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Basel
www.inet-basel.ch (cleantech)

Zug
www.cleantech-zug.ch
www.technologieforumzuz.ch (cleantech, logistics)

Zurich area
www.newtechclub.ch (energy and building technology)

Western Switzerland
www.cleantech-alps.com

→ Bio- and Medtech/Nutrition/Life Sciences
National
www.medical-cluster.ch
www.medtech-switzerland.com
www.swissbiotech.org
Switzerland – Germany – France
www.biovalley.com
Basel
www.inet-basel.ch (life sciences)
Hombrechtikon Zurich
www.toolpoint.ch (life-science-tool sector)
Küssnacht am Rigi (SZ)
www.medtechcluster.ch
Schlieren-Zurich
www.bio-technopark.ch
Thurgau
www.ernaehrungswirtschaft.ch (food sector)
Zug
www.technologieforumzug.ch (life sciences/medtech)
Zurich
www.lifescience-zurich.ch
Western Switzerland
www.bioalps.org (bio- and nutraceuticals)

→ Financial sector/Consulting
National
www.vqf.ch (financial services)
Berne
www.consultingcluster.ch
Pfäffikon (SZ)
www.financevalley.ch
Zug
www.ifz.ch (financial services institute)
Zurich
www.finanZplatz-zuerich.ch

→ Information & Communications Technology
National
www.ict-agenda.ch
www.swissict.ch (industry association)
Zurich/Lake Constance region
www.winlink.ch (Association for ICT)
Basel
www.inet-basel.ch (ICT network)
Luzern
www.gridluerne.ch (ICT platform)

→ Creative/Cultural industries
National
www.designnet.ch
www.kreativwirtschaft.ch
www.kulturwirtschaft.ch
Zurich
www.creativezurich.ch
Basel
www.ikbasel.ch (creative industries initiative)

→ Microtech and Nanotech/Precision/Packaging
National & International
www.cssem.ch (Centre Suisse d'ElectroNique et Microtechnique)
www.ipeu (International Packaging Institute, Schaffhausen)
www.netzwerk-kunststofftechnologie.ch (plastics technology network)
www.nanoscience.ch (nano sciences)
Cantons BE, JU, NE and SO
www.praezi onscl uster.ch
Lake Constance region
www.ncb.ch (nano cluster)

→ Sports
National
www.sportcl uster.ch

→ Industrial sectors and organizations
National
www.verbaende.ch (associations)

→ International cluster platforms
EU area
http://cluster-excellence.eu
Worldwide
www.tci-network.org/cluster/initiatives

Export
Osec Business Network Switzerland
www.osec.ch
Pool of Experts
www.poolofexperts.ch
Swiss Export
www.swissexport.ch
swissnex
Connecting the world and Switzerland in science, education, art and innovation
www.swissnex.ch
Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Switzerland
www.cci.ch

Financing
CTI Invest
Financing platform for high-tech enterprises
www.cti-invest.ch
Valais Club of Business Angels
www.bizangels.ch
BioValley Business Angels Club
www.biobac.ch
Brains to Ventures
International network of private investors
www.b-to-v.com
BAS – Business Angels Switzerland
www.businessangels.ch
ETH Pioneer Fellowship
Supporting ETH Zurich graduates to develop marketable ideas
www.eth-foundation.ch
Financial Services Provider of
the Canton of Valais
www.ccf-valais.ch
FITEC
Fondation d'impulsion technologique et économique de Canton du Jura
www.fitec.ch
FONGiT Seed Invest
Seed money fund of the high-tech business incubator FONGiT
www.fongit.ch/project.html
Forschungsfond Aargau
Promotion of innovation in the Aargau economy
www.forschungsfonds-aargau.ch
Go Beyond
International network for Business Angels
www.go-beyond.biz
Go! Ziel selbständig
Consulting and micro-credits for young entrepreneurs
www.mikrokredite.ch
Hasler Stiftung
Promotion of innovative ICT start-ups
with large market potential
www.haslerstiftung.ch
Innovationsfonds der Alternativen Bank Schweiz ABS
www.abs.ch

