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The CTI (Swiss Federal Innovation Promotion Agency) is the most important innovation promotion government agency in Switzerland. Among its main tasks is the promotion of entrepreneurship in the Swiss economy. The most important entrepreneurship programmes are the CTI Start-up programme and Venturelab. The overall budget for the entrepreneurship promotion programme of the CTI amounts to about CHF 11 million in 2008; CHF 3.7 million of this amount is used for funding Venturelab and about CHF 7.3 million for the Start-up programme.

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