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# Financing Higher Education in Switzerland

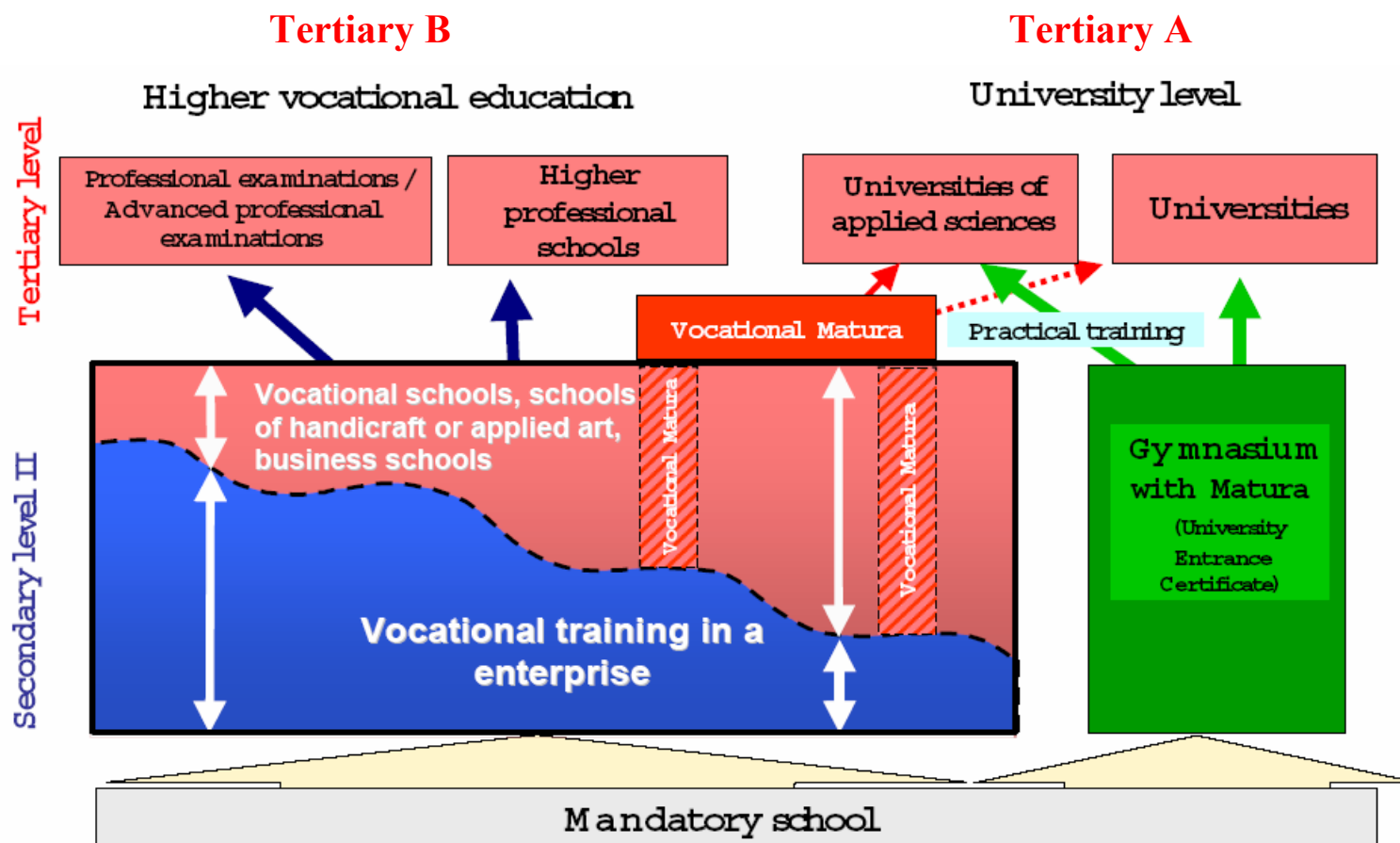
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# Tertiary Education in Switzerland





# Higher Vocational Education

- Federal certificate exam and federal Diploma exam of advanced VET
- colleges of advanced VET
- links solid practical skills with established theoretical expertise  $\Rightarrow$  management posts



# University sector

- Universities:
  - Cantonal universities
  - Federal Institutes for Technology
- Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS):
  - Technology, Management and Economics, Design and Arts (Theatre, Music incl.), Health, Social Work
  - Teacher Training Institutions

