



ETH Board and the Role of the School Assemblies Delegate

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The ETH Domain: six legally independent Swiss Federal Institutes of Science and Technology

Two Federal Institutes of Technology

ETH zürich

EPFL

Four federal research institutes

PAUL SCHERRER INSTITUT



Empa

Materials Science and Technology

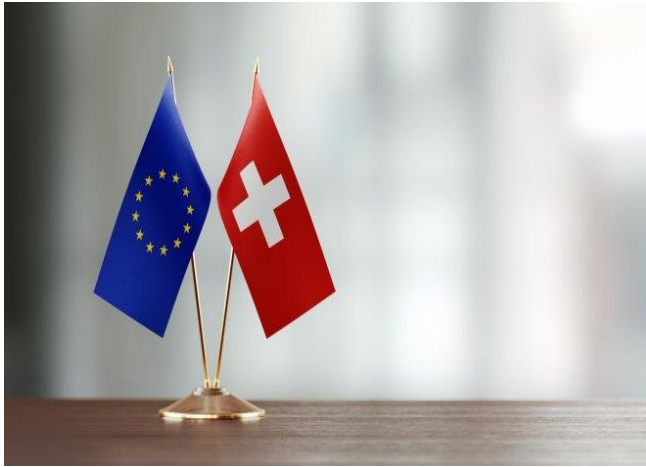


Swiss Federal Institute for Forest,
Snow and Landscape Research WSL

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aquatic research **ooo**

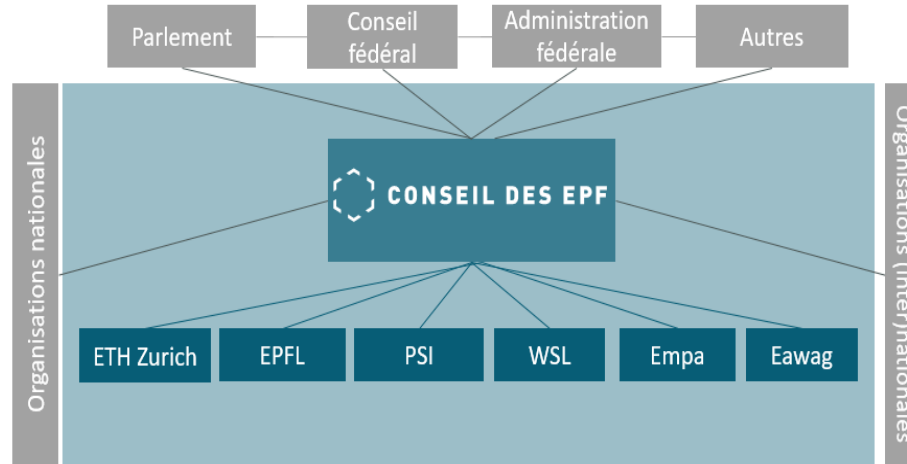
Three pillars for a sustainable success

International openness



High proportion of non-Swiss
International connections

Double autonomy



ETH Law

Stable base funding



ERI message

>75 % of EPFL budget comes from
the Confederation
(direct or via SNF, Innosuisse or other federal sources)

