Feedback of the working group on Validation of Experiences

Possible obstacles of cooperation:

- Communication / dissemination of information (early notification of the instruments, back-to-back with meetings/workshops. People don’t know about the possibilities)

- Importance of the relationship, people-to-people interaction are important, maybe make more networking and match-making events (how to find a partner in CH?)

- Limited amount of funding available in Asian countries; heavy process for the approval in the universities before submitting a project → would suggest a two step-process (1. abstract and 2. full proposal)

- Topics should be restricted to some areas of cooperation, in line with the priorities of the respective governments (not agreed by all participants). Some kind of formal / institutional agreement could ease the process (ex: MoU, letter of Intent between Switzerland and Country X)

- They would be interested in using the facilities / laboratories of Swiss institutions, and in cooperating more in the field of innovation / applied research / research with industrial partners.