



Successful skills development  
in an international context

# FoBBIZ Prize

## Prize rules for 2017

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### 1. Purpose

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The FoBBIZ Prize is awarded for successful, innovative and sustainable international skills development projects and concepts.

With this prize, the Swiss Forum for Skills Development and International Cooperation (FoBBIZ) seeks to achieve the following:

- Raise awareness of the topic “Skills development in an international context”
- Encourage discussion of promising concepts and innovations
- Draw attention to and showcase good, surprising, novel and sustainable ideas

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### 2. Dates

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| August 2016                   | Call for submission of registration forms          |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2016 | Deadline for submission of registration forms      |
| November 2016                 | assessment/initial selection of submitted projects |
| December 2016                 | Notification to prize winners                      |
| March 2017                    | Awards ceremony                                    |

Public relations work will be handled by FoBBIZ, partners and the designated project teams.

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### 3. Eligibility and assessment criteria

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#### Preamble

The FoBBIZ Prize is intended to draw attention to particular ideas, experiences or outcomes that have helped to advance skills development efforts within an international context. The prize is awarded to concepts, projects or developments that can be implemented at different levels (i.e. at the education system level, the institutional level or in teaching-learning processes). Project submissions may include for example:

- Specific skills development activities in a workplace or classroom setting that may be implemented in different contexts;
- Special approaches (e.g. methodological, organisational, etc.) that can be developed, tested and/or implemented;
- Projects that have changed, improved or further developed skills development systems.

Project submissions may be drafted in English, French or German.

### **Eligibility criteria for applicants**

Project submissions may be made by the following actors:

- Companies involved in skills development
- Institutions involved in vocational education and training (both within the country and abroad)
- Organisations involved in development cooperation/international cooperation
- Individuals
- Higher education institutions

### **Assessment criteria for projects**

The following criteria will be taken into account when assessing project submissions. **Criteria A and B are mandatory** if the project submission is to be assessed. Criteria C to F are all taken into account along with Criteria A and B. The weighing of various criteria is decided by the jury.

**A) International AND Swiss features**

The project includes both international and Swiss features (e.g. an approach developed in Switzerland that is implemented abroad, or an idea that is developed in cooperation with partners from different countries, or an experience made abroad that influences activities in Switzerland, etc.).

**B) Practical implementation**

The submitted project is more than just an abstract idea. The project has already been launched/implemented, is nearing or has already reached completion of the project phase (completion date no later than two years back).

**C) Novel/innovative**

The project is based on an idea, which in its present form or intended context of implementation (e.g. specific country, sector), is considered novel. In addition, the project includes a starting point or an idea that is considered surprising, innovative or unique.

**D) Contribution to sustainable development**

The submitted project is very likely to succeed or is designed in such a way as to ensure sustainable, long-lasting implementation (e.g. relating to the environment, gender, occupational safety or other area).

**E) Exemplary nature**

The concept or project sets a standard for actors and/or decision-makers to follow and offers the potential of being adopted by others.

**F) Relevance for target group**

The project is recognisably relevant for a clearly defined target group.

The jury reserves the right to refrain from assessing project submissions of inadequate quality.

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## **4. Prize money**

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The FoBBIZ Prize is awarded by the jury and includes prize money:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: CHF 5,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: CHF 3,000

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## **5. Awards ceremony**

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The FoBBIZ Prize will be awarded in the first quarter of 2017. The awards ceremony will take place in a dignified setting. Guests will be invited to the ceremony by FoBBIZ and partners.

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## **6. Jury**

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### **Composition**

The five-member jury will be independent and bound only by prize rules.

All five members will have voting rights and one member will serve as chairperson. The FoBBIZ Executive Committee will appoint one jury member who falls within one of the categories listed below. The jury will be comprised of experts from the following categories:

- Swiss VPET system
- Private sector or professional organisation
- Development cooperation / International cooperation
- Research / teacher training
- State institution involved in skills development

### **Jury work**

- FoBBIZ Secretariat makes a preliminary selection on the basis of formal criteria
- Each individual jury member fills out an assessment form
- One-day meeting of jury to reach a consensus

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## **7. Submission of projects for consideration**

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In order for projects to be considered for the 2017 FoBBIZ Prize:

1. Fill out contact details and project details in the registration form for 2017 (template available here: [www.fobbiz.ch\FoBBIZ-Preis](http://www.fobbiz.ch\FoBBIZ-Preis))
2. Sign disclosure consent statement on registration form
3. Submit registration form (max. 3 A4 pages) by e-mail to: [info@fobbiz.ch](mailto:info@fobbiz.ch)

Registration deadline: 31 October 2016