Distinctif features of the ETH Domain

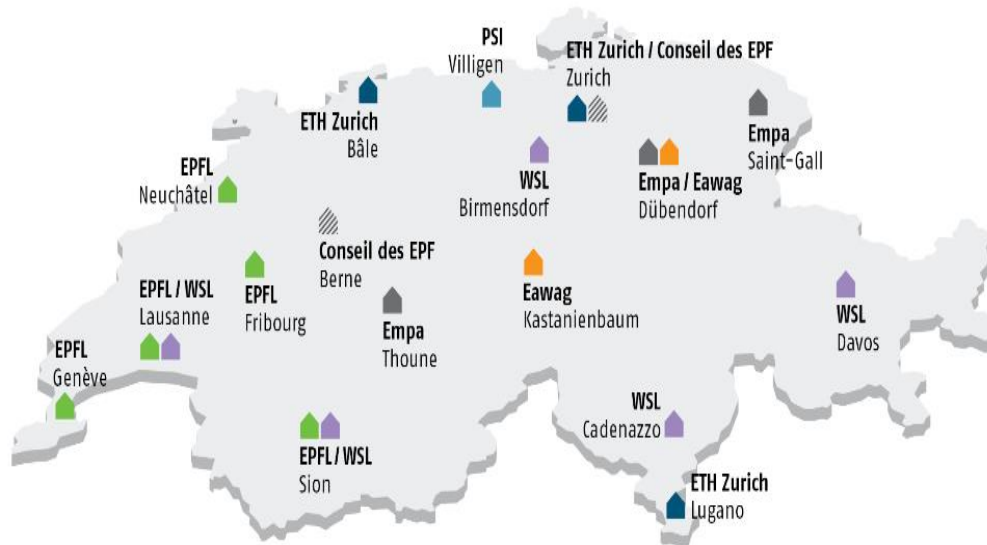
+ **Complementarity** between the two schools and the four research institutes

- *Different mandates, profiles, cultures and networks*
- *Region-specific business strategies and models/logics*

+ **Research infrastructure** of national and international importance

+ High visibility and **international recognition of the institutions** (but not of the domain)

+ **Present in all parts of Switzerland**



Advanced
Manufacturing &
Materials Science

Personalized
Health & Related
Technologies



Data Science &
Digital Technologies

Energy &
Environment

The ETH Domain: key figures 2023

Students and doctoral students

38'437

Professors

906

(48.9% proportion of women among new appointments)

Annual budget from Confederation

2.730 Billion

(approx. 1% increase over last 5 years)

Employees (headcount, incl. professors and doctoral students)

