

E1. Linking scientific expertise with action- not just in pandemics

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It's all about trust!

How to build trust?

Scientists need to understand how politics work!

- Switzerland is a federalist state – the cantons are responsible for health care provision
- Evidence is only one of many considerations that go into policy decisions
- Policy makers are also experts, for example on what is legally possible and politically feasible
- There is a difference between parliament, government and administration
- Scientists are often seen as stakeholders with their own interests – especially when they call for more data and research

This is where SSPH+ can come in