in Economic Geography, Regional Economic Growth, Competitive Regions (regional focus: Pearl River Delta of Southern China, the Greater Basel Area, the Upper Rhine Valley, Switzerland)</li> <li>Regional Foci in Developing Countries and Developing Strategies (regional focus: Gujarat, India)</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grenzgänger in der trinationalen Region Basel – grenzüberschreitende Mobilität und transnationalen sozialer Raum (Dissertation Project)</li> <li>Strukturwandel am Südlichen Oberrhein, in der Nordwestschweiz und in Basel (Different Current Master's Theses)</li> <li>Industrialization and Urbanization in the Pearl River Delta of Southern China (Field Trips and Master's Theses, partly financed by the KFPE and the FAG)</li> <li>Risk and Poverty Reduction in India (Different Master's Theses and Dissertation Projects in the Regional Context of Gujarat, India; partly financed by the KFPE and the FAG)</li> <li>Einflussfaktoren auf die Mietpreise und deren räumliche Strukturen anhand von vier Beispielräumen in der Schweiz – Eine Analyse mittels GIS und GWR (Dissertation Project)</li> <li>NRP und Regionalentwicklung in der Schweiz (2 Diplomarbeiten im Rahmen des DAS-Studiengangs in Stadt- und Regionalmanagement, Advanced Study Centre / Universität Basel, Institut für Stadt- und Regionalforschung ISR, München)</li> </ul>



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vital	regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics	national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Sustainability oriented regional policy
- Environmental innovation policy and regional transitions

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a side topic	X international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Entrepreneurship & Innovation  
Small and medium-sized cities / towns
- Economic geography of capital cities
- Rural development / peripheral regions / mountain regions
- Urban and regional development policies

Current projects

- Urban prosperity beyond the metropolis: Analyzing small and medium-sized towns in Switzerland (SNF Project, 2016–2018)
- Entrepreneurship in peripheral areas: Understanding the role of entrepreneurial heritage and embeddedness in Swiss non-metropolitan areas (SNF Project, 2014–2016)
- Capital City Dynamics: A Comparative Analysis of Innovation and Positioning of Secondary Capital City Regions (SNF Project, 2014–2016)
- INNO-FUTURES - Territorial innovation approaches, practices and policies: What futures? (SNF AGORA Project, 2014–2016)
- Small town sustainability (with Paul L. Knox)

Education program in regional development available

- Bachelor and Master in Geography ([www.giub.unibe.ch](http://www.giub.unibe.ch))

Notes

We examine the evolution of urban and regional economies and are interested in the ways in which places develop and maintain their economic competitiveness and sustainability. Our research focuses on the evolution of firms and industries in the spatial context. We examine why certain cities and regions manage to grow entrepreneurial and innovative economies while others fail to do so. We are interested in the role of entrepreneurs and spinoffs and the ways in which they are embedded in networks of innovation and knowledge creation. We also examine how cities and regions retain their cultural and economic identity and character while adjusting to the changes resulting from globalization.

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vital	Regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X National	X applied research	yes
a side topic	International	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future development of structural change</li> <li>• Sustainable development in the mountain area</li> <li>• Land use conflict between urban growth and agricultural land use</li> <li>• Population dynamic in peripheral regions</li> <li>• Care Farming in Swiss Farm Households</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swiss Structural Change Information System</li> <li>• Steering Development in Rural Area</li> <li>• Social functions, roles and structures of Swiss farms</li> </ul>

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a side topic	X international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driving forces of landscape change (special focus on the interaction of political, economic, cultural technological and natural drivers and on political and technological forces)</li> <li>• Landscape management: instruments and evaluation</li> <li>• Landscape functions</li> <li>• Ecosystem goods and services</li> <li>• Landscape ecology</li> </ul>
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Category University

Number of collaborators 20 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Regional and environmental governance
- Regional (economic) impacts of (global) social, economic and environmental change
- Spatial planning and land-use
- Adaptation to climate
- Rural and mountain areas

Current projects

- INSPIRATION: INtegrated Spatial Planning, land use and soil management Research ActTION (EU Horizon 2020)
- Governance of Regional Development: Characteristics and Mechanisms using Regional Nature Parks and the Implementation of the New Regional Policy as Examples (SNF)
- Landscape and amenity migration. The role of landscape as a driver of immigration to rural Switzerland (WSL)
- Controlling urban sprawl to limit soil consumption (SPROIL) (NFP68, SNF)
- What are The Determinants of Local Growth Management Regulations at The Municipal Level and How Do They Affect Urban Sprawl? A Spatial Econometric Analysis (SNF)

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X Vital one among other topics a side topic	X regional	X basic research	X no yes
	X national	X applied research	
	X international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Violence, conflict and state-building
- Market-based development, global commodity chains and marketization
- Livelihoods and the politics of development
- Appropriation of space in a globalising world: nature conservation, landscape perception and tourism

Current projects

- Living with violence II: Rural livelihoods and the struggle for territory in post-war Sri Lanka (SNF)
- Mining property rights in the transition from war to peace in eastern DR Congo (SNF)
- The site of street vendors in Malaysia – Practices, institutional regulations, and future prospects of a unique trade (Oct 2013–Dec 2014)
- Contested Spaces – Gorkhaland and the Production of New Geographies of Darjeeling (Sept 2010–Aug 2014)
- Eritrea and its Diaspora: The role of the states in constructing citizenship abroad (Aug 2012–Jul 2016)
- The role and potential for development of economic brokers in international labour migration in Nepal (Aug 2013–Jun 2014)
- Young people migrating at the end of compulsory school – Starting a new life, new networks and new job prospects in a transnational social space (May 2013–Dec 2016)
- Meaning and perception of cultural ecosystem services in Switzerland: Usability of the ecosystem services concept for biodiversity and landscape policy (Nov 2011–Nov 2015)
- Encountering asylum seekers: Perspectives and practices of asylum sector decision-makers (SNSF / SDC (NCCR)) (Jul 2011–Mar 2015)
- Living in uncertain situations: Everyday lives of unaccompanied minor asylum seekers in Switzerland (Jan 2011–Dec 2014)

- The Translation of European Concepts of Nature Conservation and Tourism into Chinese National Parks (Funding: URPP Asia and Europe (UZH)) (Sept 2011–Aug 2014)
  - Living on farming in a globalizing world: The role of social movements in Maharashtra, India (SNSF / SDC (NCCR)) (Jul 2009–Jun 2014)
  - Transnational land deals and local livelihoods in Tanzania (SNSF / SDC (NCCR)) (Jul 2010–Jun 2014)
  - Migration, Knowledge and Development: The role of knowledge and skills in the migration process in South and Central Asia (SNSF / SDC (NCCR)) (Duration: Jul 2010–Jun 2014)
  - Contested Rural Development (SNSF / SDC (NCCR)) (Jul 2009–Jun 2014)
  - Livelihood Futures in Resource-scarce Areas (SNSF / SDC (NCCR)) (Jul 2009–Jun 2014)
  - The value of the Swiss National Park and the Biosphere Reserve Val Müstair (SNP / Biosphere Val Müstair / Research commission SNP) (Mar 2012–Jun 2013)
  - Institutions, Livelihoods and Conflicts (Phase 3 of NCCR-North-South) (SNSF / SDC (NCCR)) (Jul 2009–Jun 2014)
  - Everyday production of the law: the appropriation of space by internal migrants in urban Kyrgyzstan (SNSF / SDC (NCCR)) (Sept 2010–Jun 2014)
- Poverty-oriented development policy beyond the Millennium Development Goals (SNSF / SDC (NCCR)) (Jul 2010–Jun 2014)
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The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional policy</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Cleantech</li> <li>• Medtech</li> <li>• Finance</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abîme, métamorphose: Approche interdisciplinaire du développement des stations touristiques (SNF)</li> <li>• ComplexDesign: Module de recherche en socio-économie (SNF)</li> <li>• Ancrage, durabilité, localisation de l'innovation: Vers des nouvelles formes de territorialisation des activités? (GREMI)</li> <li>• Cluster Emergence, Renewal and Transition in Switzerland: Evidence from Cleantech, Medtech and the Watch Industry (SNF + European Science Fondation)</li> <li>• La reconfiguration actuelle du système financier suisse: Quelles articulations avec l'économie réelle et les régions? (FNS)</li> <li>• Mobilité résidentielle transfrontalière et fonctionnement des marchés locaux du logement entre le département du Doubs et le canton de Neuchâtel (Interreg)</li> <li>• L'économie résidentielle en Suisse: Identification et mise en perspective (FNS)</li> </ul>



