

Call for Proposals for a Student project on network analysis 'Future of Food Switzerland'

The 'Sustainable Development Goals' as a part of the UN Agenda 2030 aim at, among other things, eliminating hunger and poverty by 2030, promoting sustainable land use, and to ensuring a healthy life for all people. These goals cannot be implemented without a fundamental transformation of our food system. For this reason, the Swiss Federal Council has decided to drive the transformation towards a sustainable Swiss food system. SDSN's goal with the project 'Ernährungszukunft Schweiz' is to strengthen the leadership role of all relevant stakeholders in order to jointly drive effective solutions for a more sustainable food system.

What are 'all relevant stakeholders', which sectors do they come from, what (potentially counter-acting) interests do they represent, and how do they coordinate, and could improve their coordination, respectively? In order to develop systemically relevant solutions, it is necessary to know which actors, with which actions, have which impact with regard to a sustainable transformation of the Swiss food system.

[SDSN](#) and the research group [Pego](#) (Eawag / Uni Bern) are looking for a student to develop a network analysis that analyzes the complex interactions of actors influencing what goes from farm to fork, in the context of a final thesis (Masters, or potentially also Bachelors). The analysis should identify clusters of actors pursuing common goals, as well as brokers for solutions. Based on the approach of social-ecological network analysis, the structure of the problem area of the food system will be analyzed, and the student will study which stakeholders might want to collaborate based on joint or interdependent issues, in order to improve the fit between the problem and stakeholder networks.

Who is SDSN?

The 'Sustainable Development Solutions Network' SDSN Switzerland is part of a UN initiative to implement the 'Sustainable Development Goals'. SDSN brings together the relevant expertise of its scientific members (universities, research institutes, think tanks, etc.) and its partners from business, civil society and the public sector, is politically neutral, and provides the ideal platform to advance joint, innovative approaches to solutions for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.