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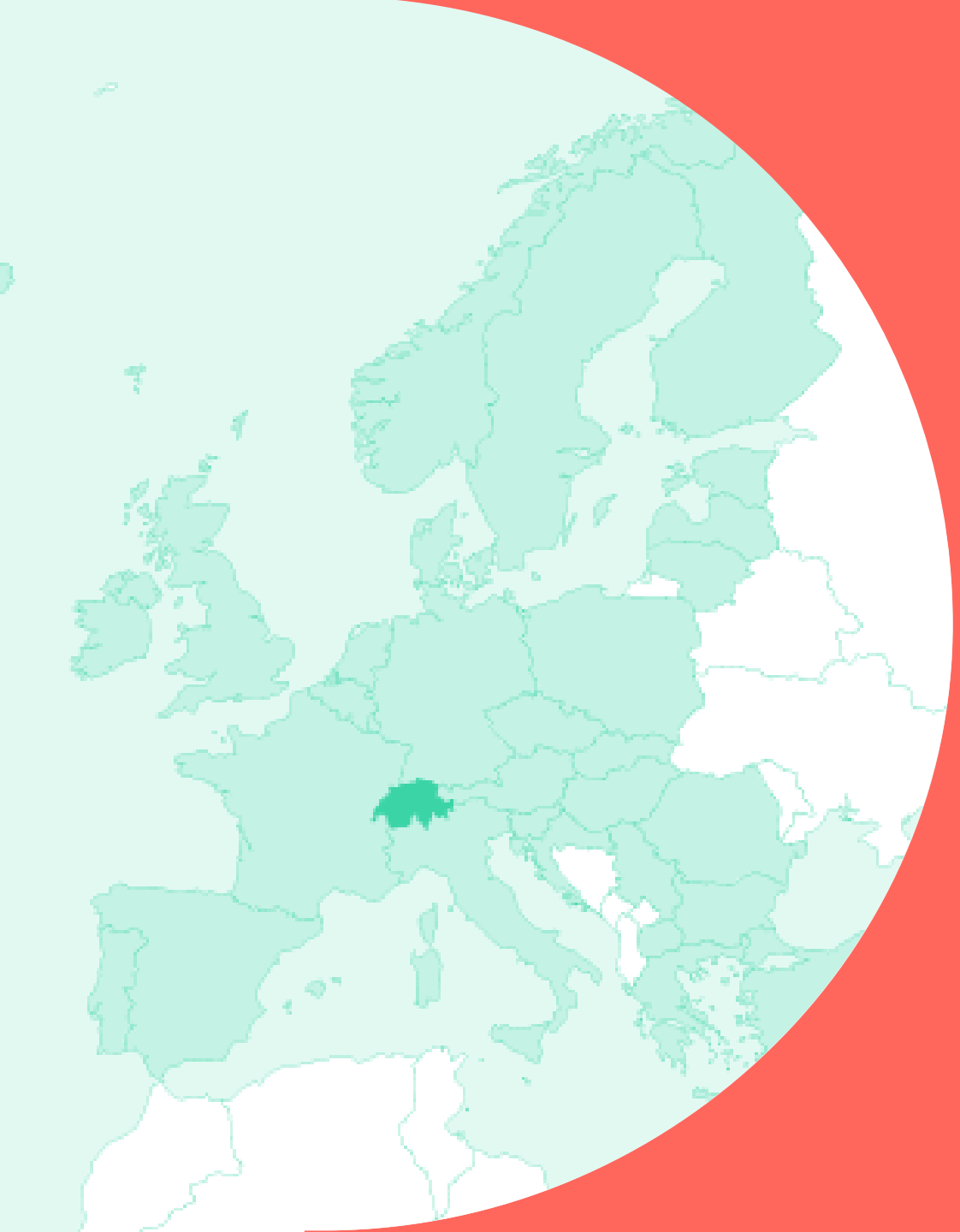
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Switzerland on the Road to Erasmus+



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Swiss National Agency Movetia

National Agency Movetia

- Active since 1 January 2017

Movetia is the national agency for the promotion of exchange, mobility and cooperation in all education sectors – in Switzerland, Europe and worldwide. Movetia encourages and supports projects in school education, vocational education and training, higher education, adult education and extracurricular youth work.

- Mandated by the Confederation and the Cantons: State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), the Federal Office of Culture (FOC), the Federal Social Insurance Office (FSIO) and the Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education (EDK)
- Strategic level: Strategy for mobility and exchange 2017



