

Foundation Research

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Questionnaire for grant-making foundations

Funding decisions and allocation of funds

Foundation address

Foundation / Name *

Address (Street name and number)

Postcode / Town *

* Mandatory

Assets and grant-making

What is the total value of the foundation's assets?

In millions of Swiss francs:

- ☐ ≤ 10
- ☐ > 10 and ≤ 50
- ☐ > 50

What is the total amount of grants awarded in a year?

In Swiss francs:

- ☐ ≤ 20'000
- ☐ > 20'000 and ≤ 100'000
- ☐ > 100'000 and ≤ 500'000
- ☐ > 500'000 and ≤ 1'000'000
- ☐ > 1'000'000

How many non-profit organisations do you support on average per year?

Number of non-profit organisations:

- ☐ ≤ 1
- ☐ > 1 and ≤ 5
- ☐ > 5 and ≤ 25
- ☐ > 25 and ≤ 100
- ☐ > 100

Assessment of trust, information and data analysis in grant decisions

To what extent do the following trust factors play a role in the decision to award grants?

The reputation or brand of a potential non-profit organisation:

- ☐ Not Important
- ☐ Slightly Important
- ☐ Moderately Important
- ☐ Important
- ☐ Very Important

The certifications (e.g. ZEWO) of a non-profit organisation:

- ☐ Not Important
- ☐ Slightly Important
- ☐ Moderately Important
- ☐ Important
- ☐ Very Important

Direct or indirect relationships or personal contacts via formal or informal networks with non-profit organisations:

- ☐ Not Important
- ☐ Slightly Important
- ☐ Moderately Important
- ☐ Important
- ☐ Very Important

To what extent are grant decisions based more on trust than on a formal analysis of information or data?

- ☐ Entirely trust
- ☐ Mostly trust
- ☐ Balanced
- ☐ Mostly analysis
- ☐ Entirely on analysis

Is information or data about recipients of subsidies collected for analysis purposes?

- ☐ Information and data are collected
- ☐ Information and data are not collected

*Note: If you do not collect any information or data,
please proceed directly to page 4.*

How often do you analyse the information or data from the following reports or data sources?

Financial reports or annual reports:

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Almost never
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Almost every time
- ☐ Every time

Project reports, analyses of output figures, results or impact:

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Almost never
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Almost every time
- ☐ Every time

Audits reports and interviews reviews:

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Almost never
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Almost every time
- ☐ Every time

Note: Please now proceed to page 5.

What are the reasons for not collecting information and data on grant recipients?

Tick all the boxes that apply:

- ☐ Decisions on the awarding of grants are based on a relationship of trust
- ☐ The grants are too low to justify the effort involved in information and data collection and analysis.

Flexibility in adapting the awarding of grants to new priorities and needs

How would you describe your foundation's flexibility in adapting grants to new needs?

Are fixed goals pursued (grants are used as a means to achieve specific goals), or does the foundation have the flexibility to adapt grants to new circumstances (such as disasters like earthquakes, tsunamis or wars)?

Flexibility in adapting grants to new needs:

- ☐ Very low flexibility: The foundation pursues fixed goals and there is virtually no leeway to respond to new circumstances.
- ☐ Low flexibility: The foundation can respond to new circumstances, but the scope for doing so is quite limited.
- ☐ Balanced: The foundation has a certain amount of scope to respond to new circumstances.
- ☐ High flexibility: The foundation has a high degree of flexibility to respond to new circumstances.
- ☐ Very high flexibility: The foundation is very flexible and can respond very well to new circumstances if necessary.

Quality assessment of financially supported projects.

How would you assess the quality of the projects that you have supported financially through grants and that were carried out on your behalf by non-profit organisations?

In terms of the economic and efficient implementation of projects:

- ☐ Very Poor
- ☐ Below Average
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Above Average
- ☐ Excellent

In terms of the degree to which the specifications set out in the projects have been effectively achieved:

- ☐ Very Poor
- ☐ Below Average
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Above Average
- ☐ Excellent

In terms of reaching the target groups:

- ☐ Very Poor
- ☐ Below Average
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Above Average
- ☐ Excellent

In terms of medium and long-term results or impact on the target groups and the community as a whole:

- ☐ Very Poor
- ☐ Below Average
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Above Average
- ☐ Excellent

Optional comments or remarks on the survey

Please add any comments or remarks to the survey, if applicable.

Optional comments or remarks:

Voluntary participation in an additional, open interview

Would you be willing to participate in a more detailed, open interview?

Willingness to participate in a more detailed, open interview:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide contact details (* Mandatory):

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Phone *

End of the survey

To take part in the survey, please send this document to the following address by the end of September:

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You can also complete the questionnaire online via the following URL:

URL: <https://www.foundation-research.ch/SurveyGrantMaking/en>