

MOSAiCH 2.0 Scientific Commission

The MOSAiCH scientific commission guarantees the strong interconnection of MOSAiCH with the Swiss research community and other authorities related to research in social sciences. The commission is mandated by the Foundation Board of FORS. According to its mandate, the duty of the commission is to guarantee the quality of the Swiss part of this research project and to strengthen the network of research in social sciences in Swiss universities and other concerned authorities.

Mandate of the Scientific Commission

MOSAiCH (Measurement and Observation of Social Attitudes in Switzerland)

Aims

- Foster the network of researchers in social sciences in Switzerland
- Promote the use of secondary data and of exogenous survey tools to collect data
- Guarantee a balanced use of the survey tool MOSAiCH 2.0 offered to the community
- Assure a high quality of the content of the yearly surveys
- Secure MOSAiCH in the long term as high quality survey tool for the Swiss academic community and vehicle for the ISSP
- Embed international research on attitudes (and more specifically the ISSP) in the Swiss research landscape

Structure

1. The members of the commission are elected by the FORS Foundation Board for a duration of 3 years. Members can be reelected. The membership period covers calendar years.
2. The members represent the diversity of Swiss research in social sciences: Universities and other research institutions in Switzerland, disciplines, research topics and theoretical orientations. Members can also be nominated from non-Swiss academic institutions. FORS is represented by at least one member with survey expertise.
3. The presidency of the commission is determined by the FORS Foundation Board.
4. The commission has at least one meeting per year.
5. The MOSAiCH operational team contributes to the meeting with an advisory function and keeps the minutes.

Responsibilities and tasks

1. The commission advises FORS for the strategic orientations of MOSAiCH 2.0.
2. The commission evaluates the proposals of the open call for question contributions defining the content of the MOSAiCH follow-up surveys and accounting for the following interests:
 - a. Scientific quality following the state of the art
 - b. Scientific and public relevance
 - c. Synergies with questions asked in the ISSP basis survey
 - d. Coherence of the questionnaire for the respondents
 - e. Feasibility

Members directly or indirectly involved in a proposal are excluded of its evaluation.

3. In collaboration with the proposing scholars, FORS assures the methodological elaboration of the questions and the appropriate implementation in the three linguistic regions.
4. Proposals that are submitted as part of a SNSF funding application get privileged access under the condition that MOSAiCH has agreed prior to the submission of the funding application that the required questions can potentially be included in MOSAiCH in terms of length and content and the general design of MOSAiCH.
5. The commission promotes research networks in social sciences in Switzerland and the ties with the international community.
6. FORS is the responsible body for the financial and operational sustainability of MOSAiCH.
7. The commission commits to collaborate with FORS to ensure the promotion and the funding of MOSAiCH, in order to offer the Swiss academic community free access to the tool and the collected data.
8. The commission delivers an annual activity report to the FORS Scientific Board and to the Foundation Board.

The present mandate has been accepted and put into force by the FORS Foundation Board on November 14th 2017.

The president

A member of the Foundation Board

The director

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