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X vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Assessing and integrating environmental, societal, and economical concerns in spatial planning
- Application and advancement of computer based planning tools with regard to spatial, environmental and landscape planning
- Solving inverse problems in landscape and environmental planning
- Developing and testing decision-support systems for spatial management

Current projects

- OPERAs: Operational Potential of Ecosystems Research Applications, awarding body: FP 7
- ESMERALDA: Enhancing ecosystem services mapping for policy and decision making, awarding body: Horizon 2020
- MOUNTLAND II: Prioritization for adaption to climate and socio-economic changes, awarding body: CCES
- VisAsim: Visual-acoustic simulation for landscape impact assessment of wind farms, awarding body: SNF
- PALM: Intercommunal potential analysis of the resource land for sustainable land management, awarding body: Bundesamt für Landwirtschaft–Ländliche Entwicklung sowie die Kantone Zürich, Bern, Solothurn, Graubünden und Waadt
- OPSOL: A model-based decision support system for integration of soil ecosystem services in policy and planning, awarding body: NFP 68 (SNF)
- SUMSOR: Towards a more sustainable management of soil resources by redistribution of economic and ecological added and reduced values, awarding body: NFP 68 (SNF)
- Telecoupled Landscapes - Managing telecoupled landscapes for the sustainable provision of ecosystem services and poverty alleviation, awarding body: SNF Telecoupled Landscapes – Managing telecoupled

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Category                    University

Number of  
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X    vital	X    regional	X    basic research	no
one among other topics	X    national	X    applied research	X    yes
a side topic	X    international	X    consulting	

Priorities/focus  
 of research

- Tourismus und Freizeit
- Städte und Regionen
- Transport und Verkehr
- Innovations- und technologieintensive Unternehmungen
- Öffentliche Verwaltung und Unternehmen
- Health Care

Current projects

- Wirkungsmonitoring für das Universitäts- und Forschungszentrum Tulln
- Die Beteiligung von KMUs an der Neuen Regionalpolitik der Schweiz
- Das Netzwerk der grenzüberschreitenden Zusammenarbeit in der Regio Bodensee

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Category University

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vital	regional	X basic research	no
X one among other topics	X national	applied research	X yes
a side topic	international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Transport demand modelling and network design
- Railway operations and design
- Road operations and design
- Land use transport interactions
- Surveys and measurement of travel and spatial behaviours

Current projects

- SustainCity – [www.sustaincity.eu](http://www.sustaincity.eu) (7<sup>th</sup> Framework)
- MATSim – [www.matsim.org](http://www.matsim.org) (various sponsors)

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vital	X regional	basic research	no
X one among other topics	national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Regional growth and development
- Regional competitiveness
- Labour market issues
- Analysis of tourism industry
- NPR

Current projects

- Observatory of Economic Policy (O-Pol) – analysis and monitoring of the structural economic competitiveness of canton Ticino
- Observatory of Labour Market (O-Lav) – analysis of the labour market of canton Ticino
- Platform for the observation of the cantonal economic dynamics (PanelCODE) – real-time monitoring and business cycle analysis of the economy of canton Ticino
- Tourism Observatory (O-Tur) – systematic observation, analysis and monitoring of tourism demand and local supply at the destinations in canton Ticino

Education program in regional development available

- Bachelor course in Regional Economics

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vital	X regional	X basic research	no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Governance of Subnational Tiers of Government
- Management Reforms
- Co-operation and Amalgamation of Local and Regional Authorities
- Local Democracy

Current projects

- Local Public Sector Reforms: An International Comparison (EU COST Action. Duration until 2017. See: [www.cost.eu/COST\\_Actions](http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions))

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vital	X regional	X basic research	no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the city and landscape, and the phenomena occurring simultaneously in both</li> <li>questions of perception and function, objectives, design and developmental guidance</li> <li>the objective collection of data relating to the environment, connecting them and translating them into strategies for action</li> <li>the subjective application of these strategies with respect to cultural and aesthetic qualities</li> <li>problems relating to specific sites as well as broader questions through interdisciplinary collaboration</li> </ul>
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Network City and Landscape includes architecture, engineering focusing on spatial and landscape development, transportation and infrastructure planning and the social sciences. It is subdivided into five institutes, each of which belongs to the departments of either architecture (D-ARCH) or civil, environmental and geomatics engineering (D-BAUG).

Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OPSOL and POLISOL – Entscheidungsplattform für eine nachhaltige Bodennutzung (Institute for Spatial and Landscape Development IRL, Planning of Landscape and Urban Systems PLUS, Prof. Dr. Adrienne Grêt-Regamey; Schweizer Nationalfonds, NRP 68 «Sustainable use of soil as a resource»)</li> <li>Railway Stations and Spatial Development in Small and Medium-Sized Cities in Switzerland: Challenges and Chances for SBB (Institute for Spatial and Landscape Development, Spatial Planning and Development, Prof. Dr. Bernd Scholl; SBB Research Fund)</li> <li>Continuous Target Based Planning (Institute for Transport Planning and Systems (IVT), Group Transport Planning, Prof. Dr. Kay W. Axhausen; Swiss National Science Foundation)</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Landscape Visualization and Modeling Lab, LVML (Institute for Landscape Architecture ILA, Prof. Christophe Girot; Planning of Landscape and Urban Systems PLUS (Prof. Dr. Adrienne Grêt-Regamey)</li><li>• Urban Breeding Grounds (Institute for Urban Design, ISB), Chair of Architecture and Urban Design, Prof. Ir. Kees Christiaanse)</li><li>• Future Cities Lab I and II, Singapore (Network City and Landscape NSL)</li></ul>
Education program in regional development available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Master of Science in Spatial Development and Infrastructure Systems, <a href="http://www.re-is.ethz.ch">www.re-is.ethz.ch</a></li><li>• MAS, CAS and DAS in Spatial Planning and Development, <a href="http://www.masraumplanung.ethz.ch">www.masraumplanung.ethz.ch</a></li></ul>

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The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional System of Innovation</li> <li>Innovation and Regional Development</li> <li>Entrepreneurship and Regional Development</li> <li>Innovation and Entrepreneurship Metrics and Monitoring</li> <li>Repreneurship and Age management</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate succession - test of a model of enterprise transmission (Repreneurship), Department for Finance and Economics, TI.</li> <li>Aviation technology hub of the Riviera: a node of a future aviation cluster in Ticino? Feasibility study (Cluster Approach), Regional Development Agency (ERS-BV) and Municipality of Lodrino, TI.</li> <li>Strategic study for the Development of the Region of Western Malcantone, Municipalities of the Western Malcantone, TI.</li> <li>ZIIC +, strategic planning for the development of the Biasca's economic development pole, Regional Development Agency (ERS-BV) and Municipality of Biasca, TI.</li> <li>Revision of the Ticino's Innovation Law, Department for Finance and Economics, TI.</li> </ul>

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X vital	X regional	basic research	no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrale sektorübergreifende Regionalentwicklung im ländlichen Raum</li> <li>• Koordination und Entwicklungsaufgaben in Pärken von nationaler Bedeutung</li> <li>• Volunteering zur Stärkung regionaler Potenziale</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regionaler Naturpark Schaffhausen – Mandat Errichtung</li> <li>• Corporate Volunteering Angebot in Naturpärken</li> <li>• Positionierung und Entwicklungsprojekte Muotatal SZ</li> </ul>
Education program in regional development available	im Rahmen des Studiengangs Umweltingenieurwesen, Vertiefung Landschaft Bildung Tourismus LBT: <a href="http://www.zhaw.ch/lisfm/institute-zentren">www.zhaw.ch/lisfm/institute-zentren</a>

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Number of collaborators	20 collaborators

