



CRITERIA FOR PROJECT MAINTENANCE SUPPORT

The SVC consolidation program plans to give funding for the use and maintenance of courses of recognized quality. The Competence Centre will be responsible of the maintenance funds, in tight collaboration with the Project Leader.

The earliest possibility for a project leader to submit the application for Project Maintenance Support is **three months prior to the end of the project**.

Projects that end in 2003 can apply until **November 15th, 2003** to have a chance to get funding at the earliest possible date, in **March 2004**. Projects will be examined according to SVC SC and SUC meeting schedules. For UAS projects there are no federal funds for maintenance.

The Swiss Virtual Campus Steering Committee (SVC SC) will select projects based on the initial criteria of the program. Special attention will be paid to the following points:

1. Network of partners using the course
2. Reduction of teaching "ex cathedra" (a part of blended learning is accepted)
3. Test results concerning the course, and feedback from students
4. Conditions and ways of use of the course as well as its accreditation (by attributing ECTS points or other procedures)
5. Support by the institution and its financial contribution

Matching funds of approx. CHF 50'000 to 70'000 per year must be provided by the institution. Please attach supporting letter(s).

Further Informations

- SVC support: approx. CHF 50'000 to CHF 70'000 / year, depending on the number of partners and students involved in the project, for two years
- Funding for Project Maintenance Support will be paid to the rectorate of the leading house; the handling of these funds as well as the annual reporting will be in the responsibility of the SVC LC (see "**Ausführungsplan**" or "**Plan d'exécution**" for further details).
- The annual reporting will serve as a basis for the decision on further funding.

As a general rule, the applications should be **in English**, the language used in the SVC SC.

Abbreviations:

FOES	Federal Office for Education and Science
SUC	Swiss University Conference
SVC	Swiss Virtual Campus
SVC LC	SVC Local Coordinator (one per institution of higher education, contact person for all SVC issues)
SVC SC	SVC Steering Committee
UAS	Universities of Applied Sciences