



GCOS Switzerland

Record of Decisions – 9th Steering Committee Meeting

Date, Time: 24 September 2021, 09:30 – 11:30

Location: Webex – Video Conference

Participants:

Steering Committee T. Stocker (University of Bern, Chair), C. Schär (ETH Zurich), R. Stöckli (MeteoSwiss)

MeteoSwiss B. Calpini

Management Board

Swiss GCOS Office M. Stalder, I. Werner, S. Storrer (Minutes)

1 Welcome and adoption of Agenda

The Chair welcomes the GCOS Switzerland Steering Committee (StC) to its ninth meeting. The agenda is adopted.

2 Minutes of last StC Meeting

The minutes and record of decisions of the eighth StC meeting are adopted.

3 New members of the GCOS CH StC

Subject to organizational considerations, MeteoSwiss plans on appointing new members to the StC in 2022.

4 Status reports of on-going core tasks and projects

The StC takes note of the status reports.

5 Core tasks

a) GEBA evaluation: adoption of ToRs

The StC adopts the Terms of Reference for the self-assessment of GEBA subject to minor revisions. The StC tasks the Swiss GCOS Office to initiate the evaluation process and to invite representatives of GEBA to the tenth StC Meeting.

b) Proposal phenology time series Liestal: Decision on support

The StC members declare their conflicts of interest concerning the proposal submitted by the canton of Basel-Landschaft. The StC approves the proposal of 2000 CHF and requests MeteoSwiss to enter into a contractual agreement with the canton of Basel-Landschaft.

6 Swiss National GAW/GCOS Symposium

The Swiss GCOS Office informs the StC about the Swiss National GAW/GCOS Symposium which took place on 13/14 September 2021. Until December 2021, the Scientific Programme Committee will elaborate a white paper on the outcomes of the symposium.

All recordings, presentations and posters of the event are available on the [symposium website](#).



7 Projects

a) Call for extension: decision on support

Subsequent to the StC's request at the eighth StC meeting, MeteoSwiss issued a call for extension for all GCOS CH projects that are due to end in 2021. The StC decides to support the following proposals and requests MeteoSwiss to adapt the respective contractual agreements:

Title	Principal investigator	Agreement extension (months)	Additional funding CHF
Operational monitoring of the rain rate by ground-based microwave radiometry in Switzerland	Klemens Hocke (University of Bern)	2	15'000
Long Swiss Meteorological Series	Stefan Brönnimann (University of Bern)	8	25'000
Operational near-real-time glacier monitoring	Daniel Farinotti (WSL)	10	49'950
Permafrost monitoring through reprocessing and repeating historical geophysical measurement (REP-ERT)	Christian Hauck (University of Fribourg)	12	48'960

b) Thematic focus and financial volume of next call for proposals 2021

The StC decides to issue a next call for proposals based on the white paper on the outcomes of the Swiss National GAW/GCOS Symposium. This call shall be published together with a call for proposals by GAW-CH. The StC defines a financial volume of 1.8 million CHF. This setting will allow for larger proposals by consortia across both the GCOS Switzerland and the GAW-CH programmes.

The StC tasks the Swiss GCOS Office with reviewing the timeline for the next call for proposal and to consult this revised schedule with the StC in due time.

8 GCOS CH Strategy 2017-2026: Update on review of achievements

MeteoSwiss issued a questionnaire to the GCOS community based on the GCOS Switzerland Strategy 2017-2026. The results will be discussed at the tenth StC Meeting.

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Dates of next meetings

The next StC meetings will take place on the following dates:

- Spring meeting 2022: Thu, 17 March 2022, 13:00-15:00, tbd
- Autumn meeting 2022: Thu, 22 September 2022, 13.00-18:00, tbd