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vital	X regional	X basic research	no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Development in Switzerland and Europe</li> <li>• Tourism and Sustainability Development</li> <li>• Agricultural Tourism and Rural Development</li> <li>• Regional Food Speciality and Tourism</li> <li>• Urban Forestry, Forest and Society</li> <li>• Regional trans-disciplinary forest planning</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potenziale der Landwirtschaft in der Region San Gottardo</li> <li>• Innovative Geschäftsmodelle für den Agrotourismus</li> <li>• Regionale Bierproduktion mit Braugerste und Malz aus der Schweiz</li> <li>• Regionale Flachsproduktion für die schweizerische Textilindustrie</li> <li>• Swiss Urban NeighbourWoods SUNWoods: Bedürfnisgerechte Gestaltung und Bewirtschaftung der Wälder im städtischen Umfeld, unter aktivem Einbezug der Waldnutzerguppen. Ein Forschungsprojekt des Programms «BREF Brückenschläge mit Erfolg» von KFH und Gebert Rüt Stiftung</li> </ul>

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The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	basic research	no
one among other topics	national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	X international	X Consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Créativité et innovation dans le domaine du marketing urbain et régional</li> <li>• Management stratégique de services publics, de territoires communaux, cantonaux, intercantonaux et transfrontaliers</li> <li>• Transfert international de savoir-faire et de compétences dans les domaines de l'innovation et du management stratégique</li> <li>• Conception, planification et mise en œuvre de projets de développement régional</li> <li>• Mobilité douce en milieu urbain et régional</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valorisation touristique de la filière cheval dans le canton du Jura et le Jura bernois (fonds NPR)</li> <li>• SolArc: Création, dans l'Arc jurassien, d'un réseau d'entreprises de transports de marchandises en véhicules propres. En collaboration avec l'Ecole supérieure des technologies et des affaires de Belfort. (Fonds Interreg)</li> <li>• MTIS (Mobile Tourist Information System): développement de solutions de réalité augmentée appliquées au tourisme pour smartphone et tablette numérique (Fonds NPR)</li> <li>• Stratégie de rapprochement Bâle Jura (Fonds NPR)</li> <li>• Collaboration avec l'Académie russe des sciences et pays du Caucase</li> <li>• Valorisation économique et sociale du centre-ville de Neuchâtel</li> <li>• Etude sur la création de valeurs économiques et sociales par les activités culturelles du canton du Jura</li> <li>• Valorisation commerciale et sociale du centre-ville du Locle</li> <li>• Mise en œuvre d'ateliers de travail pour la création d'un parc naturel périurbain à Neuchâtel</li> <li>• Mise en œuvre d'ateliers de travail pour l'aménagement urbain de la ville d'Aigle</li> <li>• Etude d'image et de notoriété pour la destination touristique Jura et Trois-Lacs</li> </ul>

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X vital	X regional	basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Urban planning, village planning
- Villages and natural hazards
- Regional planning in alpine space
- Alpine infrastructure, reconstruction of infrastructure

Current projects

- Dienstleistungsprojekte Naturgefahren
- Autarkes Wohnen
- Lowcost Lärmschutzwand

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Number of collaborators 20 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	basic research	no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Urban – rural linkages
- Private relocation monitoring
- Re-organization of territorial structures including mergers of municipalities
- Municipal infrastructure management
- Fiscal decentralization

The interdisciplinary team of the CC Regional Economics includes researchers and practitioners with a background in economics, geography, spacial planning and environmental science. In our research and consulting work we cover a broad range of issues related to municipal and regional development at the local, national and international level.

Current projects

- Auswirkungen von neuem Wohnraum auf Bevölkerungsstruktur und Gemeindefinanzen
- Umzugsmonitoring
- Regionalmanagements – Wege zur Weiterentwicklung
- Regionale Kulturkonferenz – Wirkungsanalyse
- Top 5 – Grundlagen und Prozessbegleitung Fusion Solothurn

Education program in regional development available

- MAS Gemeinde-, Stadt- und Regionalentwicklung:  
[www.hslu.ch/mas/gemeinde-stadt-und-regionalentwicklung](http://www.hslu.ch/mas/gemeinde-stadt-und-regionalentwicklung)

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Category	University of Applied Science (Fachhochschule, Haute école spécialisée HES)
Number of collaborators	17 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable regional energy systems</li> <li>Social acceptance of renewable energies</li> <li>Measuring the sustainability of regional development by means of indicator systems</li> <li>Participation processes in communal and regional planning</li> <li>Scenario development for regions</li> </ul> <p>Additional explanation: How should energy systems be created in order to fulfil versatile, long term needs? INE identifies relevant aspects for the future, evaluates new technologies and their acceptance as well as looks into the needs and behaviour of individuals. Based on the research new principles for sustainable energy regions and innovative business models are developed.</p>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wind energy Region Goms, VS</li> <li>COST Action TU1104 Smart Energy Regions</li> <li>IEA DSM Task 24 Behaviour Change in Demand-Side Management (BFE)</li> </ul>

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Number of collaborators	17 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	basic research	no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spatial Planning</li> <li>Mobility Planning</li> <li>Urban Planning</li> </ul> <p>Our main focus is on strongly interlinked and densely populated functional spaces, their challenges for spatial development policy and practice, and practical solutions for their sustainable development.</p>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Räumliche Entwicklungsstrategie Sursee–Mittelland (RET Sursee–Mittelland)</li> <li>Künftige Versorgungsinfrastrukturen im periurbanen Raum (KTI)</li> <li>Kompetenzzentrum Wohnumfeld (GebertRüf-Stiftung BREF)</li> </ul>
Education program in regional development available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.hsr.ch">www.hsr.ch</a> → BSc Raumplanung / MSE Raumentwicklung &amp; La. / MAS Raumentwicklung</li> </ul>



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Number of  
collaborators              25 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X    vital	X    regional	basic research	no
one among other topics	X    national	X    applied research	X    yes
a side topic	international	X    consulting	

Priorities/focus  
of research                      • Demographic change  
    • Civil society in rural space  
    • Gender in rural space

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Number of collaborators	25 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	X basic research	no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact studies</li> <li>Regional economic monitoring (e.g <a href="http://www.tourobs.ch">www.tourobs.ch</a> for the tourism sector)</li> <li>Spatial analysis and modeling with geographic information systems (GIS)</li> <li>Innovation research (e.g. regional innovation systems, business model design)</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observatoire valaisan du tourisme / Walliser Tourismus Observatorium (<a href="http://www.tourobs.ch">www.tourobs.ch</a>) (Canton du Valais)</li> <li>Création de valeur partagée et de modèles d'affaires innovants basés sur un processus de crowdsourcing afin de redynamiser le cluster d'innovation touristique valaisan (HES-SO)</li> <li>Etude valeur ajoutée du tourisme en Valais (Canton du Valais)</li> <li>Simulation dynamique et aide à la décision pour intégrer l'impact de la Lex Weber et la LAT sur la gestion des R2 et de la révision des plans de zones communaux (HES-SO)</li> </ul>
Education program in regional development available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.innovation-touristique.com">www.innovation-touristique.com</a></li> </ul>

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Number of collaborators 30 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Development of tourism destinations and resorts
- Sustainable tourism
- Regional economic impact analysis
- Leisure and tourism traffic / transportation management
- Public transport management

Current projects

- Stärkung der Gastfreundschaft in der Zentralschweiz (KTI)
- Buchungsabsichten für einen Urlaub in einem nachhaltigen Hotel: Anwendung und Erweiterung der Theorie des geplanten Verhaltens (SNF)
- Der Lebensstil-Ansatz als Basis für Massnahmen und Kampagnen für klimabewussten Konsum, nachhaltige Mobilität und Energiesparen im Haushalt (SNF NFP 71)
- Monitoring Gesamtverkehr Luzern (Stadt / Kanton Luzern, VVL)
- Smart Marketing Saastal (KTI)

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Category	University of Applied Science (Fachhochschule, Haute école spécialisée HES)
Number of collaborators	25 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscape Development</li> <li>• Nature-based tourism</li> <li>• Sustainability</li> <li>• Climate change</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality standards for nature-based tourism in the Alps</li> <li>• Landscape quality and agriculture</li> </ul>