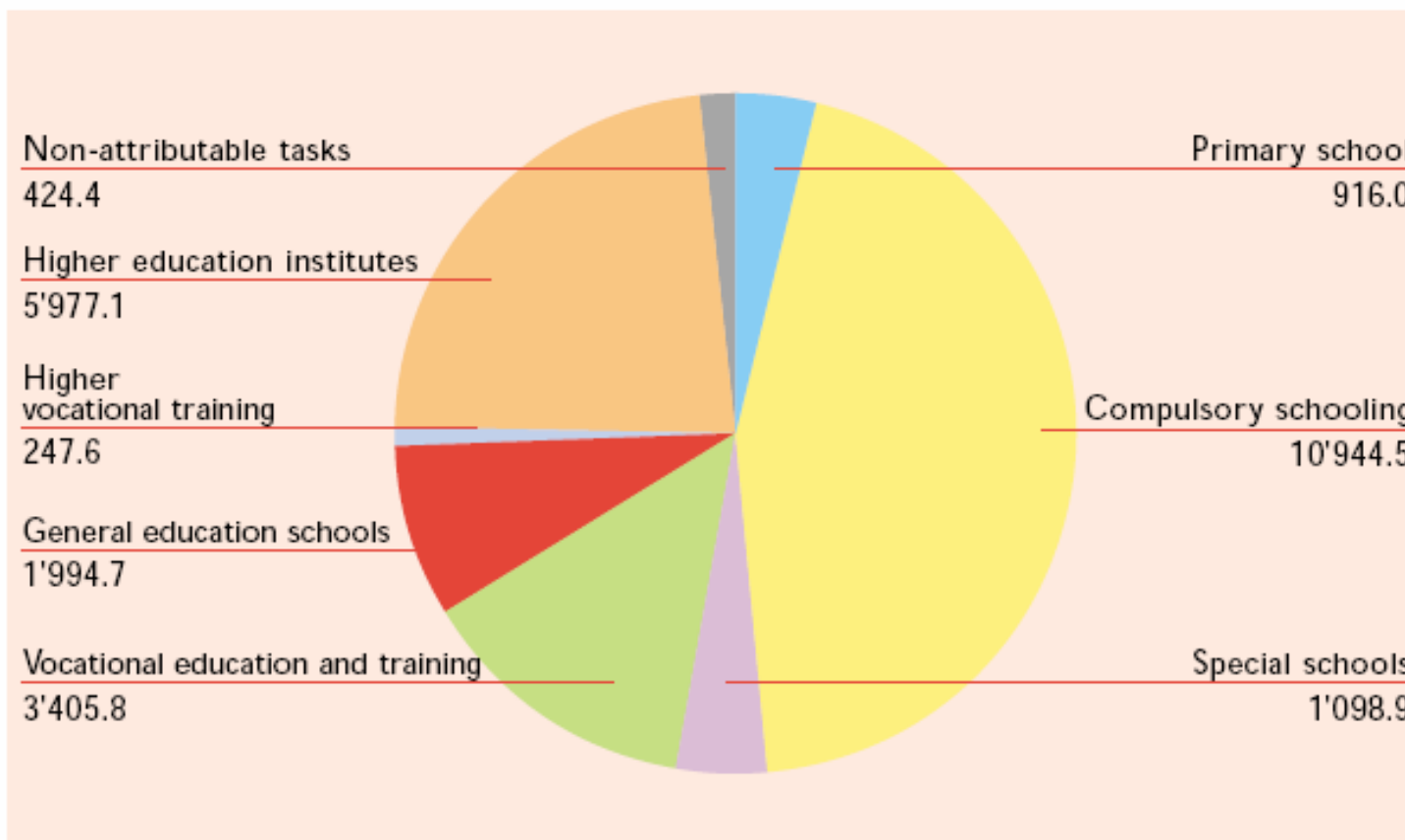


# University sector - some figures, 2003

- Universities:
  - 12 Universities
  - 109'333 students
  - 9,980 diploma
  - 1'704 Postdiploma
  - 2'685 PhD
  - 28'896 staff members (FTE)
  - 4'734.8 Mio. CHF
- UAS:
  - 7 UAS (T, M, D, H, S)
  - 43'624 students
  - 6'050 diploma
  - 2'638 Postdiploma
  - 7'646 staff members (FTE)
  - 897.8 Mio. CHF

