

Dear NCCR Robotics partners,

After 12 years of activity, NCCR Robotics officially ends on 30 November 2022.

We can proudly say that NCCR Robotics has had a truly transformational effect on the national robotics research landscape, creating novel synergies, strengthening key areas, and adding a unique signature that made Switzerland prominent and attractive at the international level.

Our highlights include:

- Achieving several breakthroughs in wearable, rescue and educational robotics.
- Creating new master's and doctoral programmes that will train generations of future robotics engineers.
- Graduating more than 200 PhD students and 100 postdocs, with more than 1'000 peer-reviewed publications
- Spinning out several projects into companies, many of which have become international leaders and generated more than 400 jobs
- Improving awareness of gender balance in robotics and substantially increasing the percentage of women in robotics in Switzerland.
- Kick-starting large outreach programs, such as Cybathlon, Swiss Drone Days, and Swiss Robotics Days, which will continue to increase public awareness of robotics for good

It is not the end of the story though: our partner institutions - EPFL, ETH Zurich, the University of Zurich, the University of Bern, the University of Basel, Università della Svizzera Italiana, EMPA - will continue to collaborate through the Innovation Booster Robotics, a new national program aimed at developing technology transfer activities and maintaining the network.

We want to thank all the present and past NCCR Robotics members, all the stakeholders from industry,

education and civil society with whom we've collaborated, the Swiss National Science Foundation and review panel, and all of you who followed us throughout these 12 years in our newsletters, press releases, and public events.

Dario Floreano, NCCR Robotics Director, and Robert Riener, NCCR Robotics Co-Director

Highlights of 12 years of NCCR Robotics

Beyond NCCR Robotics:

- Follow the Innovation Booster Robotics newsletters and social media
- Save the date: the next Swiss Robotics Day takes place in Zurich on 03.11.2023
- Watch the teaser for the NCCR Robotics documentary
- Stay in touch with NCCR Robotics members, labs and alumni
- Browse through NCCR Robotics resources



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