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50 employees,
43 FTEs



Budget 2025
60 million CHF



Promotion



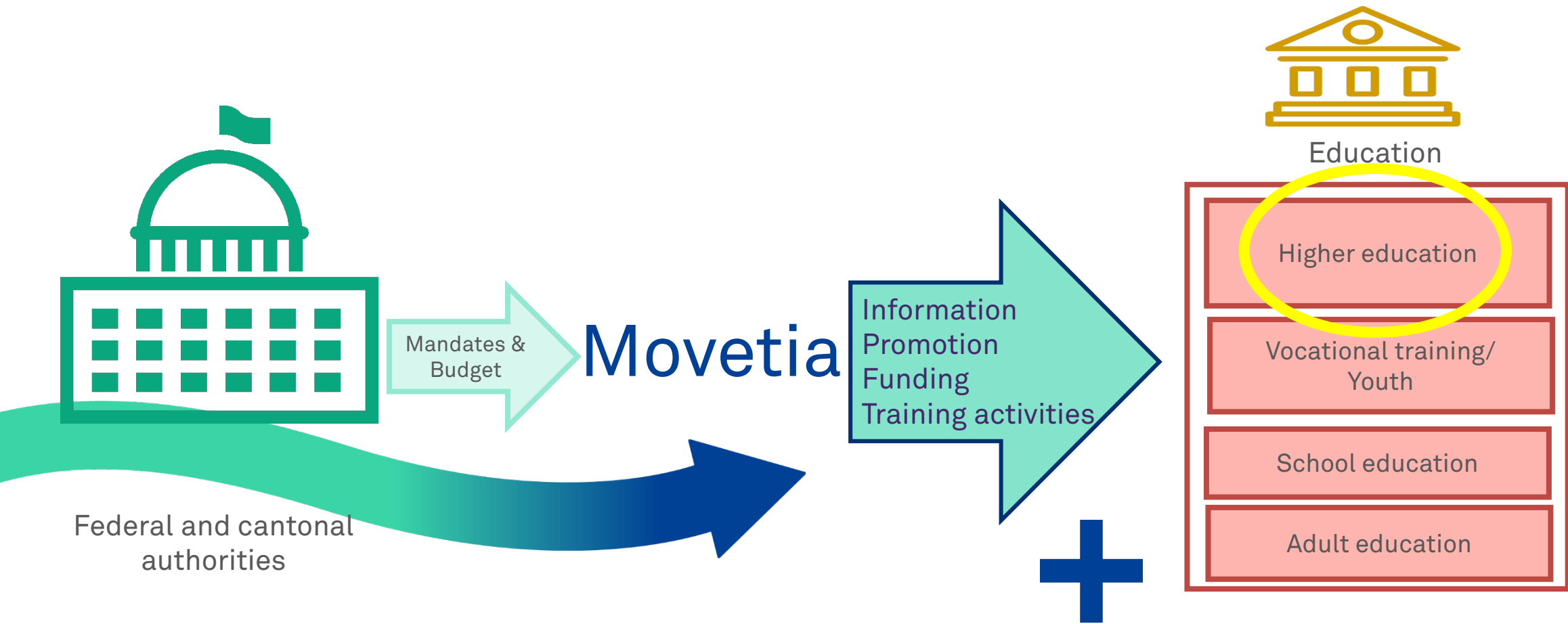
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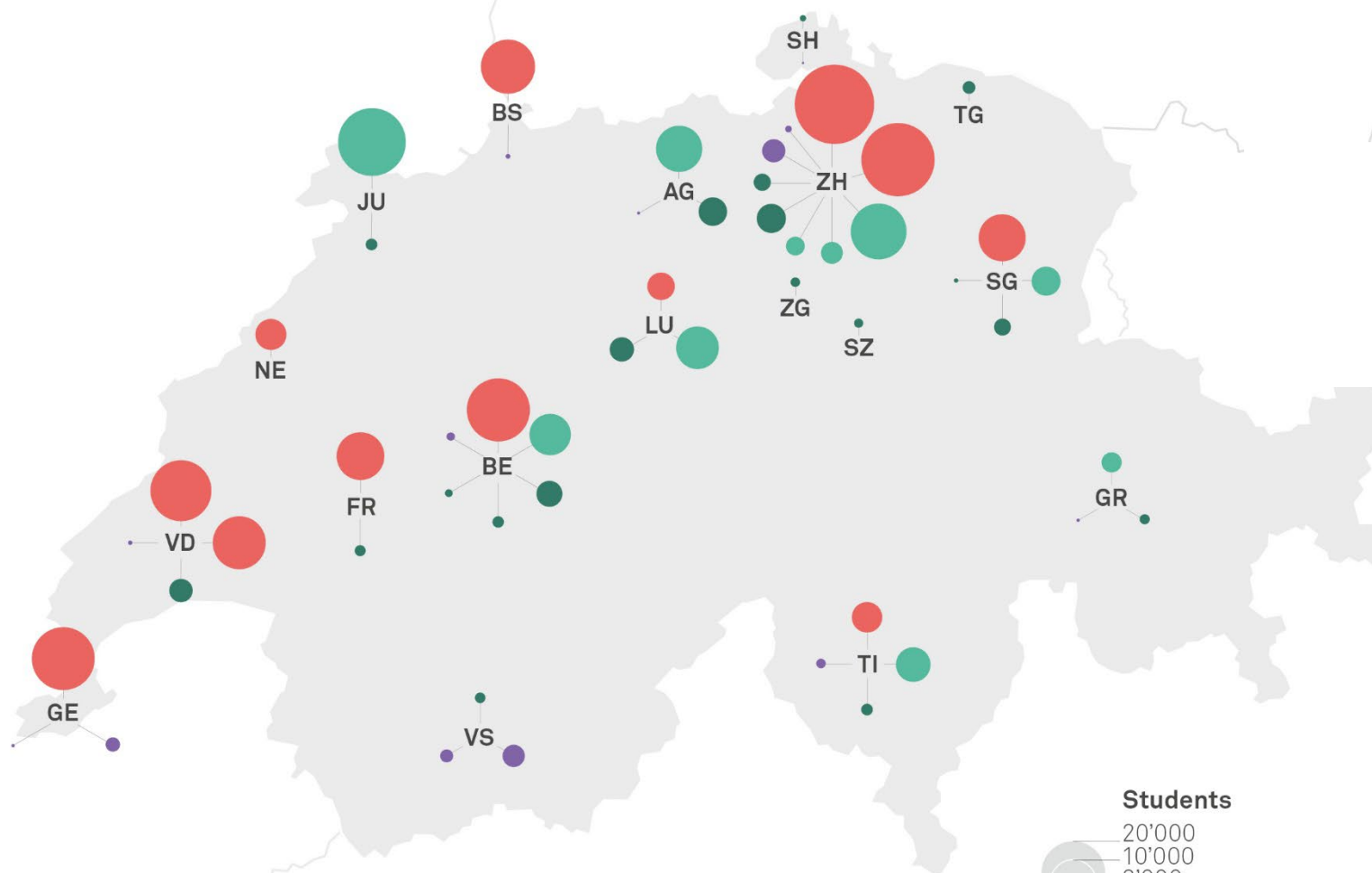
Funding



Dissemination



Higher Education Institutions in Switzerland



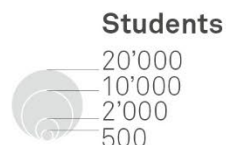
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Research Intensive
Universities with
167'700 students