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Number of collaborators	25 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	basic research	no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E-Tourism</li> <li>Destination Development and Management</li> <li>Hospitality Management</li> <li>Consumer Behaviour</li> <li>Sustainability</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E-Tourism: Crowdfunding in Tourism. Financed by the Commission of Technology and Innovation, Bern (CTI)</li> <li>Destination Development and Management: China Inbound Services. Touroperating in destinations for tourist from China. Financed by cantonal cooperation program for tourism in canton of Grisons 2014–2021</li> <li>Hospitality Management: Design to cost. Innovative concepts for lodging. Financed by the development association of the HTW Chur</li> <li>Consumer Behaviour: Market research and customer research for regional and local tourism destinations. Financed by the GR Cantonal Government</li> <li>Sustainability: AdCoNet: Addressing complexity with footprint accounting and network visualization while integrating open innovation in sustainability assessment of urban areas. COST Action TU0902. Financed by Swiss State Secretariat for Education and Research</li> </ul>
Education program in regional development available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor of Science in Tourism, <a href="http://www.htwchur.ch/tourism">www.htwchur.ch/tourism</a></li> </ul>

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Number of collaborators 12 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Stadt- und Quartierentwicklung
- Wohnen und Soziale Nachbarschaften
- Soziale Nachbarschaften
- Sozialraumanalysen & Leitbildentwicklung
- Wissenschaftliche Begleitungen & Prozessmoderation

Current projects

- Please visit our website for current projects: [www.fhsg.ch/soziale-raeume](http://www.fhsg.ch/soziale-raeume)

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Number of collaborators	14 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start-up and growth: The potential for entrepreneurship of Swiss regions and the impact on regional development / entrepreneurship potential of Swiss universities</li> <li>Innovation in SMEs / Innovation potential of Swiss regions / Open innovation systems</li> <li>Internationalization of Swiss SMEs</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gründungsbarometer Graubünden:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basic conditions and critical success factors for new and fast growing enterprises in Grisons</li> <li>- Entrepreneurship potential in Swiss Regions (sponsored by Graubündner Kantonalbank)</li> </ul> </li> <li>University and corporate spin-offs: Success factors, general conditions and entrepreneurship activities (collaboration with ETH Zürich) (sponsored by Gebert Rüt Stiftung)</li> <li>Internationalization of Swiss SMEs Export fitness of Regional SMEs (sponsored by Förderstiftung HTW Chur)</li> <li>Innovationsmonitor Graubünden (sponsored by Graubündner Kantonalbank)</li> <li>Regional open innovation system Alpenrhein (ROIS Alpenrhein)</li> </ul>

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Number of collaborators	10 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic policy and regional development</li> <li>Regional labour markets</li> <li>Energy economics</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cluster development in health tourism in Davos Klosters</li> <li>Regional value added of natural and cultural heritage sites</li> <li>Value added in the agri-food chain</li> <li>Regional Impact Analysis and Sustainability Assessment of Hydropower</li> </ul>



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Number of collaborators 2 collaborators + network

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Conception multidisciplinaire des projets structurants
- Identification des potentiels de développement
- Effets territoriaux de la RSE des PME-PMI
- Identité et communication régionale

Current projects

- Pôle d'excellence dans les métiers d'art
- Parc ludo-pédagogique scientifique
- Etudes prospectives régionales (pour investisseurs privés)

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Category Private Institute

Number of collaborators 15 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Urban sprawl
- Development of the transport system
- Densification of urban landscape

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X	vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
	one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
	a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benchmarking: analysis of regional competitiveness with indicators for regional performance and attractiveness</li> <li>• In-depth Industry-Analysis: detailed analysis of regional key industries such as Life Sciences, Technology, Financial Services, Tourism, Trade</li> <li>• Impact Analysis: quantification of the economic impact of private / public projects / measures</li> <li>• Forecasting: model-based forecasts of regional key industries (Switzerland, worldwide)</li> <li>• Consultancy: economic consultancy for political decision-makers and political processes</li> </ul>
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Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internationales Benchmarking-Programm für den Schweizer Tourismus (unter anderem SECO sowie div. Wirtschafts- / Tourismusvertreter der Kantone BE, GR, VS, VD, TI, LU)</li> <li>• Schweizer Gemeindeportraits: Standortbewertung und Standortvergleich (diverse Schweizer Gemeinden, Unternehmungen, Verbände)</li> <li>• Perspektiven Basel-Landschaft, jährlicher Analysebericht zur Wirtschaftsentwicklung im Kanton Basel-Landschaft sowie Wirtschaftsumfrage bei mehr als 400 Unternehmen (Basellandschaftliche Kantonalbank)</li> <li>• «Bürgenstock-Resort» – Bedeutung für die Zentralschweizer Tourismuslandschaft und die regionale Volkswirtschaft (Wirtschaftsförderung Nidwalden)</li> </ul>
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Category Private Institute

Number of collaborators 20 (researchers and administrative staff)

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Evaluation and development of cross-border spatial strategies for cities, regions and Mega-City Regions by analysing activities and networks of the knowledge economy and other economic sectors
- Development of management concepts and governance strategies for cantons and regions in order to promote lagging regions
- Identification of potentials in regional and urban development and implementation of territorial governance strategies based on a multi-scale network approach combined with SWOT analyses
- Evaluation and controlling of programs, projects and instruments in the context of urban development and regional policy
- Consulting and coaching of persons and institutions working in regional and spatial development

Current projects

- Trendszenario Gotthard-Achse. Mögliche Auswirkungen des neuen Gotthard- und Ceneri-Basistunnels auf Raum und Verkehr (Bundesamt für Raumentwicklung, Kantone Uri und Tessin)
- Nachhaltige Geotourismusregion Mattertal VS (Modellvorhaben Nachhaltige Raumentwicklung)
- Hotel Terrace Engelberg. Prüfung von Nutzungsvarianten (TITLIS Bergbahnen)
- Abschätzung des sozioökonomischen Einflusses eines potenziellen Tiefenlagers auf die langfristigen Entwicklungen im nördlichen Teil des Perimeters ZNO (Regionalkonferenz Zürich Nordost)
- Immobilienentwicklung Schweighofpark Kriens (im Auftrag der Grundeigentümerin)

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Number of collaborators 20 collaborators

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vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Vertieftes Verständnis der Standort- und Wettbewerbsfaktoren für die Wirtschafts- und Unternehmensentwicklung
- Begleitung von privaten und wirtschaftlich motivierten Initiativen zur Steigerung der Wettbewerbsfähigkeit im regionalen und nationalen Kontext
- Potenzialanalysen von Regionen und Standorten als Entscheidungsgrundlage für und im Auftrag von potenziellen Investoren
- Hohes Verständnis über kantonale, regionale und lokale politische Systeme und deren Entscheidungsmechanismen

Current projects

- Optimierung kommunale Zusammenarbeit: Identifikation von Kooperationsfeldern & Entwicklung konkreter Projekte im Auftrag der Regionalplanungsgruppe Oberthurgau
- Businessplan RigiPlus AG: Gemeinsame Organisation zur Bündelung der Angebote & Vermarktung der Rigi als Ganzes
- Projektbegleitungen in unterschiedlichen Branchen von der Entwicklung bis zur Realisierung inkl. Institutionalisierung von Prozessen und Strukturen
- Moderation & Führung der Strategie- und Unternehmensentwicklungsprozesse für Regionen, Destinationen, Wirtschaftsräume und im Tourismus (z.B. Bergbahnen, Hotellerie, Resorts)
- Strategieentwicklung, Erstellung von Analysen und Studien im Bereich der Energieproduktion, -verteilung sowie -politik

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Number of collaborators	12 collaborators

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vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban and regional economics</li> <li>• Public finance</li> <li>• Evaluation of policies and projects</li> <li>• Development of strategies and concepts</li> <li>• Regional economic promotion</li> <li>• Economic aspects of land use planning</li> </ul>
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Number of collaborators 4 collaborators

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vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Participation
- Heritage
- Tourismus
- Sustainability

