



## **ADVANCE NOTICE NEW SWISS VIRTUAL CAMPUS PROJECTS, 4<sup>TH</sup> and last CALL**

### **Last call of the Swiss Virtual Campus**

With this last call the Swiss Virtual Campus (SVC) expressly supports the implementation of eLearning courses in regular university curricula and their use as a partial or total substitution for „ex-cathedra“ offerings. Individual learning responsibilities are fostered within international attractive courses that will be integrated in the Bologna process.

In the eLearning Vision of the SVC, the latest findings of research and development will be applied in the implementation of educational design methods and state-of-the-art interactive and cooperative scenarios. Recognized authorware and platforms will be used to boost the production of elearning resources and the efficiency with which they are produced.

The 4<sup>th</sup> SVC phase will focus on the following strategic aims:

- Support of the introduction and the working of the Bologna process
- Managing the heterogeneity of new student education level, for universities in particular with the new “maturité”
- Development of modules that can be used in further diploma and post-diploma courses
- To foster strategies of institutions that aim at operating software and cultivating eContent in the long run in order to use extensively the material and services developed
- To foster module transfer between the different Swiss institutions of Higher Education.

### **Invitation of Proposals**

The institutions of Higher Education (Universities, Universities of Applied Sciences, Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology) are invited by the Steering Committee of the SVC to apply for the financial support for eLearning projects.

### **Selection procedure**

The selection of Initial Proposals (first phase) and Completed proposals (second phase) will be managed as follows:

4 <sup>th</sup> Call for Swiss Virtual Campus Projects	March 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2005
Deadline for Initial Proposals (Including Letter of Support from Rectorate but without detailed Financial Plan and without Letters of Intent)	May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2005
Pre-Selection by SVC Steering Committee (A-Projects, B-Projects, C-Projects)*	Beginning of July 2005
Information on Pre-Selection decision (By mail to project leader, CCSP and Rectorates)	Midmonth of July 2005
Deadline Completed Proposals (Including detailed Financial Plan and all the requested Letters of Intent)	September 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2005
Selection recommendation by SVC Steering Committee	October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2005
Decision by SUC	December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2005
Information on Selection	December 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2005
Project Start	January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2006
Project End	December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2007

- \* A-Projects will be accepted if they submit a Completed Proposal including the requested detailed financial plan and the letters of intent before September 5<sup>th</sup> 2005.
- B-Projects will be invited to improve their Proposals according to conditions and questions and will be re-evaluated. The Completed Proposal should be submitted, together with the requested detailed finance plan and the letters of intent before September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
- C-Projects will be rejected and will not be invited to submit a Completed Proposal.

Universities, UAS and ETH/EPF can take part in the SVC under the same conditions. (Universities with funding from SER, UAS with funding from OPET and ETH/EPF with funding from ETH/EPF). Partners from foreign universities and from other institutions in the relevant area may also participate, but will not receive SVC funding.

The evaluation criteria and the participation and funding conditions will be published together with the launch of the call, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

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#### **Abbreviations**

CCSP:	Competence-, Service- and Production Centres
ETH/EPF:	Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology
SUC:	Swiss University Conference
SVC:	Swiss Virtual Campus
UAS:	Universities of Applied Sciences
OPET:	Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology
SER:	State Secretariat for Education and Research