Executive summary

The Swiss Reproducibility Network (SwissRN) is a peer-led consortium that aims to promote and ensure rigorous research practices in Switzerland by

- establishing targeted training activities,
- developing and evaluating research improvement efforts,
- disseminating best practice,
- Engaging with stakeholders to coordinate efforts across the sector.

SwissRN is led by a steering committee aiming for broad disciplinary representation and an intensive interdisciplinary dialogue in order to include all empirical disciplines in its goal to improve reproducibility.

The core of SwissRN activities happens at the **local nodes** of the network, i.e. within the participating research institutions. Local nodes are self-organizing groups of researchers and staff interested in issues of research reproducibility and improvement. Local node activities may include cross-disciplinary journal clubs, open science working groups, peer groups for research proposal review etc. Each local node has a leader who is the point of contact for SwissRN.

Research institutions can join the SwissRN as **institutional members** to formally support the aims of the network. Institutional members are expected to invest in research improvement, e.g. through the support of training programs in Good Research Practice. The corresponding local node leader is the primary SwissRN contact person for the responsible member of the senior management. Institutional membership does not require a financial contribution to SwissRN, but institutions are expected to support the activities of their local nodes (either in-kind or financially). Currently, the Universities of Basel, Bern, Geneva and Zurich as well as FernUni Schweiz / UniDistance Suisse are institutional members of SwissRN.

SwissRN is supported by **stakeholders** through the Stakeholder Engagement Group. This ensures that SwissRN activities are aligned with the strategy and activities of the stakeholders, and allows the exchange of ideas on new initiatives from the research community. Potential stakeholders include funders (both governmental and charity), learned societies and other non-profit organizations that are part of the academic environment. To become a member of the Stakeholder Engagement Group an organization has to provide direct financial support or support in kind to SwissRN and is required to agree to the mission and values of SwissRN. The Swiss National Science Foundation and the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences are currently stakeholders of SwissRN.