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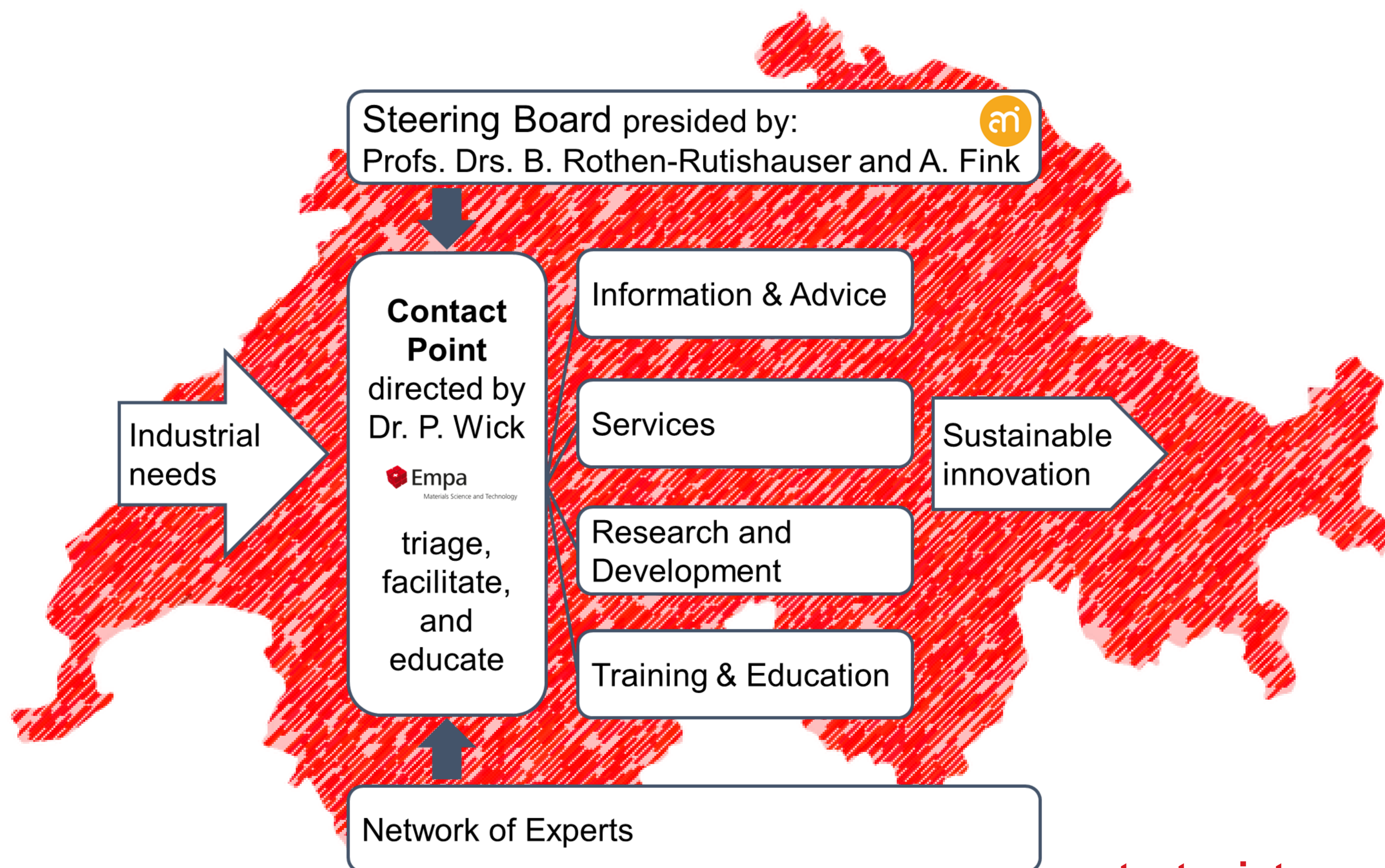
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The independent, national contact point combines the scientific and regulatory expertise available in Switzerland on the safe handling of synthetic nanomaterials – from production and application to disposal – and conveys high-quality information to companies (established companies, SMEs and start-ups) in an efficient way. The aim is to accelerate the transfer from invention to innovation, so that Swiss companies remain competitive in the international environment. The **contactpointnano.ch** relies on a broad network of proven experts and is thus able to ensure a qualified and independent transfer of knowledge. It anticipates topics for regular workshops, organizes trainings and events for the exchange of information and experience in the area of nano-innovation, nano-safety as well as updates on the evolution of Swiss and international regulation requirements etc.

Challenges in nano-science translation activities

- Uncertainty about regulatory procedures
- Lack in overall standardized and generally accepted regulatory strategies
- Uncertainty about the involved cost and time
- Uncertainty on the return on investment

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Impact

- **contactpointnano.ch** performs a central key function not carried out by any other institution in Switzerland.
- It transfers knowledge and expertise from cutting-edge research to the economy, thus promoting innovation and boosting Switzerland's competitiveness.
- It encourages novel nanomaterial applications which are safe for human health and for the environment.

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