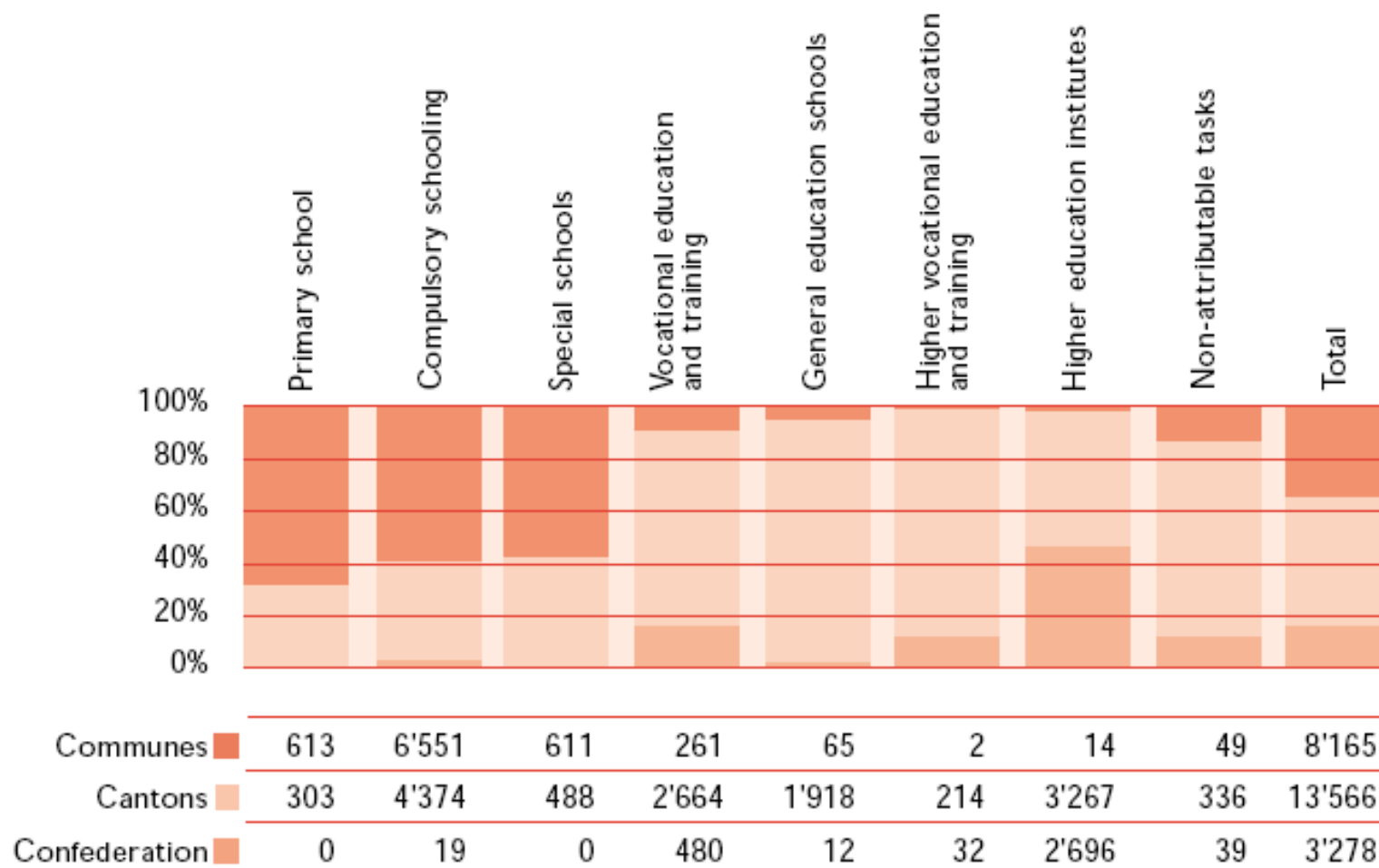


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# Public expenditure on Tertiary Education

- 25% of total public expenditure on education
- 46% out of public expenditure on Tertiary Education by Federal Government
- Total public expenditure on Education = 5.8% of GDP