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Innovation Fund of the Canton of Fribourg
Financing of research projects in science and technology that have substantial impact in the Canton
www.promfr.ch

Innovationstiftung der Schweizer Kantonalbank (innovation fund of the Cantonal Bank Switzerland)
Growing financing and succession planning
www.szk.ch/innovationstiftung

KTI Förderagentur Innovation
Financing of longer-term «Discovery Projects» with high market potential
www.kti.admin.ch

Cantonal Banks
Start-up financing
www.cantonalbank.ch

Mikrokredit Solidarität Schweiz MSS
Start-up financing of SMEs
www.mikrokredit-solidaritaet.ch

MSM Investorenvereinigung
(Business Angels Club)
www.msmgroup.ch/iv.html

V Venture Capital Fribourg Ltd.
For companies in the start-up or expansion phase with a (planned) location in the Canton of Fribourg
www.promfr.ch

SECA Swiss Private Equity & Corporate Finance Association
Members: venture capital investors, investment companies, business angels
www.seca.ch

Seed Capital Fribourg
Seed capital funding of science or technology projects with high value-added
www.promfr.ch

STARTFELD
Early funding of innovative start-ups in the cantons AI, AR, SG through interest-free loans
www.startfeld.ch

StartFinance
Financing platform for growth-oriented young companies
www.startfinance.ch

StartAngels Network
Platform for business angel investors
www.startangels.ch

SVC Ltd. for Risk Capital for SMEs of the Swiss Venture Club (SVC)
Promotion of innovative projects of SMEs, start-ups and existing companies
www.svc-risikokapital.ch

Venture Kick
2 million CHF start-up capital per year for innovative start-up projects at Swiss universities
www.venturekick.ch

Volkswirtschaftsstiftung
Starting aid for innovative young entrepreneurs
www.volkswirtschaft-stiftung.ch

Venture Valuation
Consulting and free information on the subject of valuation
www.venturevaluation.com

→ see also Internet platforms

Guarantee cooperatives

Bürgschaftsfonds des Kantons Schwyz
www.szk.ch/buergschaftsfonds

Bürgschaftsgenossenschaft beider Basel
www.bg-bt.ch

Bürgschaftsgenossenschaft Mitte
for SMEs in the cantons AG (only Fricktal), BL, BS, BE, JU, SO, LU, OW, NW
www.bg-mm-c.bzh

Bürgschaftsgenossenschaft Westschweiz
for the cantons FR, GE, NE, VS, VD
www.ccrpm.ch

Bürgschaft Westschweiz
of the cantons FR, GE, NE, VS, VD
www.cautionnementromand.ch

Fondetc
Financing of companies in the City of Geneva
www.fondetc.ch

Ostschweizer Bürgschaftsgenossenschaft
for the cantons AG, AI, AR, GL, GR, LU, NW, OW, SG, SH, SZ, TG, TI, UR, ZG, ZH
www.obtg.ch

OVAC – Office valaisan de cautionnement
www.ovac.ch

SAFFA – Guarantee Cooperative for Women Entrepreneurs
www.saffa.ch

Women’s networks

Alliance F – Bund Schweizerischer Frauenorganisationen
(Union of Swiss women’s organizations)
www.alliancef.ch

arena femina – connections for women’s business
www.arenafemina.ch

Business and Professional Women Switzerland
www.bpw.ch

CFE – Club de Femmes Entrepreneurs
www.femmes-entrepreneurs.ch

donna informatica – network for women in IT
www.donnainformatica.s-i.ch

European Women’s Management Development International Network
www.eewd.org

femdat – Swiss database of women scientists and experts from various professions
www.femdat.ch

FFU – FachFrauenUmwelt
(Professional women in the environmental sector)
www.ffu-pee.ch

f-i-t – network for and by women in tourism
www.f-i-t.ch

FOKA – Swiss forum of women in commercial professions
www.foka.ch

FrauenVernetzungsWerkstatt
(Workshop for potential investors)
www.filmarbeit.ch

Infostelle Frau + Arbeit
(Information point women and work)
www.frauundarbeit.ch

KMU Frauen Schweiz – Women’s Network of the Swiss Industry and Trade Association
www.kmufrauen.ch