24'890

Spin-offs founded

69

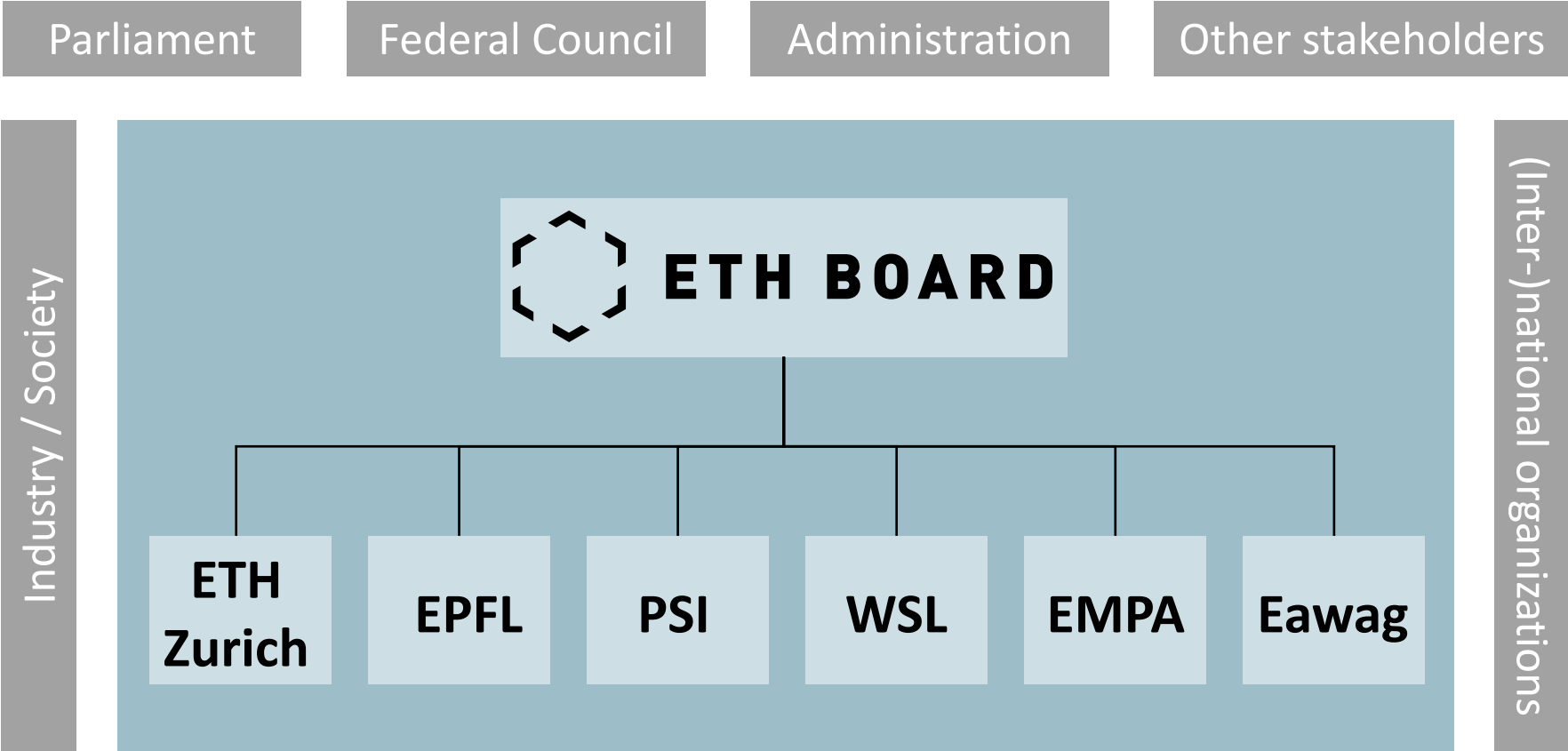
EPFL budget from Confederation

765 Million (without SNF & Innosuisse)

(1'158 total)

Source: ETH Domain Annual Report & Financial Report 2023

ETH board: the ETH domain's strategic management and supervisory body



Composition of the ETH Board



Michael Hengartner



Pascale Bruderer

President and Vice-president

«Internal»
members



Joël Mesot, ETH



Martin Vetterli, EPFL



Christian Ruegg, PSI



Kristin Becker, School Assemblies

& members
of staff

Independent
members
(«external»)



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Majority of women !!!

Composition of the ETH Board – Next years



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Kristin Becker
until end 2026

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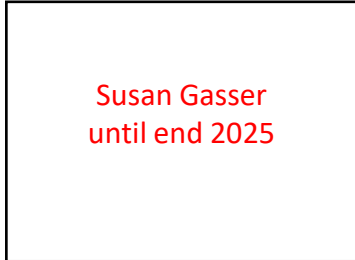
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ETH Board : Duties

Base: ETH Act (1.1.22)

Art. 25 Duties

1 The ETH Board shall:

- a. establish the **strategy** of the ETH Domain within the scope of the strategic objectives of the Federal Council;
 - b. **represent** the ETH Domain in dealings with **federal authorities**;
 - c. issue rules and regulations on the **control process** and **carry out strategic control tasks**;
 - d. approve the **development plans** for the ETH Domain and monitor their implementation;
 - e. carry out **recruitment** and **elections** falling under its responsibility;
- (...)