# Public funding of advanced VET

- Social partners organizing exams, paid mainly by candidates
- VET colleges: 100 out of 300 institutions have a public / semi-public status

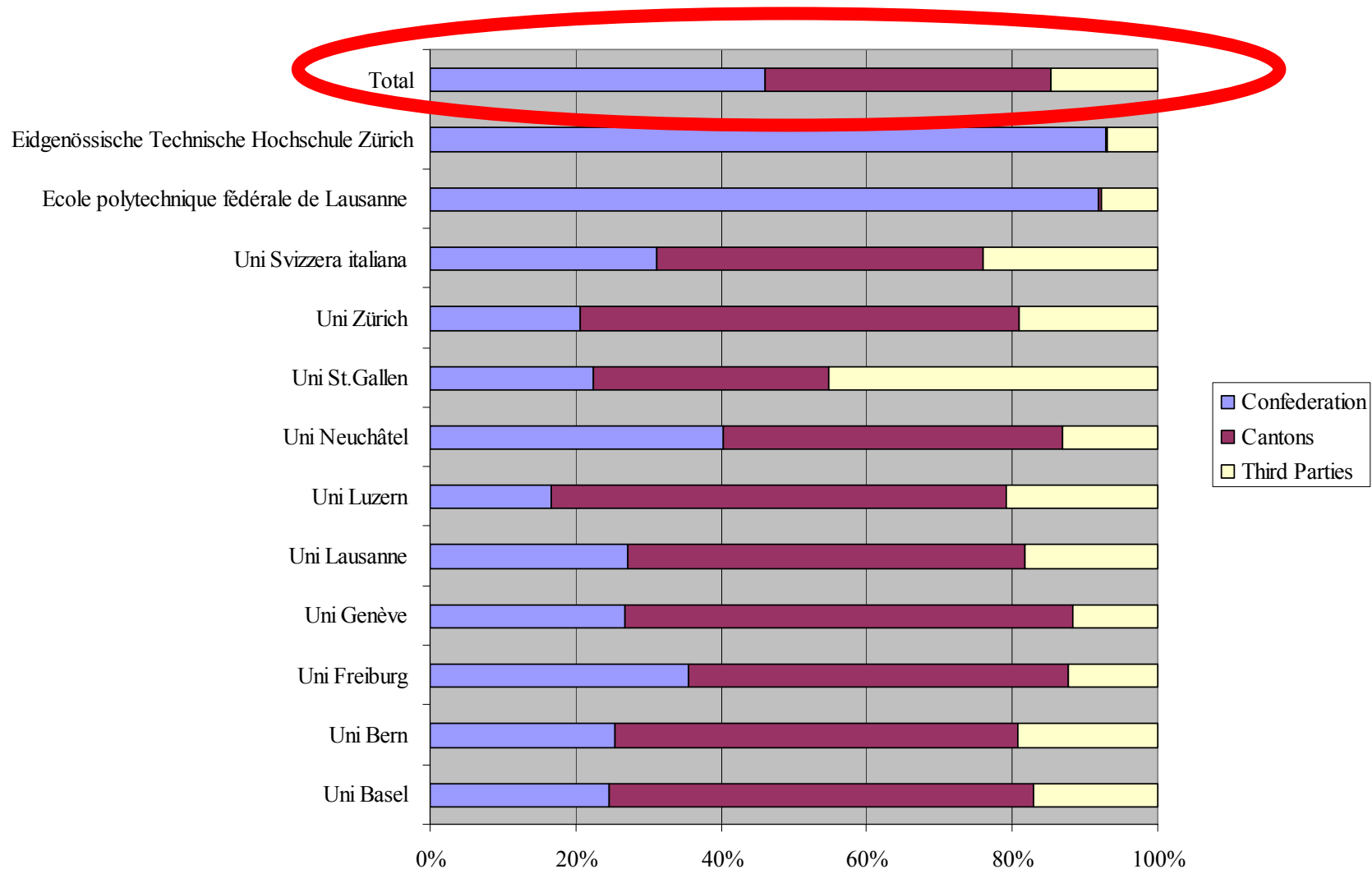


# Funding Instruments for Universities

- Fixed contributions per student
- Contributions depending on results of R&D-Activities
- Special measures to promote collaboration or specific goals
- Project funding by Research Funding Agencies
- Cohesion fund and special funding for foreigners students (cantonal universities only)

