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## **DDS21: Call for questions on the federal ballot of February 9, 2025**

Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), DDS21 is a research project that examines citizens' opinion formation in the context of direct-democratic votes at the federal level of Switzerland since June 2023.

To bring together scholars from various backgrounds, ensure a high quality of research, and enable innovative empirical analyses, DDS21 invites researchers to submit proposals for questions to be included in the study.

Regarding the ballot to be held on February 9, 2025, questions can be submitted for the post-vote survey. The questions need to relate to the popular initiative placed on the ballot, i.e., the **environmental responsibility initiative**. Previous questionnaire used in the framework of post-vote surveys can be requested by sending an e-mail to the address below.

The proposals (in English, German, or French) should be no longer than two pages and contain the following information: 1) abstract, 2) theoretical context, state of the art and relevance, 3) wording of the questions in at least one of the three languages used (German, French, and Italian) if possible, and 4) planned publications.

The proposals must be submitted by e-mail ([laurent.bernhard@zda.uzh.ch](mailto:laurent.bernhard@zda.uzh.ch)) until **November 29, 2024**.

The decisions will be taken at the beginning of December 2024 by the members of the DDS21 scientific steering committee. They will apply the following criteria:

- Response time of the questions (the shorter, the higher the chances of success)
- Scientific relevance
- Originality in connection with DDS21 and the state of the art
- Inter-institutional cooperation

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