10
Universities of
Applied Sciences
with 83'800 students

70+
Colleges of Higher
Education with
35'900 students

19
Universities of
Teacher Education
with 23'400

13
Additional
Institutions with
7'000 students

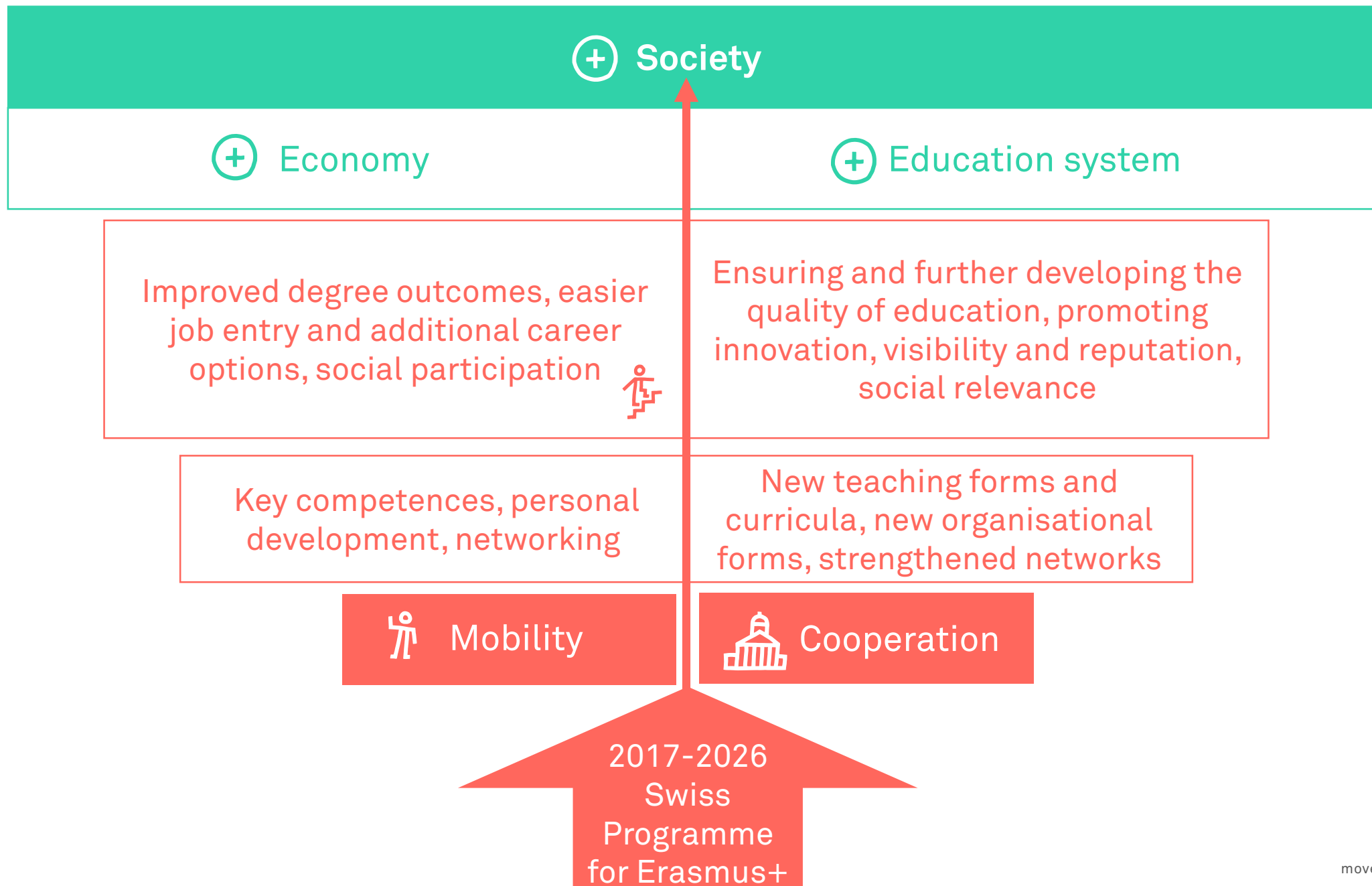


Source: FSO (number of students 2022/23); swu (accredited institutions); ODEC (number of colleges of higher education)

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Funding....



Two funding lines

Movetia in collaboration with
International Relations Offices

Funding of individual mobility

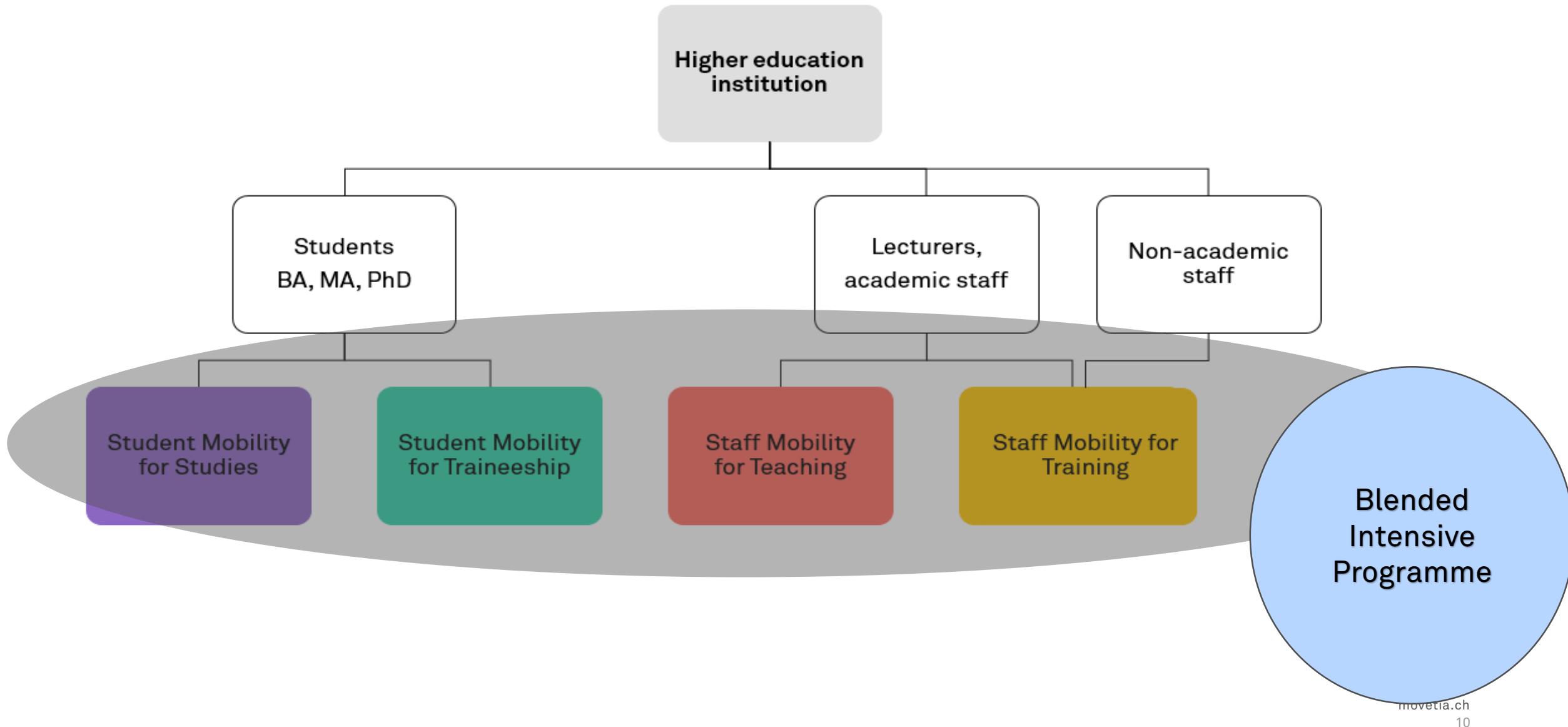
SEMP Swiss-European Mobility Programme

Movetia in collaboration
with study programme developers
etc.

