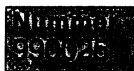


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Your Project Sketch for Swiss Virtual Campus

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A few weeks ago you submitted a project sketch for Swiss Virtual Campus. According to its mandate, the Steering Committee of Swiss Virtual Campus – which consists of a team of experts from Switzerland and abroad - rated each project sketch by the criteria and conditions of the Call for Proposals (released in October 1999). After having examined the 137 project sketches received, the Steering Committee of Swiss Virtual Campus has decided to initially assign each of them to one of two different categories.

The first category contains the 55 project sketches that the experts decided satisfied the selection criteria. The second category contains the remaining 88 project sketches. Many of the latter were interesting and of high quality, but did not satisfy all of the selection criteria.

Given the limited funds, and both the quantity and overall high quality of the submitted proposals, we have decided that those projects assigned to the second category will not be asked to submit a full proposal, since the probability that they will be accepted in the final selection process is very small. We estimate that only about 20 projects in the first category will be funded by the Swiss Virtual Campus.

Your project sketch passed successfully this first evaluation procedure and has been assigned to category 1. We invite you to submit a detailed proposal by 29th February 2000 at the latest. The possible review of the proposals by experts from a variety of different countries makes it necessary for us to require that the full proposals be written in English. You will receive further documents next week containing more information and detailed instructions.

Yours sincerely

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