



GCOS Switzerland

Record of Decisions – 7th Steering Committee Meeting

Date, Time: 17 September 2020, 13:30 – 16:30

Location: Webex – Video Conference

Participants:

Steering Committee T. Stocker (University of Bern, Chair), K. Ammon (Pro Clim), W. Haeberli (University of Zurich), C. Schär (ETH Zurich), R. Stöckli (MeteoSwiss),

Excused M. Rebetez (University of Neuchâtel)

MeteoSwiss B. Calpini

Management Board

Swiss GCOS Office M. Stalder, I. Werner, A. Pache (Minutes)

1 Welcome and adoption of Agenda

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

2 Adoption of minutes of last StC meeting

The revised minutes and the record of decisions are adopted.

3 New personnel in the Swiss GCOS Office

The StC takes note of the new personnel structure of the Swiss GCOS Office.

4 Core Tasks and Projects – Status reports and allocation of funds

a) Status reports of on-going core tasks and projects

The StC takes note of the status reports. The StC assures flexibility in case of delays in projects influenced by the COVID19 pandemic.

b) Allocation of funds relative to strategic pillars

The StC takes note of the information reported on the past allocation of funds relative to the four strategic pillars.



5 Core Tasks

a) Overview on upcoming evaluations

The StC takes note of the upcoming evaluations for 2021.

b) SWE: WSL SLF Proposal 2021-2024

The StC members declare the absence of a conflict of interest regarding the proposal submitted by WSL SLF. The StC approves the WSL SLF proposal for the period 2021-2024 of 288 kCHF subject to minor revisions. The StC decides to support an extension of the proposed activities with the compilation of a scientific publication together with Meteodat GmbH with additional payment of 10 kCHF

The StC asks MeteoSwiss to inform WSL SLF accordingly and to enter into a contractual agreement with WSL SLF.

c) SWE: Meteodat GmbH Proposal 2021-2024

The StC members declare the absence of a conflict of interest regarding the proposal submitted by Meteodat GmbH. The StC approves the Meteodat GmbH proposal for the period 2021-2024 of 60 kCHF subject to minor revisions. The StC asks MeteoSwiss to inform Meteodat GmbH accordingly and to enter into a contractual agreement with Meteodat GmbH.

d) Update on soil moisture monitoring network in Switzerland

The StC takes note of the current state of the SwissSMEX soil moisture monitoring network. The StC invites ETH Zurich to submit a proposal for a one-off support payment to ensure the continuation of the most important soil moisture time series over the next years. The funding level is set to 50 kCHF.

The Swiss GCOS Office is tasked to inform ETH Zurich accordingly.

6 Projects

a) Call for proposals 10/2019: Revised proposals

After consideration of two revised proposals submitted following the Call for proposals 10/2019, the StC asks MeteoSwiss to enter into a contractual agreement with the respective partners:

Title	Principle Investigator	Total funding CHF
Operational monitoring of the rain rate by ground-based microwave radiometry in Switzerland	Dr. Klemens Hocke	111'115
Harnessing the Power of Crowdsourcing to tackle 21 st century mountain observation challenges (POC21) – User need assessment & feasibility study (Phase 1)	Dr. Alexia Massacand	60'000

b) Thematic focus and financial volume of call for proposals 10/2020

The StC defines a financial volume of 695'180 CHF, the thematic focus and the indicative duration of projects for the call for proposals 10/2020:

(1)	National collaboration and synthesis: Enhance national collaboration leading to an improved synthesis of Swiss GCOS data at national level; make better use of existing infrastructure and identify new partner institutions (Strategic Priority 2.1)	1-2 years
(2)	Data analysis and data archives: Ensure that standardized observations including traceable and transparent metadata of all ECVs are archived, made freely available to all interested users and supported (Strategic Priority 1.5 and 1.6 combined)	1-2 years



7 Swiss National GAW/GCOS Symposium 2020

The Swiss GCOS Office informs the StC about the postponement of the Swiss National GAW/GCOS Symposium due to the COVID19 pandemic. The event is now planned to take place on 13-14 September 2021 in Bern.

8 Varia

a) Dates of next meeting

The next StC meetings will take place as follows:

- a. Spring meeting 2021: Wed, 7 April 2021, 13:00-18:00, tbd
- b. Autumn meeting 2021: Thu, 7 October 2021, tbd, tbd
- c. Spring meeting 2022: Thu, 17 March 2021, tbd, tbd