Current projects

- Strada Regina – itinerari storico culturali – DFE – Canton Ticino
- PPC – Progetto di paesaggio comprensoriale – DT – Canton Ticino
- TraLeGenti – agenzia incoming Ticino [www.tralegenti.ch](http://www.tralegenti.ch)
- Progetto internazionale: Senegal – progetti di rafforzamento istituzionale locale

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X vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics a side topic	X national X international	X applied research X consulting	yes

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locational quality, financial attractiveness of living, regional business cycle</li> <li>• Regional demographics, migration and mobility, household incomes, purchasing power</li> <li>• Structure and perspectives of regional industry portfolios, regional value added and future growth potential</li> <li>• Regional and local real estate markets</li> <li>• GIS-Analysis, Cantonal public household's ratings</li> </ul>
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Number of collaborators 1 collaborator

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X vital	X regional	basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Quality of life, human capital, city development
- Economic, social and environmental sustainability
- Innovation, learning, knowledge networks and knowledge transfer
- Regional resilience, convergence, decentralisation
- Regional development policies (e.g. science & technology)

Current projects

- Quality of Life in the Basel regions for entrepreneurs – qualitative and quantitative analysis (Canton Basel-Stadt)
- Interreg IV C project: Brain Flow and Knowledge Transfer fostering Innovation in Border Regions (EU)
- Impact of universities for regional development (book chapter)

Notes

Dr. Tina Haisch, Raumwirtschaft conducts regularly quantitative and qualitative data analyses, prepares scientific reports, manages international projects with multiple partners and is consultant for policy makers and other regional actors. A key competence is the management of regional and international actors. The company is integrated in a wide network of institutions with different professional adjustment, such as graphic designers, GIS and computer programming specialists, universities and research institutes. Furthermore, we intensely cooperate within the border region of Basel.

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Number of collaborators 25 collaborators, 2–3 trainees

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Energy / Climate / Environment
- Public Management
- Market / Competition / Public Goods
- Social Security
- Education / Research

Current projects

- See: [www.econcept.ch](http://www.econcept.ch)

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Category Private Institute

Number of collaborators 20 collaborators

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vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Economic policy and regional economics (agglomeration policies, rural policies)
- Regional economic impact of various policies
- (Regional) transport and energy economics
- Evaluations ex ante, ex post
- Financial equalisation

Current projects

- regiouisse: member of the steering committee
- Further projects (See: [www.ecoplan.ch](http://www.ecoplan.ch))

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Number of collaborators	1 collaborator	

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X vital	X regional	basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Regional Policy: regional development programmes, policy analysis and formulation</li> <li>• Interregional, intercantonal, cross-border cooperation</li> <li>• Regional disparities and development</li> <li>• Evaluation and monitoring</li> <li>• Cluster policies</li> <li>• Innovation</li> <li>• Financial circuits and regional development</li> <li>• Labour market</li> <li>• Residential Economy</li> <li>• Public economy</li> <li>• Firms cooperation</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See: <a href="http://www.ecopo.ch">www.ecopo.ch</a></li> </ul>

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Category Private Institute

Number of collaborators 300 all / 35 in the narrow field collaborators

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vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Strategies and programmes for urban and regional development
- Concepts and feasibility studies on territorial reforms
- Evaluation of political programmes and spatial development instruments
- Regional economic impacts and value creation studies
- Sector-specific studies with cluster analysis

Current projects

- See: [www.ebp.ch/geschaeftsbereiche/raumstandortentwicklung/aktuell](http://www.ebp.ch/geschaeftsbereiche/raumstandortentwicklung/aktuell)

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Category                   Private Institute

Number of  
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X   vital	X   regional	basic research	X   no
one among other topics	X   national	X   applied research	yes
a side topic	X   international	X   consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Development Strategies & Concepts, Prospects & Changes
- Consulting, Implementing, Coaching
- Evaluation of Policies & Projects, Impact Analysis
- Knowledge Management

Current projects

- Gesunde Ernährung und nachhaltige Lebensmittelproduktion (NFP 69)
- Ressourceneffizienz im Dienste der Ernährungssicherung (BLW)
- Analyse & Perspektiven für die Landwirtschaft im Kanton Nidwalden
- Resilience of Food Value Chains (World Food System Center of ETH)
- Wissensplattform berggebiete.ch (Schweizer Berghilfe)
- AgroCO2ncept Flaachtal (Verein AgroCO2Ncept)
- Projekte der Regionalentwicklung (PRE) nach Art. 93 1/c (Ticino: Transumanza; Graubünden: Schams; Müstair; Wildes Calancatal, 100% Valposchiavo)
- Parco Nazionale del Locarnese (Strategiestudie, PNL)
- Weitere Projekte siehe [www.flury-giuliani.ch](http://www.flury-giuliani.ch)

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Number of collaborators 36 collaborators

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X	vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
	one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
	a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional development: Operative management and marketing for the public sector, as well as detailed analysis and concepts for regions, cities and local communities</li> <li>Territorial and spatial planning, urban development, infrastructure planning, architecture and building services</li> <li>Regional renewable energy planning, energy policy</li> <li>Rural development, eco-tourism</li> </ul>
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Number of collaborators 3 collaborators

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vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Standortentwicklung (Gemeinden, Regionen): Strategien und Entwicklungsplanung für Gemeinden und Regionen
- Tourismusentwicklung (Destinationen): Marketinganalysen und -strategien, Online-Befragungen von Gästen, Masterplanung für Destinationen
- Raumplanung und Ortsplanung auf der Grundlage von GIS
- Marktforschung und Standortmarketing für Gemeinden und Tourismusregionen

Current projects

- Wachstumsdeterminanten im alpinen Tourismus der Schweiz. Investition und Naturkapital als Grundlagen für die Entwicklung von alpinen Destinationen der Schweiz
- Marktforschung für alpine Destination der Schweiz und Österreichs. Gästebefragung mit internationalem Online-Benchmarking



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Number of collaborators 22 collaborators

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vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban Sprawl and mobility in rural areas</li> <li>• Demography and housing (esp. housing for the elderly)</li> <li>• Second homes</li> <li>• Residential economy and regional identity</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Regional development and finance</li> </ul>
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Number of collaborators	45 collaborators

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vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation, Monitoring</li> <li>• Regional economic development</li> <li>• Sustainable development, socio-economic and environmental impacts and interlinkages</li> <li>• Regional development programmes, policy analysis and formulation</li> <li>• Urbanisation, land use, spatial planning, economic instruments, transport, telecommunications</li> </ul>
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vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research IWSB provides consulting, policy evaluation, and research services in the field of:

- Incentive based instruments in land-use planning and regional development
- Regional economic impact of infrastructures / cost-benefit-analysis of infrastructure measures
- Regional and local housing markets / analysis of housing policy measures
- Analysis of regional labour markets and industry branches
- Analysis of (regional) energy and transportation markets

Current projects

- SUMSOR | Towards a more sustainable management of soil resources by redistribution of economic and ecological added and reduced values (NRP 68 | Swiss National Science Foundation)
- Bauen ausserhalb der Bauzonen: Fehlanreize im Nichtbauggebiet (ARE)
- The temporal homogenization of traffic network load (SVI | ASTRA)
- Further projects (See: [www.iwsb.ch](http://www.iwsb.ch))

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vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Energy policy
- Demographic change
- Brain-Drain

Current projects

- DEMOCHANGE: Demographic change in the Alps. Adaptation strategies to spatial planning and regional development (Interreg IV B Alpine Space / ARE)
- Further projects (See [www.interface-politikstudien.ch](http://www.interface-politikstudien.ch))

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X vital	X regional	basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Synthèse entre approche ethnographique et approche économique
- Le regard de l'enfant entre 3 et 7 ans sur les régions périphériques
- Learning districts dans la valorisation des témoignages artistiques
- Pédagogie de la formation à distance
- Activation des processus cognitifs
- Formation des guides locales

Current projects

- Learning districts dans la valorisation des témoignages artistiques
- Le chemin des chèvres
- L'évaluation des projets de développement régional
- Prédicteurs et indicateurs de réussite
- Simulation des facteurs dynamiques du développement dans différentes régions des Alpes

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Number of collaborators 4 collaborators

