

Programme 2026 Annual Meeting

14 September 2026 | 09:00-17:00 with Apéro riche | Switzerland Innovation Park Biel/Bienne

1 Aims

- The Community of Practice (CoP) working groups have the opportunity to work on their issues: the CoP is further strengthened.
- Researchers are sensitized to the political system in Switzerland and recognize potential entry points.
- Researchers have the opportunity to share their initial findings and to discuss the challenges and issues encountered.
- Further opportunities for collaboration are identified.

2 Agenda

Time	Item
8h30-9h00	Arrival and Welcome coffee
	2nd Peer-to-peer exchange
9h00	Welcome
9h10	Keynote: Laurence Fehlmann Rielle, Member of the National Council and author of the federal report «Women's Health» (2024).
10h05	Working session for CoP-groups (parallel sessions with individual breaks)
12h20	Closing words
12h30	Lunch break & networking
	Annual meeting (for NRP 83-grantees only)
14h00	Welcome
	Launch Pairing Scheme
14h05	Introduction: The Swiss political system and why research does (not) find its way into policy
14h25	Group work: What can politicians do — and what do they need to do it?
15h40	Poster walk & Coffee break
16h25	Input: Where and how do I get in touch with politicians?
16h40	Conclusion
16h55	Wrap-up and closing words
17h00	Networking & Apéro riche
18h00	End of the meeting

3 Preparatory work for Poster walk

For the Poster walk, we ask each team to bring a **poster** (preferably in A0 or A1, portrait style format) that summarizes your project including its current status, preliminary results, and challenges. If already available, you are welcome to bring an existing poster with you.

The posters will be displayed from the morning so that they are readily viewable throughout the event. The Poster walk session will be in free floating style, i.e. there will be 4 rounds of 5 minutes presentation with little breaks between the rounds to grab a coffee and time for short informal chats.

Please upload a PDF of your poster to the [Channel Research > 3. Annual meeting 2026 \(Biel-Bienne\)](#) in MS Teams NRP 83 until 14 September 2026 such that all participants can access it, also after the meeting. If you do not wish to share your poster with other project teams, please let us know.

4 Peer-to-peer exchange working groups

During the peer-to-peer exchange we will work in different groups. In addition to the [existing working groups](#) on Intersectionality, Education, Language, and Inclusion, we are proposing three new working groups.

In principle, we encourage participants to remain in the working groups they have already been involved in, as this helps ensure continuity and builds on the progress made so far. However, it is also possible to switch to another group if you feel that a different topic is a better fit for your interests or expertise. If you have not yet joined a working group, then this would be an ideal opportunity for you to do so.

For organizational reasons, we kindly ask you to indicate your working group preference(s) in the registration form. Following the registration deadline on 31 July 2026, we will assess the level of interest for the various groups and decide which of the new groups will be launched and assign the participants to the groups. All existing working groups will continue regardless. Detailed information for the preparation of the working groups work will follow.

A short description of the existing working groups is available on the NRP 83 website [here](#).

The following questions are proposed for the new working groups:

How can quantitative methods best be leveraged in intersectional studies?

In the first peer-to-peer exchange in May 2026 a discussion about *quantitative research* emerged in the Intersectionality (qualitative) Working group. The aim of this new Working Group is to document

the underlying rationales for the use of suitable methods for quantitative intersectional studies and to explore the creation of a respective national database.

Be aware, the Intersectionality Working Group focusing on qualitative research will continue its discussion in parallel.

How can data access to relevant, existing data be ensured (for research purpose)?

The aim is to highlight the value of relevant existing data, for example from Swissmedic or ethics committees or insurances, and to develop a coherent case for making such data accessible to researchers. This case should strengthen calls for appropriate data regulations that enable critical research and help realise the full potential of these data.

How can inter- and transdisciplinary projects integrate their research activities to find a common language and approach?

The aim here is to have an in-depth exchange on how researchers with different disciplinary backgrounds (and potentially practice partners/ co-researchers) can find ways of working together productively. Many inter- and transdisciplinary projects find themselves challenged by the need to develop a common language and methods that transcend disciplinary and academic boundaries. This working group aims to dedicate time and space to this crucial process.