

Senate Competition Committee (SAW)

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The Senate Competition Committee (SAW) prepares reasoned opinions on the applications in the Leibniz Competition procedure and forwards its recommendations to the Senate of the Leibniz Association for a decision on funding. The senators, the external scientists and (except for resolutions concerning funding recommendations) the spokespersons of the Sections are entitled to vote. For the election of the external scientists, the Executive Board supplies the Senate with a list of candidates (ranked, where appropriate) on the basis of the proposals from the Sections and the Executive Board members.

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