Art. 33a Implementation

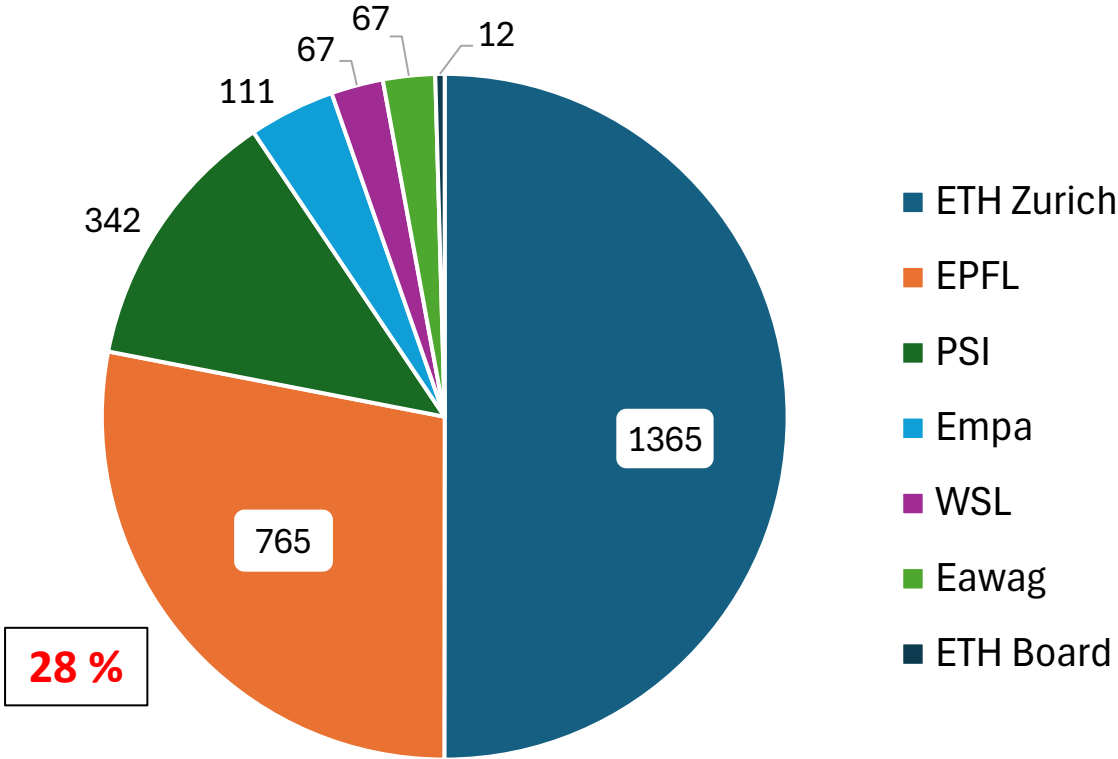
1 The ETH Board shall ensure **implementation of the strategic objectives** of the Federal Council.

2 It shall enter into four-year **agreements on operational objectives** with the two federal institutes of technology and the four research institutes within the ETH Domain. If there is no consensus on the content or implementation of operational objectives, then the ETH Board shall make a final decision.

3 It shall **distribute funds** allocated by the Confederation; in doing so, it shall rely in particular on the budget proposals made by the two federal institutes of technology and the four research institutes within the ETH Domain

The ETH Domain: distribution of funds 2023

(million CHF, total 2'730)



Strategic Planning

(every 4 years)

Federal Council
EAER-SERI

Dispatch on the Promotion of
Education, Research and Innovation
(ERI) dispatch 2025 - 2028
(to be approved by parliament)

ETH Board

Strategic Planning of the ETH
Domain 2025-2028
(finalized)

Strategic Objectives ETH
Domain 2025-2028
(in consultation)

EPFL

Strategic Plan EPFL
2025-2028
(on hold)

Agreement on operational
objectives EPFL
2025-2028
(coming)

Delegate (since 2017)

Role:

- Representing and defending the interests of the School Assemblies and/or the ETH Domain
- Right to make proposals
- *Ad personam* member of the ETH Board, participating to all meetings of the ETH Board and the Domain meetings (5 times per year each) and to the „Dialogs“
- Permanently invited member of both School Assemblies
- Preparation of ETH Board meetings with the two committees of the School Assemblies and with the two General Secretariats
- Exchange with the members of the Directions of EPFL and ETH Zurich and other relevant persons from the institutions, from science, economy and politics
- Networking, participation to events

Participants to Domain meeting



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Tanja Zimmermann, Empa



Urs Holderegger, WSL



Martin Ackermann, Eawag

& members of
ETH Board staff

Exchange ETH Board – School Assemblies

- **«Dialog» Meetings:** once per year: 45 min discussion between AE committee and the ETH Board (themes are defined in November)
- **Intermediate evaluation:** organized by SEFRI every four year (next in 2027), discussion between experts chosen by the department and the committees

Exchange between School Assemblies

- **Preparation ETH Board:** zoom between two committees before each meeting (5 per year)
- **Preparation Dialog:** meeting of two committees in Berne in May or June
- **Common meeting:** both school assemblies meet in Lausanne or Zurich in autumn (2024: November 5 in Lausanne)
- Meetings between representatives of bodies



ETH BOARD

**Thank you for your
attention**