



GAW/GCOS Switzerland

Record of Decisions – 4th SSC meeting

Date, Time:	8 October 2024, 13:15-14:30
Location:	Impact Hub, Bern
Participants:	
<i>Steering Committee</i>	T. Stocker (University of Bern, Chair), B. Buchmann (Empa), J. Klausen (MeteoSwiss), C. Schär (ETH Zurich), J. Schmale (EPFL, <i>virtual attendance</i>), J. Seibert (University of Zurich)
<i>MeteoSwiss Management Board</i>	T. Konzelmann
<i>Swiss GAW/GCOS Office</i>	I. Werner, L. Pfister (minutes)
<i>Excused</i>	M. Stalder (MeteoSwiss)

1 Welcome and opening remarks: SSC Chair

The Chair welcomes the Swiss GAW/GCOS Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) to its 4th meeting.

2 Adoption of documents

The agenda is adopted. The minutes and record of decisions of the 3rd SSC meeting are adopted.

3 GAW-CH/GCOS-CH agreements

a) Overview of ongoing agreements including status reports

The SSC takes note of the status reports. Especially, the SSC notes the successful start of the new projects from the GCOS-CH Call for Proposals 10/23 and the ongoing activities that are on track for already existing and new planned agreements, such as the planned no-cost extension for the life-cycle of the FTIR spectrometer by the University of Liège.

b) GCOS-CH Monitoring: SWE Proposals of WSL SLF and Meteodat GmbH

The SSC members declare the absence of a conflict of interest regarding the proposals submitted by WSL SLF and Meteodat GmbH, respectively.

The SSC approves the WSL SLF proposal for the period 2025-2028 of CHF 282'240 (CHF 70'560 per year).

The SSC approves the Meteodat GmbH proposal for the period 2025-2028 of CHF 58'500 (CHF 14'700 per year) subject to minor revisions. In addition, the SSC approves the special request by Meteodat GmbH for a one-off support for the pilot phase automatization of the totalizer network, as described in the proposal 2025-2028, with a total amount of CHF 23'000 in 2025.

The SSC asks MeteoSwiss to inform the WSL SLF and Meteodat GmbH accordingly and to finalise the agreements for the next contractual periods 2025-2028.

4 Updates by the Swiss GAW/GCOS Office (national and international activities)

The SSC especially takes note of the following information:



Swiss Confederation

- this is C. Schär's last SSC meeting. The MeteoSwiss management board will select and appoint a new candidate based on a list of potential candidates compiled by the Swiss GAW/GCOS Office;
- the Swiss GAW/GCOS Office has started the preparation for the second joint GAW-CH/GCOS-CH Symposium, scheduled for autumn 2025;
- the Swiss GAW/GCOS Office resumed the activities to update the report 'National Climate Observing System (GCOS Switzerland)', with the publication by MeteoSwiss planned for summer 2025.

5 Dates of next meetings

The next SSC meetings will take place on the following dates:

- Spring meeting 2025: Wed, 2 April 2025, 13:15-18.00, Bern, Impact Hub;
- Autumn meeting 2025: Wed, 24 September 2025, 13:15-18:00, tbd;
- Spring meeting 2026: Wed, 8 April 2026, 13:15-18:00, tbd.

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The Swiss GAW/GCOS Office notes the feedback from an applicant of the GAW-CH/GCOS-CH Call for Proposals regarding the timeframe between its opening and closing.

7 Acknowledgements and closing of the meeting

MeteoSwiss, the SSC Chair and the SSC members express their gratitude to C. Schär for his dedication during his membership in the SSC for the past 7 years and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.