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vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Spatial development, landscape and environmental planning
- Rural development / eco-tourism development
- Communication and public participation, Good Governance
- Monitoring and Controlling
- Information technology (GIS and visualization)

Current projects

- Raumentwicklungsstudie Wirtschaftsraum Urdorf Nord, Kt. Zürich (Auftraggeber: Abteilung Bau und Umwelt, Gemeinde Urdorf)
- Stellungnahme zu den Planungsstudien über die Standortareale im Planungssperimeter Nördlich Lägern für die Oberflächenanlage eines geologischen Tiefenlagers (Auftraggeber: BFE, Regionalkonferenz Nördlich Lägern)
- Zukunft Stadtleben Schaffhausen (Auftraggeber: Baureferat, Stadt Schaffhausen)
- Shaxi Rehabilitation Project, Yunnan, China - Phase 5: Villages Preservation and Development Masterplan (Client: Jianchuan County Government)
- Xingtian New Town Masterplan - Nanping Prefecture, Fujian Province, China (Client: Wuyi New Area Administration)
- Qujing Nanpan Eastern Development, Yunnan, China (Client: Qujing Urban and Rural Planning Administration)

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X vital	X regional	basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Regionalentwicklung, Regionalberatung
- Stadtentwicklung, Quartiersentwicklung
- Konzept-, Strategie-, Projektentwicklung, Projektmanagement, Prozessbegleitung, Wissenstransfer & Beratung
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Current projects

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Number of collaborators	8 collaborators	

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	basic research	no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge management, learning processes, capacity development and knowledge transfer between different stakeholders</li> <li>• Evaluation and monitoring</li> <li>• Regional development programmes and policy analysis</li> <li>• Empowerment and participation</li> <li>• Heritage interpretation</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• regiosuisse: As the Head of regiosuisse, PLANVAL supports the implementation of the New Regional Policy (NRP) in Switzerland (knowledge transfer and knowledge management)</li> <li>• «Exkursionsregion Goms»: Feasibility study to evaluate the potential of the rural region Goms as a professionally led region for study / field trips for further education and professional training related to different fields such as leadership, entrepreneurship, empowerment and participation</li> <li>• Analysis of the constitution of regional participation bodies in the context of the search for a geological repository for radioactive waste in Switzerland. Within this evaluation PLANVAL drew up lessons learnt and recommendations for the development of regional participatory processes (Swiss Federal Office of Energy SFOE).</li> <li>• Develop and apply participatory methods in order to accompany structural change in historic city centres in Switzerland (<a href="http://www.netzwerk-altstadt.ch">www.netzwerk-altstadt.ch</a>)</li> </ul>



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Number of collaborators 15 collaborators

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vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Sustainable regional development
- Impact analysis of events, projects or infrastructures
- Regional gross value added analysis involving input-output-tables
- Analysis of economic sectors, e.g. tourism, energy, real estate

Current projects

- Event-Scorecard allows the analysis of economic, ecologic and social impacts of events and their transparent documentation. Current projects run in the mandate of the Swiss Football League «Economic importance of the clubs of the Raiffeisen Super League», «Leichtathletik EM 2014 AG» and «Eidgenössisches Schwing- und Älplerfest 2013»
- Impact analysis of a deep geological repository on six siting regions (since 2011), in the mandate of the Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE)
- Evaluation of the economic impact of tourism in the Canton of Ticino in the mandate of the Canton of Ticino

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Number of  
collaborators            10 collaborators

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X	vital	X regional	basic research	X no
	one among other topics	national	X applied research	yes
	a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus  
of research

- Knowledge management: training and knowledge transfer for regional stakeholders
- Change and process management: development and moderation of stakeholder platforms for participatory processes, mediation processes
- Project implementation for regional development: value added chains, sustainable resource management
- Evaluation and monitoring
- Sustainable tourism development (international)

Current projects

- Implementation of knowledge management activities of the New Regional Policy (NRP) (regiouisse / SECO)
- cewas – international centre for water management services, Willisau
- Tropenhaus Schweiz, Wolhusen and Frutigen
- Capacity development for sustainable tourism in the Pamir Mountains, Tajikistan

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Number of collaborators	8 collaborators

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X vital	X regional	basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy / management of regional associations and regional parks (private-public-partnerships, PPP)</li> <li>• Regional development concepts; territorial marketing; land planning, tourism, agriculture</li> <li>• Merging and restructuring of territory organisations (regions, NPO)</li> <li>• Process facilitation / moderation in regional and municipal territorial development</li> <li>• Regional management, coaching of regional managers</li> <li>• Interregional; intercantonal; cross-border cooperation</li> <li>• Inter-municipal co-operation; processes of municipality merging</li> <li>• Municipal energy concepts («Energy City»)</li> <li>• Territorial and regional communication and promotion systems</li> <li>• Knowledge management</li> </ul>
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vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	national	applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Regional planning (territorial development and mobility)
- Organisational support (project governance)

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X vital	X regional	basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Beratung und Unterstützung von Regionalmanagements bei der Fokussierung auf die Ziel- und Aufgabenerfüllung
- InnovationsCoaching für KMU im ländlichen Raum, um Arbeitsplätze zu halten und auszubauen
- Begleiten von Entwicklungs- und Veränderungsprozessen an der Nahtstelle der Aufgabenfeldern von Privaten und der Öffentlichen Hand
- Aufbau und Entwicklung von Netzwerkstrukturen für die medizinische Grundversorgung im ländlichen Raum

Current projects

- KMU InnovationsCoaching im Luzerner Seetal [www.idee-seetal.ch](http://www.idee-seetal.ch) and [www.itz.ch](http://www.itz.ch)
- Aufbau und Entwicklung eines Gesundheitsnetzwerkes im Kanton Uri [www.ur.ch](http://www.ur.ch)
- Beratung von Regionalentwicklungsprozessen in der Schweiz
- Unterricht für Start-Up Unternehmen im Bereich der Wasser- und Abwasserindustrie am Institut CEWAS in Willisau [www.cewas.org](http://www.cewas.org)

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vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- synergo practices consulting, research, policy evaluation, project management and planning in mobility management, transport and land-use, environment and energy, urban and regional policies, and political processes and institutions.
- synergo is supported by permanent and project-related specialists and cultivates continuous contact with other research institutions and universities. As SME, the leadership and interdisciplinary control of complex projects is one of synergo's main strengths.
- Transport, land-use, environment and energy policy developments and relevant impacts in a regional context
- Analysis and consulting concerning reform strategies in the Swiss federalism, in political processes and institutions, and in communal, cantonal and international cooperation models with a regional approach
- Comparative learning from each other – regional policies in Switzerland, European countries and Eastern Europe

Current projects

- Secretary of the Zurich Metropolitan Area
- Research and project management on neighbourhood policy and social mobility
- Partner in international research projects (EU-FP7 DIVERCITIES - Governing Urban Diversity, EU-COST, Interreg)
- Research and project management at the communal, cantonal and federal level concerning political collaboration (Zurich region, Winterthur, ARE, Sarajevo)
- Research and project management in political communication (transportation, spatial planning, nuclear waste depository)
- Evaluation (Alpine freight traffic, environmental impact assessment, energy research)

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Number of collaborators	1 collaborator

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X vital one among other topics a side topic	X regional national international	X basic research X applied research X consulting	X no yes

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wohnqualität unter verdichteten Bedingungen</li> <li>• Relational Planning</li> <li>• Psychology</li> <li>• Spatial Planning</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heimat und subjektive Kartographien. Ansatz für ein relationales Planen. Dissertation</li> <li>• Wohnqualität unter verdichteten Bedingungen anhand einer Untersuchung der Stadt Zug</li> </ul>

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Category                   Awarding authority (Auftraggeber, Mandants)

Number of  
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vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- (Structural change in) agriculture and regional development
- Agricultural land scape and biodiversity
- Regional products (AOC, IGP, etc.)