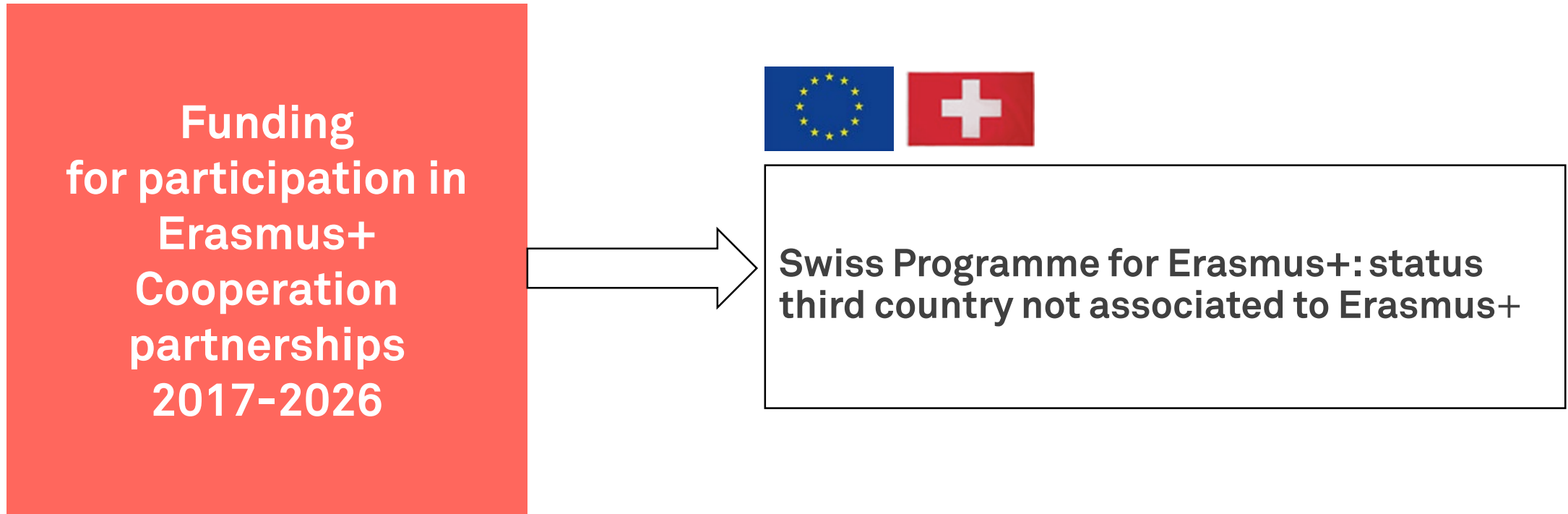
Funding of institutional cooperation

Swiss Programme for Erasmus+/ International
Programme (IP)

Funding Mobility 2017-2026 (Swiss European Mobility Programme SEMP)