Mentoringpool für Frauen
(Mentoring pool for women)
www.mentoringpool.ch

NEFU – network of one-woman entrepreneurs
www.nefu.ch

Online magazine for professional women
www.serven.ch

Soroptimist – part of the global organization for business and professional women
www.soroptimist.ch

SVA – Swiss Association of Women University Graduates
www.unifemmes.ch

SVIN – Swiss Association of Women Engineers
www.svin.ch

Swonet – Swiss Women Network
www.swonet.ch

VCHU
(Association of swiss women entrepreneurs)
www.vchu.ch

Verband Frauenunternehmen
(Association for women’s enterprises)
www.frauenunternehmen.ch

Verband Wirtschaftsfrauen Schweiz
(Swiss Business Women Association)
www.wirtschaftsfrauen.ch

wif – economic forum for women
www.wif-wirtschaftsforum.ch

WIN – Women Innovation Network
www.win-web.ch

Women’s Forum – network for the dedicated businesswoman
www.womensforum.ch

Zonta Switzerland and Liechtenstein – part of the global network of business and professional women
www.zonta.ch

Internet platforms

www.100-days.net
www.c-crowd.com
www.wemadeit.ch
Crowdfunding platforms
www.capitalproximite.ch
Platform for connecting capital-seeking companies in Western Switzerland with potential investors
www.ch.ch/unternehmen
Portal to online information of the federal government, cantons, local authorities
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www.StartBiz.ch
Seco online counter for setting up a company
www.if.ch
www.netnotar.ch
www.startups.ch
Setting up a company online
www.kti-cti.ch
Innovation promotion agency CTI
www.gruenden.ch
Platform for setting up a company, Canton of Zurich
www.genilem.ch
Platform for start-up coaching
www.start-net.ch
Platform for setting up a company, Canton of Aargau
www.gruendermesse.ch
Platform of Eastern Switzerland’s fair for company founders
www.inno-swiss.com
Social media platform of the Swiss start-up scene
www.startup.ch
Directory of innovative Swiss young entrepreneurs, incl. TOP100 start-ups
www.estarter.ch
Portal for Swiss SMEs and company founders
www.startupticker.ch
The Swiss news portal with daily information about the start-up scene (in English, German, French, Italian)
www.startupmonitor.ch
Portal for Swiss SMEs and company founders
www.gruenden.ch
Setting up a company online
www.netnotar.ch
www.ifj.ch

Organizations / Networks

→ Efficiency clubs
Basel: www.efficiency-club.ch
Biel: www.efficiency-biel.ch
Berne: www.efficiency-bern.ch
Lucerne: www.efficiency-luzern.ch
Zug: www.efficiency-club-zug.ch
Zurich: www.efficiency.ch
Family Business Network FBN
www.fbn.ch

→ F & E networks
www.sustainableengineering.ch
www.kmuzentrumholz.ch
www.biotechnet.ch
www.academy.ch
National F & E consortium of Swiss university institutions, companies and public institutions
www.brenet.ch
Building and Renewable Energies Network of Technology
www.foodresearch.ch
Network of publicly funded Swiss academic institutions to enhance the competitiveness of the Swiss food industry and its suppliers
www.swisslaser.net
www.manufuture.ch
Swiss Institute of Service Sciences SISS
http://crag.hesge.ch/service-science
IDEE-SUISSE
Swiss association for ideas and innovation management
www.idee-suisse.ch
Ingenieure für die Schweiz von morgen (Engineers shaping Switzerland’s future)
www.ingch.ch
IFJ Startimpuls
Monthly networking events across Switzerland
www.ifj.ch
Junior Chamber Switzerland
www.juniorchamber.ch
Manufuture-CH
Swiss subsidiary of the European network and platform for production-related topics (MEM industry)
www.manufuture.ch
Pioneers’ Club PCU – bringing emerging entrepreneurs together
www.pcunetwork.ch
Swiss Foundations
Network of Swiss grant-making foundations
www.swissfoundations.ch
Swiss Technology Network
www.swissst.net
Schweizerischer Gewerbeverband (Swiss Industry and Trade Association)
www.sgv-usam.ch
Swiss Biotech Association
www.swissbiotechassociation.ch
Venture Networking
www.venturelab.ch
Wincul
Club for young entrepreneurs from the Winterthur region
www.wincul.ch