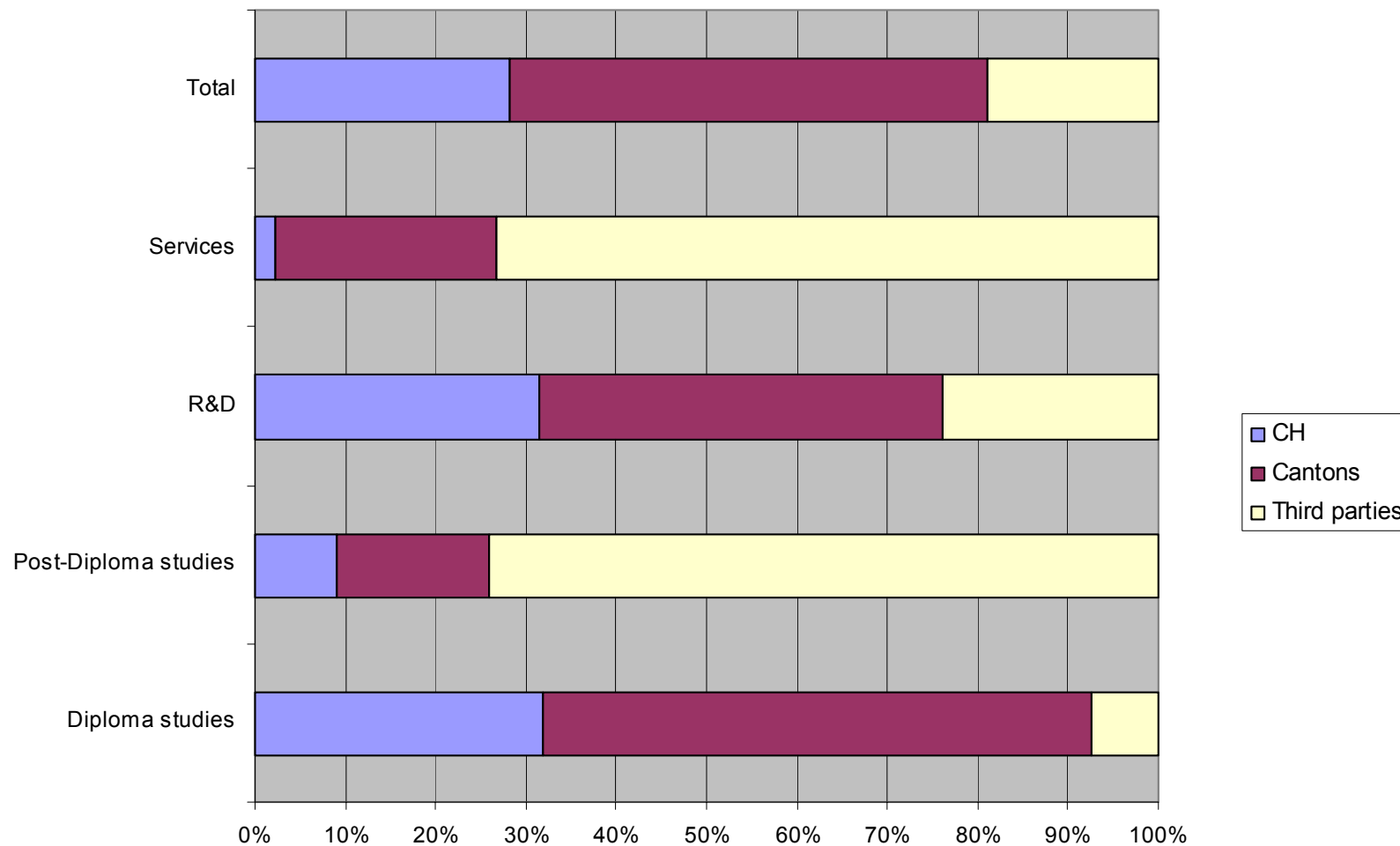


# Funding of Universities





# Funding of UAS





# Ongoing University Sector Reform

- System Steering
- Funding
- Strategy for overall system
- Quality Assurance



# Unify and simplify regulations concerning financing of performance and results

- Same financing regulations for all universities
- Basic subsidies depending on standard costs per student paid by Confederation and cantons to ensure stability
- Competitive financing by project for basic and applied research (progressive increase)
- Financing by project to strengthen national and international cooperation