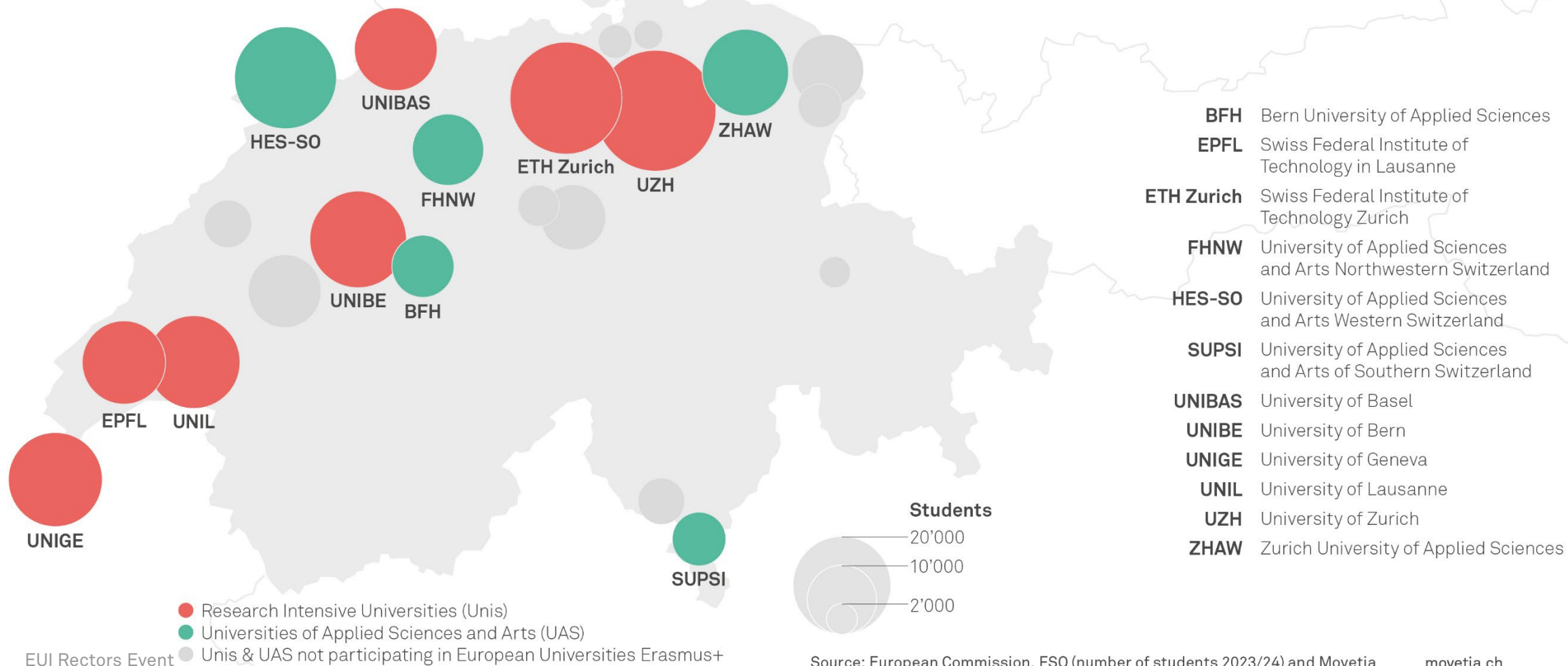


Funding cooperation

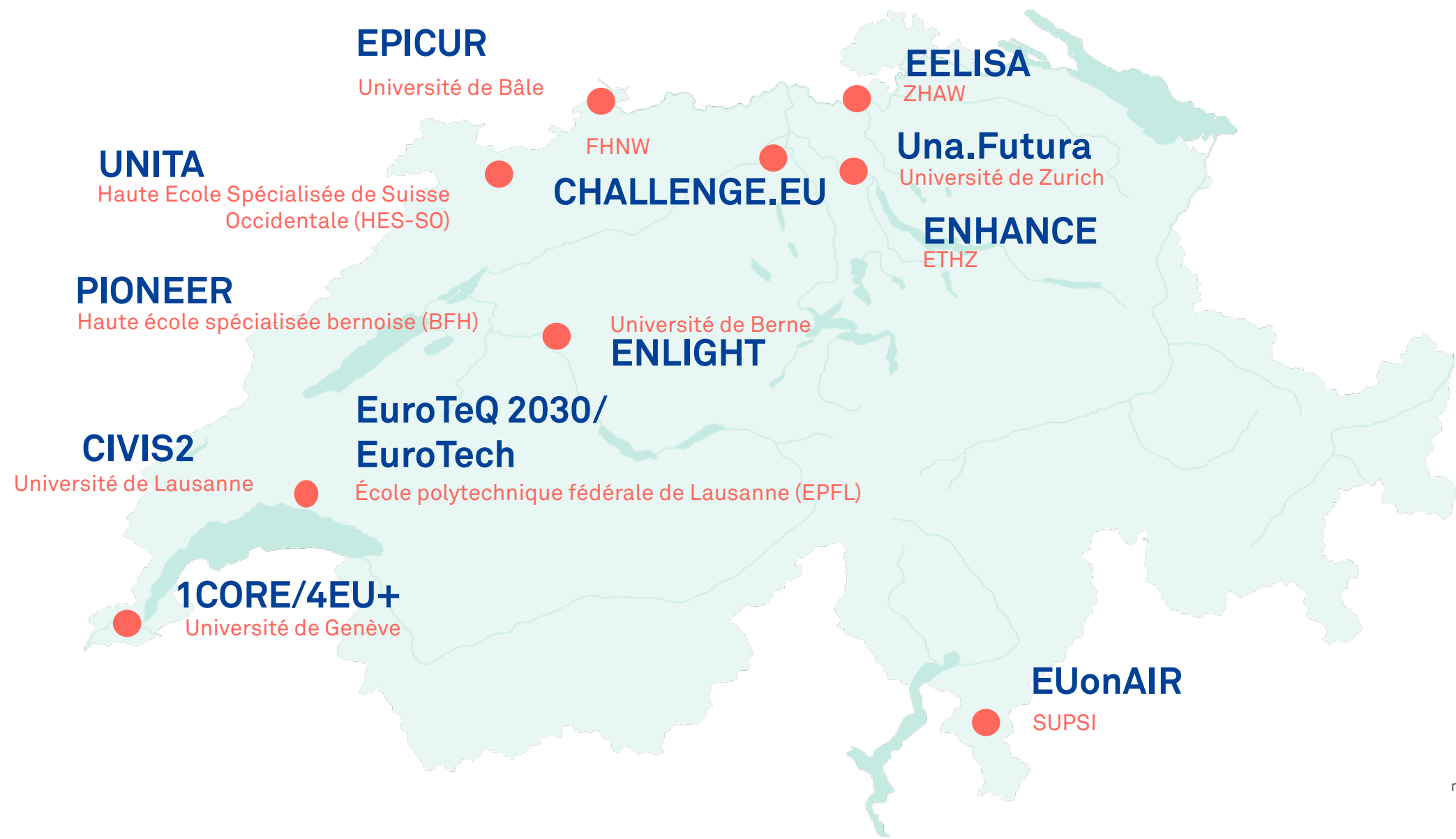


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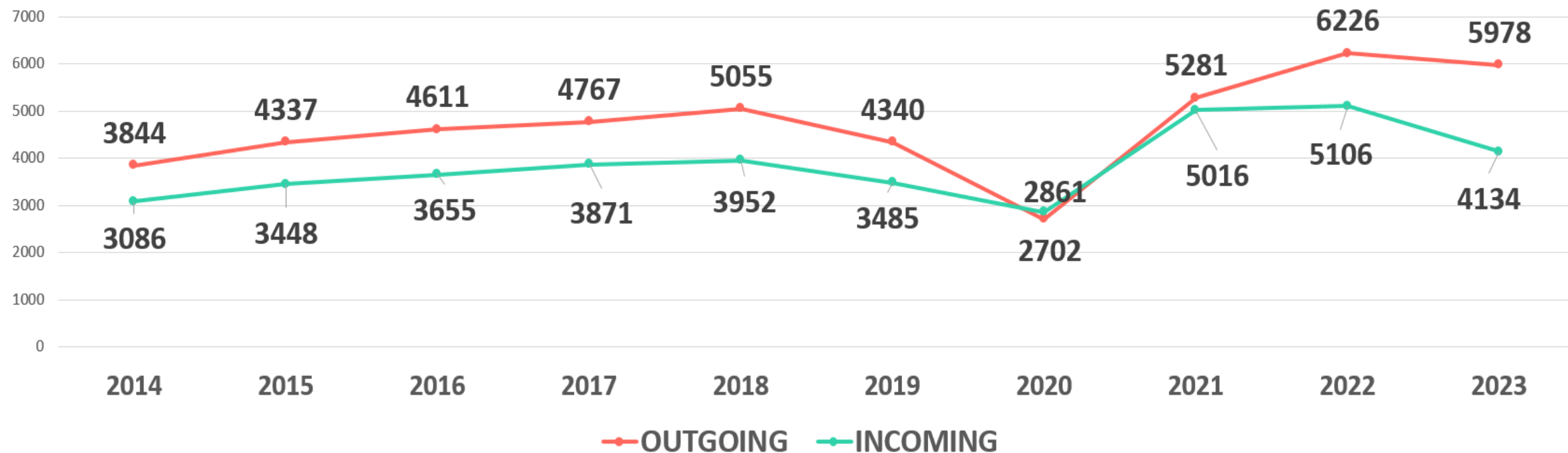
European Universities Erasmus+