Current projects

- ERA-NET RURAGRI – Facing sustainability: new relationships between rural areas and agriculture in Europe



## Bundesamt für Statistik (BFS)

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2010 Neuchâtel

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Internet [www.bfs.admin.ch](http://www.bfs.admin.ch)  
[www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/regionen](http://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/regionen)  
[www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/international](http://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/international)  
[www.urbandaudit.ch](http://www.urbandaudit.ch)

Category Awarding authority (Auftraggeber, Mandants)

Number of collaborators ca. 800 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	applied research	yes
a side topic	international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Production of various geo-referenced, communal or regional data
- Monitoring of regional disparities and development, conception of a set of key indicators
- Participation at the European research program «Urban Audit» with the 10 biggest cities of Switzerland

Current projects

- Regionale Disparitäten in der Schweiz
- Urban Audit
- New definition of agglomerations (AGGLOSUISSE)

### Bundesamt für Umwelt (BAFU)

Address	3003 Bern
Contact	Daniel Arn; daniel.arn@bafu.admin.ch
Internet	<a href="http://www.bafu.admin.ch">www.bafu.admin.ch</a> <a href="http://www.bafu.admin.ch/landschaft">www.bafu.admin.ch/landschaft</a>
Category	Awarding authority (Auftraggeber, Mandants)
Number of collaborators	455 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...		Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
	vital		regional	
X	one among other topics	X	national	X no
	a side topic		international	yes
			basic research	
			applied research	
			consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature Parks (Swiss national parks / Regional nature parks of national interest, UNESCO heritage list, etc.</li> <li>Federal inventory of landscapes and natural sites; their importance for the natural and cultural heritage as well as importance for tourism</li> <li>Importance of Landscape quality for regional development</li> <li>Ecosystem Services / Landschaftsleistungen</li> </ul>
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### Federal Office for Spatial Development (Research Unit ARE)

Address	Mühlestrasse 2 3063 Ittigen
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Internet	<a href="http://www.aren.admin.ch">www.aren.admin.ch</a>
Category	Awarding authority (Auftraggeber, Mandants)
Number of collaborators	10 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital one among other topics a side topic	regional X national international	basic research X applied research consulting	X no yes

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable development and international issues in spatial development</li> <li>Methods, statistics, models in spatial development and transport</li> <li>Spatial planning and urban development</li> <li>Coordination of transport, other infrastructures and spatial development</li> <li>Agglomerations and rural areas</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project overview (See: <a href="http://www.aramis.admin.ch">www.aramis.admin.ch</a>)</li> </ul>
Notes	Research concept: <a href="http://www.ressortforschung.admin.ch">www.ressortforschung.admin.ch</a>

## Neue urbane Qualität (NFP 65)

Address Postfach 8232  
3001 Bern

Contact Pascal Walther; pascal.walther@snf.ch; +41 31 308 22 26

Internet [www.nfp65.ch](http://www.nfp65.ch)

Category Awarding authority (Auftraggeber, Mandants)

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	<b>Main focus</b> of research in regional development/policy	<b>Type of research</b> in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research • See: [www.nfp65.ch](http://www.nfp65.ch)

Current projects • See: [www.nfp65.ch](http://www.nfp65.ch)

Notes • Abgeschlossen seit 2014

## Schweizerischer Nationalfonds (SNF)

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3001 Bern

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Internet [www.snf.ch](http://www.snf.ch)

Category Awarding authority (Auftraggeber, Mandants)

Number of collaborators 200 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	<b>Main focus</b> of research in regional development/policy	<b>Type of research</b> in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	consulting	

- Current projects
- NFP 66: Ressource Holz
  - NFP 68 «Nachhaltige Nutzung der Ressource Boden»
  - NFP 70: Energiewende
  - NFP 71 «Steuerung des Energieverbrauchs»

## State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Regional Policy

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3003 Bern

Contact [info.dsre@seco.admin.ch](mailto:info.dsre@seco.admin.ch)

Internet [www.seco.admin.ch](http://www.seco.admin.ch)

Category Awarding authority (Auftraggeber, Mandants)

Number of collaborators 14 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...		<b>Main focus</b> of research in regional development/policy	<b>Type of research</b> in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X	vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
	one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
	a side topic	X international	X consulting	

## State Secretary for Education and Research (SER)

Address Hallwylstrasse 4  
3003 Bern

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claude.vaucher@sbf.admin.ch; +41 31 322 74 79

Internet [www.sbf.admin.ch](http://www.sbf.admin.ch)

Category Awarding authority (Auftraggeber, Mandants)

Number of collaborators 100 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Finance research at an international level
- Programmation of research
- 7<sup>th</sup> framework programme
- General research in regional development

Notes We finance a part of the European research budget (7<sup>th</sup> framework programme) in order to allow Swiss researchers participating equally with European researchers in different areas.

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### Academia Raetica

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Internet	<a href="http://www.academiaraitica.ch">www.academiaraitica.ch</a>
Category	University of Applied Science (Fachhochschule, Haute école spécialisée HES)
Number of collaborators	2 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital one among other topics a side topic	X regional national international	basic research applied research X consulting	X no yes

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support of research, teaching and networking</li> <li>• Communication of the high quality research and teaching provided in the region</li> <li>• Technology transfer between research institutes and industry</li> </ul>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of the Graduate School Graubünden to support doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers in the region.</li> </ul>



**AGRIDEA**

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Internet	<a href="http://www.agridea.ch">www.agridea.ch</a>		
Category	NGOs, Associations, Networks		
Number of collaborators	150 (researchers and administrative staff)		
The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	<b>Main focus of research in regional development/policy</b>	<b>Type of research in regional development/policy</b>	Education program in regional development available
X vital one among other topics a side topic	X regional X national X international	basic research X applied research X consulting	no X yes
Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural Development in Switzerland, Europe and worldwide</li> <li>Agriculture and spatial planning</li> <li>Agrotourism and farm income diversification</li> <li>Value Chain Development, M4P, and Market Systems Approach</li> <li>Consulting, coaching, backstopping, and evaluation of projects and training in all areas of expertise, moderation of participatory processes</li> </ul>		
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projekte zur Regionalentwicklung Art. 93 1/c LwG: Appenzell Innerrhoden und Valle die Muggio</li> <li>Projekt nach der Verordnung über die Förderung von Qualität und Nachhaltigkeit in der Land- und Ernährungswirtschaft QuNaV: Projekt Zentralschweizer Lamm</li> <li>Projektentwicklung Landwirtschaft Gotthardgebiet, NRP-Programm San Gottardo 2020</li> <li>Fallbeispiel aus dem Projekt Rethink: Peri-urbane Nahrungsmittel-Werschöpfungsketten in verschiedenen Gemeinden im Grossraum Bern; FP7 und RURAGRI ERA-NET</li> </ul>		
Education program in regional development available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAS Regionalentwicklung in collaboration with HAFL (<a href="http://www.hafl.bfh.ch/weiterbildung/cas-regionalentwicklung">www.hafl.bfh.ch/weiterbildung/cas-regionalentwicklung</a>) as well as specific training to a range of topics (<a href="http://www.agridea.ch/kurse">www.agridea.ch/kurse</a>)</li> </ul>		

## CIPRA Schweiz

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Category NGOs, Associations, Networks

Number of collaborators 2 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Klimaschutz und Regionalentwicklung: cc.alps und climalp, vgl. [www.cipra.org](http://www.cipra.org)
- Kommunikationsaufgaben beim Gemeindeforum Allianz in den Alpen

Current projects

- See: «Priorities / focus of research»

## CREMA – Center for Research in Economics, Management and the Arts

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4052 Basel

Contact Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. René L. Frey; rene.frey@unibas.ch

Internet [www.crema-research.ch](http://www.crema-research.ch)

Category NGOs, Associations, Networks

Number of collaborators 6 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	basic research	X no
one among other topics	national	X applied research	yes
X a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Regional policy
- Federalism
- Intergovernmental fiscal relations

## Graduate School Graubünden

Address Berglistutz 8  
7270 Davos Platz

Contact Duri Bezzola; duri.bezzola@academiaraetica.ch; +41 81 410 60 80

Internet [www.graduateschool.ch](http://www.graduateschool.ch)

Category University of Applied Science (Fachhochschule, Haute école spécialisée HES)

Number of collaborators 2 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	national	applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Support of doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers in the region to strengthen the net-work between the Grisons based research institutions and the Swiss universities.
- Strengthening of the network between the Grisons based research institutions and the Swiss universities.
- Communication of the high quality research and teaching provided in the region.
- Subject-specific training and education of doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers, training in general research competences, realization of interdisciplinary events and projects, the networking of the young academics, and an exchange forum for mentors.