Science and technology transfer centers

→ National organizations
CSEM
Neuenburg, Alpnach, Basel, Landquart, Zurich
www.csem.ch
Energy Cluster
www.energie-cluster.ch
Swiss Technology Transfer Association swiTT
www.switt.ch
Swiss Design Transfer
www.swissdesigntransfer.ch
TECHNOPARK® Allianz
www.technopark-allianz.ch
Environment and Energy
www.eco-net.ch
Swiss Association of Incubators and Technology Parks
www.swissparks.ch

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Thomas Ruppli
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www.wknw.ch
Innovation Transfer Central Switzerland (ITZ)
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Willy Küchler
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www.itz.ch
CHost
Knowledge and technology transfer Eastern Switzerland
Thomas Friedli
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www.wtt-chost.ch
Alliance (Western Switzerland)
GE, VS, NE, FR, JU, Bernese Jura
Gabriel Clerc
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www.alliance-tt.ch
Network Wood
F & E consortium as a network for Swiss universities in the field of forestry-wood-construction
www.netzwerkholz.ch
University transfer centers
ETH transfer Zurich
www.ethz.ch
Universities of applied sciences
www.fachhochschulen.net
Ticinotransfer
www.agire.ch
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Unitec
Technology transfer office of the University of Geneva
www.unige.ch/unitec

unitectra
Technology transfer office of the universities of Basel, Berne and Zurich
www.unitectra.ch

Knowledge transfer office of the University of Applied Sciences St. Gallen
www.fhs.g.ch

Regional organizations
Empa Technologietransfer
grow – organization for company founders Wädenswil
www.grow-waedenswil.ch
ITS Industry and Technology Center Schaffhausen
www.its.sh.ch
SME Center, Vaduz
www.kmu-zentrum.li
Micro Center Central Switzerland AG
www.mccs.ch
Paul Scherrer Institute, Villigen
www.psi.ch/industry
Innovations platform for SMEs in Western Switzerland
www.platin.ch
RFIDnet Bern GmbH
www.rfidnet.ch
The Ark Foundation, Sion
www.theark.ch
FIT Technology transfer, Windisch
www.fhnw.ch
TEK – knowledge gives you a head start, Zurich
www.tek-kmu.ch

Promotion of economic development

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Appenzell Innerrhoden
Promotion of economic development
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www.ai.ch/standort

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www.berneinvest.com

Fribourg
Promotion of economic development (WIF)
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www.whyfribourg.ch

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www.whygeneva.ch

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www.glarusnet.ch

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www.luzern-business.ch

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www.luzern-business.ch

Lucerne
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www.zurich.ch/eco

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www.neuchateleconomie.ch

Nidwalden
Promotion of economic development
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www.wirtschaftsfoerderung.nw.ch

Obwalden
Promotion of economic development
Tel +41 (0)41 660 90 66
www.ow.ch

St. Gallen
Promotion of economic development
Tel +41 (0)71 229 35 60
www.standort.sg.ch

Schaffhausen
Promotion of economic development
Tel +41 (0)52 674 03 03
www.economy.sh

Schwyz
Promotion of economic development
Tel +41 (0)41 819 16 34
www.schwyz-wirtschaft.ch

Höfe – Promotion of economic development
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www.standort-hoefe.ch

Solothurn
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Tel +41 (0)32 627 95 23
www.standortsolothurn.ch

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www.wifo.eg.ch

Ticino
Promotion of economic development
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www.ti.ch/copernico

Uri
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www.ur.ch/wfu

Vaud
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www.vd.ch/seil

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www.business-valais.ch

Zug
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Network of business and economic development offices, Canton of Zurich
www.standort.zh.ch/nwsf

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