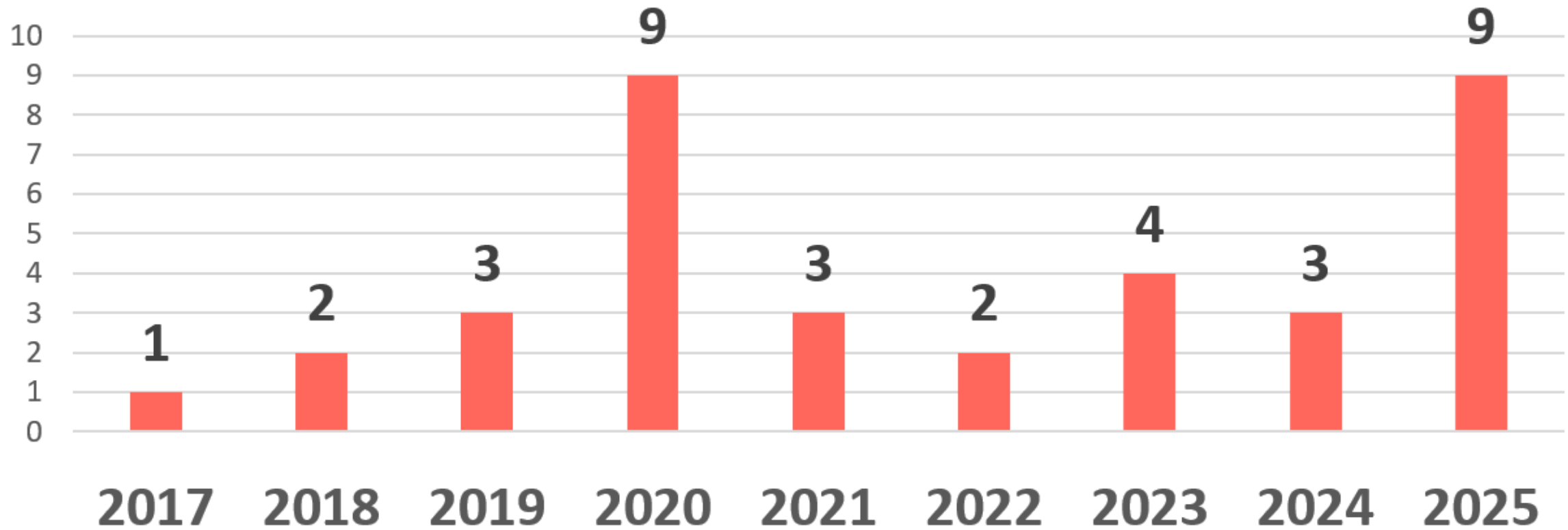
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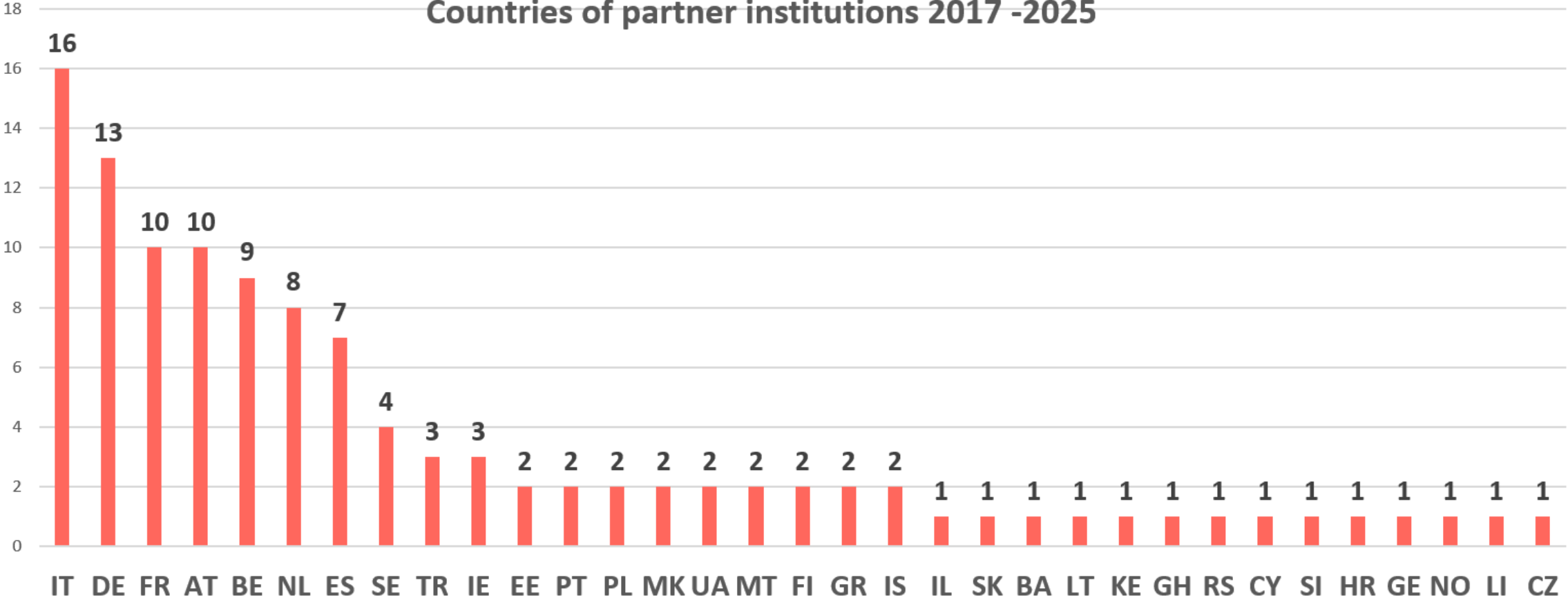
Total Movetia funded Mobilities SEMP 2014-2023



Movetia funded E+ Cooperation Partnerships with Swiss participation status "third country not associated to the programme"



Swiss participation in Erasmus+ Cooperation partnerships
Countries of partner institutions 2017 -2025