## InnovationsTransfer Zentralschweiz (ITZ)

Address	Ebenastrasse 20 6048 Horw
Contact	Daniel Portmann; dp@itz.ch
Internet	<a href="http://www.itz.ch">www.itz.ch</a>
Category	NGOs, Associations, Networks
Number of collaborators	5 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of regional Innovation Projects</li> <li>• Assistance in developing CTI Projects</li> <li>• Knowledge base and technology transfer</li> <li>• Market research and observations</li> </ul>
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Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BIONIK Zentrum Luzern (centre for bionics Lucerne) – Help and support companies – especially SMEs – to (further) develop their products and processes using bionics as an innovation method</li> <li>• Fisch vom Buur – A PRE-Project (Projekt zur regionalen Entwicklung of the Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG)) to develop fish breeding on Swiss farms</li> <li>• AF Cluster – Developing a network of companies to foster additive manufacturing (also known as 3D-Print) in production processes</li> <li>• CABEE (Capitalizing Alpine Building Evaluation Experiences) – CABEE is a transnational Alpine Space project that aims to create and implement an Alpine-wide guideline for definition, procurement, production, assessment and promotion of Nearly-Zero-Emission-Buildings (NZEB) and their neighbourhoods.</li> </ul>
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## Interakademische Kommission Alpenforschung (ICAS)

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3001 Bern

Contact icas@scnat.ch; +41 31 306 93 46

Internet [www.icas.akademien-schweiz.ch](http://www.icas.akademien-schweiz.ch)

Category NGOs, Associations, Networks

Number of collaborators Commission with 15 members and 60% office

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	<b>Main focus</b> of research in regional development/policy	<b>Type of research</b> in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics a side topic	X national international	X applied research consulting	yes

Priorities/focus of research

- Inter- and transdisciplinary alpine research
- Early detection of needs
- Networking
- Information system on alpine research / expertise

## Internationales Wissenschaftliches Komitee Alpenforschung (ISCAR)

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Laupenstrasse 7  
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Internet [www.iscar-alpineresearch.org](http://www.iscar-alpineresearch.org)

Category NGOs, Associations, Networks

Number of collaborators Committee with 12 members and a 40% office

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics	national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter- and transdisciplinary research on a pan-alpine scale</li> <li>• Ecological networks</li> <li>• Water issues</li> <li>• Interaction metropolitan areas - Alpine areas (EUSALP)</li> <li>• Research in alpine protected areas</li> <li>• Alpine resources</li> </ul>
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## Koordinationsstelle Parkforschung Schweiz

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Category	NGOs, Associations, Networks
Number of collaborators	1 collaborator

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital one among other topics a side topic	X regional X national international	X basic research X applied research consulting	X no yes

Priorities/focus of research	• Coordination of research on protected areas in Switzerland
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## OcCC – Beratendes Organ für Fragen der Klimaänderung (OcCC)

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Internet	<a href="http://www.occc.ch">www.occc.ch</a>
Category	NGOs, Associations, Networks
Number of collaborators	1 collaborator

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	regional	basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change impacts</li> <li>• Climate change adaptation</li> <li>• Climate change mitigation</li> </ul>
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## RegioForte

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Internet	<a href="http://www.regioforte.ch">www.regioforte.ch</a>
Category	NGOs, Associations, Networks
Number of collaborators	6 members (SMEs) with a total of 60 employees

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transports and mobility</li> <li>• Regional economy and territorial marketing</li> <li>• Second homes</li> <li>• Energy and waste management</li> <li>• Housing development and landscape</li> <li>• Health care and social affairs</li> <li>• Culture and regional identity</li> <li>• Tourism, sports and recreation</li> </ul>
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Notes	<p>Members of RegioForte:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IC Infraconsult AG, Berne</li> <li>- Swisstraffic AG, Brig</li> <li>- rundum mobil GmbH, Thoune</li> <li>- E plus U Energie- und Umweltberatung GmbH, Berne</li> <li>- Grischconsulta AG, Chur</li> <li>- Theler Cultur Consulting, Naters</li> </ul>
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## Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für die Berggebiete (SAB)

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3001 Bern

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Category NGOs, Associations, Networks

Number of collaborators 13 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	basic research	no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Regional development policies
- Regional Management
- Cross-sectoral cooperation
- Institution and capacity building
- International / cross-border cooperation

Current projects

- WikiAlps (Interreg IV B)
- Konferenz der Regionen
- Montagna (monthly journal with articles regarding regional development)

## Schweizerische Studiengesellschaft für Raumordnung und Regionalpolitik (ROREP)

Address	ROREP/OEPR Geschäftsstelle Im Sträler 23 8047 Zürich
Contact	Prof. Dr. Hannes Egli; info@rorep.ch
Internet	<a href="http://www.rorep.ch">www.rorep.ch</a>
Category	NGOs, Associations, Networks
Number of collaborators	About 100 members (from universities and universities of applied sciences, from federal, cantonal and municipal administrations, from private consulting agencies and associations) (researchers and administrative staff)

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	basic research	no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	X yes
a side topic	international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events and further education in land use planning</li> <li>• Regional policy</li> <li>• Regional development</li> </ul>
Education program in regional development available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ROREP Workshop (<a href="http://www.rorep.ch/rorep_workshop">www.rorep.ch/rorep_workshop</a>)</li> <li>• ROREP Lecture (<a href="http://www.rorep.ch/rorep_lecture">www.rorep.ch/rorep_lecture</a>)</li> <li>• ROREP SwissLAB (<a href="http://www.rorep.ch/rorep_swisslab">www.rorep.ch/rorep_swisslab</a>)</li> </ul>

## UNESCO Biosphäre Entlebuch

Address Chlosterbüel 28  
6170 Schüpfheim

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Internet [www.biosphaere.ch](http://www.biosphaere.ch)

Category NGOs, Associations, Networks

Number of collaborators 9 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
X one among other topics	national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	international	consulting	

Priorities/focus of research

- Monitoring of management impacts on economy, landscape and society
- Improvement and assessment of added value chains
- Securing livelihoods of local people (mainly farmers)
- Sustainable mobility management
- Potentials and implementation of renewable energy productions

Current projects

- Hydroserv, SNF, NFP 61
- Assessment of the regional added value by tourists, self-funded
- Use and evaluation of the landscape by tourists, self-funded

## ViaStoria – Center of Transport History

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Internet	<a href="http://www.viastoria.ch">www.viastoria.ch</a> <a href="http://www.kulturwege-schweiz.ch">www.kulturwege-schweiz.ch</a>
Category	NGOs, Associations, Networks
Number of collaborators	20 collaborators

The topic of regional development and regional policy is...	Main focus of research in regional development/policy	Type of research in regional development/policy	Education program in regional development available
X vital	X regional	X basic research	X no
one among other topics	X national	X applied research	yes
a side topic	X international	X consulting	

Priorities/focus of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural routes</li> <li>• Sustainable development of the man-made landscape</li> <li>• Culture tourism</li> <li>• Tourism history and transport history</li> </ul> <p>Additional explanation: Cultural Routes of Switzerland is one of ViaStoria's main projects. It is based on the Inventory of historical traffic routes in Switzerland. Cultural Routes of Switzerland contributes to the sustainable development of the man-made landscape by sympathetically restoring historical roads and using them for tourism. Carefully chosen cultural attractions, local specialities and tourist offers make a journey with Cultural Routes of Switzerland an experience for both mind and spirit.</p>
Current projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Routes of Switzerland</li> <li>• «300 Kulturwege für mehr Wertschöpfung und Nachhaltigkeit im Schweizer Tourismus», supported by Innotour, SECO</li> <li>• Transport History of Switzerland</li> <li>• Geschichte des Langsamverkehrs</li> </ul>
Notes	Teaching material «Unterwegs auf Kulturwegen. Lehrmittel für den fächerübergreifenden Unterricht»: <a href="http://www.lernen-unterwegs.ch">www.lernen-unterwegs.ch</a>