Mobility & Cooperation Poland Switzerland

Exchange with Poland

Mob Outgoing (to Poland)										
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Student Mob for Studies	28	23	21	30	32	32	20	24	19	10
Student Mob Traineeship		1	1	2	1		2	1	1	1
Staff Mob for Teaching	14	12	10	9	8	2		6	8	5
Staff Mob for Training	1	7	12	7	4			3	2	4
Total	43	43	44	48	45	34	22	34	30	20
Mob Incoming (from Poland)										
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Student Mobility for Studies	38	53	48	36	36	43	57	44	46	41
Student Mobility for Traineeship	5	3		3	2	3	6	6	8	3
Staff Mobility for Teaching	12	12	7	16	9	1	5	5	10	2
Staff Mobility for Training	4	4	6	6	5	4		7	5	1
Total	59	72	61	61	52	51	68	62	69	47

Erasmus+ Swiss Cooperation Partnerships with Poland 1/2

Call 2021

Project Applicant: Università degli Studi di Palermo, Italy

European partner institutions:

- Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris France
- Uniwersytet Jagiellonski Krakow Poland

Swiss partner institution:

- University of Geneva

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 **JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY IN KRAKÓW**

BLOG ABOUT RESOURCES FOR MEDIA

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Erasmus + Swiss Cooperation Partnerships with Poland 2/2

Call 2021

Project Coordinator/Applicant: Centre for European Union Education and Youth programmes, Turkey

European partner institutions:

- **FUNDACJA EDUVIBES Łódzkie SKIERNIEWICE, Poland**
- Marmara University Istanbul, Mugla Sitki Kocman University Mugla Turkey
- Universitet Po Bibliotekoznanie Informatcionni Tehnologii Sofia, Bulgaria

Swiss partner institution:

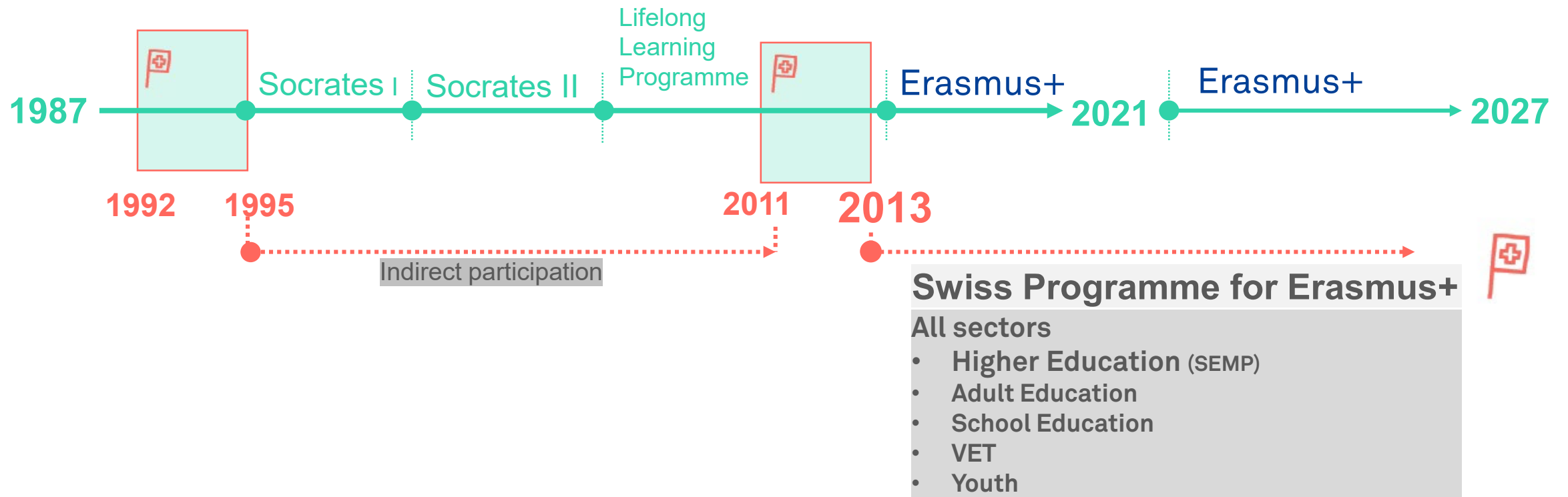
- Swiss University of Applied Sciences Southern Switzerland



Our road to Erasmus+



Erasmus(+) and Switzerland



EUPA programme agreement

2025: Retroactive association with Horizon Europe, the Euratom programme and Digital Europe

2026: Association with ITER

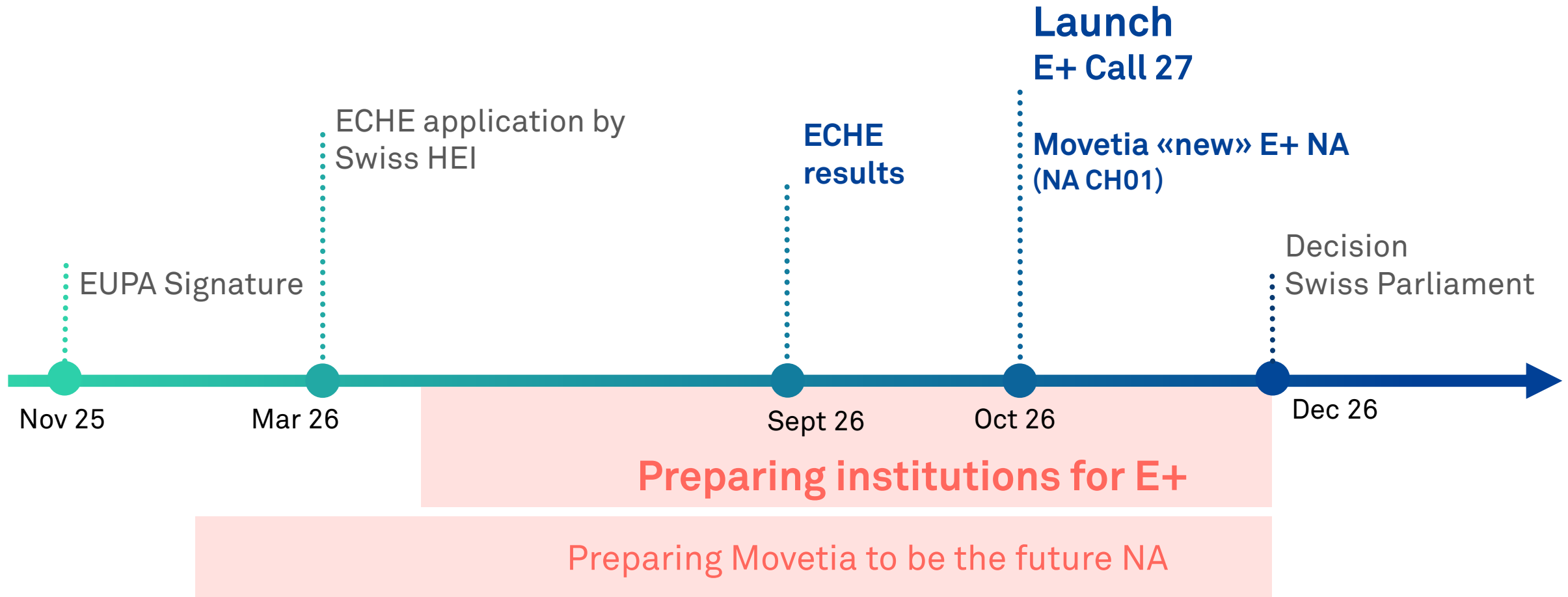
2027: Association with Erasmus+ & Framework for future programme generations



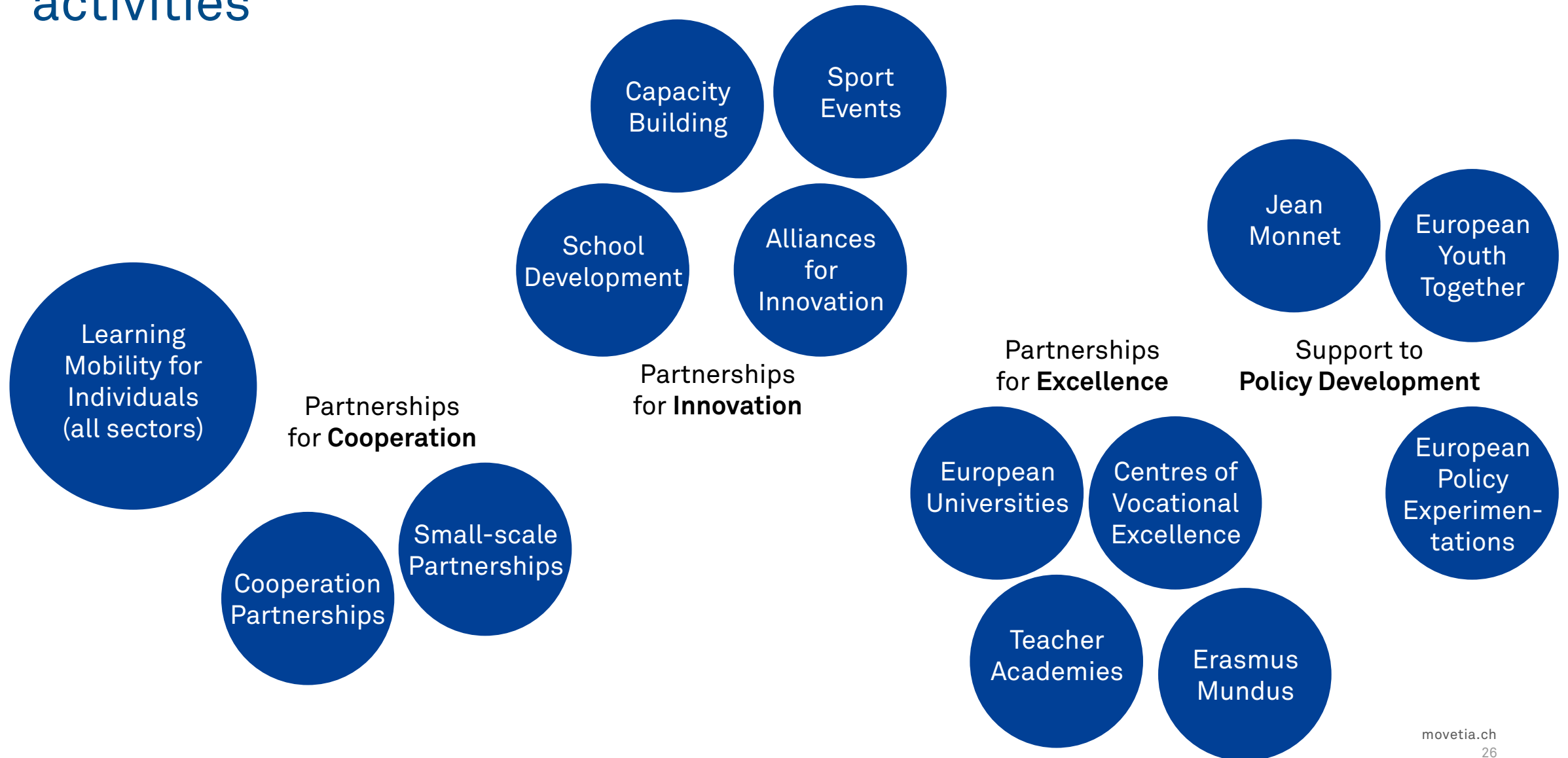
State of play

- ▶ Switzerland and the European Union signed the Agreement on Switzerland's participation in EU programmes (EUPA) on 10 November 2025, thereby agreeing upon Switzerland's association with Erasmus+ by 2027.
- ▶ The Swiss Government and the future National Agency, Movetia, are active in preparing the association.
- ▶ Swiss parliament in charge to grant the necessary budget, with a decision expected by December 2026 at the latest.

Timeline – CH preparations



Full access for the Swiss educational sector to Erasmus+ activities



Opportunities

- Training about E+ opportunities well under way
- Movetia ready to be the Swiss E+ National Agency
- E+ = new opportunities for HEI and students/staff (e.g. short term mobility; more funding for inclusion)
- Experienced and well-connected International Relations Offices
- Support & interest from our European Partners is high
- Transition to Erasmus+ feels familiar (SEMP)

Challenges

- Timeline is tight
- Plenty of operational preparations
- New platforms and tools
- Funding rules for worldwide mobility more restrictive under Erasmus+
- Work Programme in preparation – still some variables (e.g. grants, top-up categories)
- Timeline of the political process

We stay on track

- Training & preparing Swiss HEI as well as Swiss NA. One goal: be E+ ready for 2027
- Closely monitoring parliamentary debates/signals in Switzerland
- Exchanging with other NAs as well as the European Commission

Collaboration as the key

- We need your support to make our association a success
- We are getting there – learning as we go
- We can't wait to be back to Erasmus+!

Thank you!

