Information Guide

Switzerland

A guide to information sources on the Swiss Confederation, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites

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Information sources in the ESO database

- Switzerland – External / Internal / Regions

General information

- Switzerland: Federal Authorities of the Swiss Confederation
- United Nations: Data: Country Profiles: Switzerland
- Wikipedia: Switzerland
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Country Profile: Switzerland
- United States: CIA: World Factbook: Switzerland
- United States: Department of State: Switzerland
- BBC News: Country Profiles: Switzerland
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World data: Switzerland
- The Guardian: World news: Switzerland
- Google: Search for websites on Switzerland
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: Switzerland
- NationMaster: Home: Country Info: Profiles: Switzerland

Agricultural information

- Switzerland: Federal Office for Agriculture
- FAO: Specialised Country Profiles and Information Systems [choose database]
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: Switzerland
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in European countries: Switzerland

Competition policy information

- Switzerland: Competition Commission
- OECD: Competition: Switzerland

Culture and language information

- Switzerland: Federal Office for Culture [in German]
- Switzerland: Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- Switzerland: Official Information Portal
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe: Switzerland
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: Switzerland
- SIL International: Ethnologue: Languages of Switzerland
- University of the Highlands and Islands: European Minority Languages

Defence and security information

- Switzerland: Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports
- Switzerland: Federal Department of Justice and Police
- Switzerland: Swiss mission to NATO
Economic information

- ESO: Switzerland: Economic situation
- Switzerland: Federal Department of Finance
- Switzerland: Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research
- Switzerland: Swiss National Bank
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development: The EBRD in Switzerland
- International Monetary Fund: Switzerland and the IMF
- OECD: Country List: Switzerland
- UNIDO: Country information: Switzerland
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: Switzerland
- WTO: Switzerland and the WTO
- United States: US Commercial Service: Doing Business in Switzerland

Education information

- Switzerland: Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research
- European Commission: Education & training: Study in Europe: Higher Education in Switzerland
- European Commission: Youth Partnership: Youth Policy in Switzerland
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: Switzerland
- Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC-NARIC – Gateway to Recognition of Academic and Professional Qualifications: Switzerland
- OECD: Education: Switzerland
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Switzerland [select country]
- World Bank: EdStats: Switzerland [select country]
- EuroEducation: European Education Directory: Education in Europe
- NationMaster: Switzerland
- Wikipedia: Education in Switzerland

Employment information

- Switzerland: Federal Department of Home Affairs
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations in Switzerland
- Federation of European Employers: Industrial Relations across Europe: Switzerland
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: Switzerland
- International Labour Organization: NATLEX: Switzerland

Energy information

- Switzerland: Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications
- International Energy Agency:
  - Countries: Switzerland
  - Statistics and Balances: Switzerland
- United States: Energy Information Administration: Switzerland
Environmental information

- Switzerland: Federal Office for the Environment
- Switzerland: Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications
- European Environment Agency:
  - EIONET - European Environment Information and Observation Network: Switzerland
  - State of the Environment Reporting Information System: Switzerland
- European Environmental Bureau: Switzerland
- FAO: Country Profiles: Catalogue of data sources [select theme then country]
- OECD: Environment: Switzerland
- Friends of the Earth International: Switzerland
- Greenpeace International: Switzerland

European policies and relations with the European Union

- Switzerland: Federal Department of Foreign Affairs: Policies: Switzerland and the European Union
- Swiss National Bank: SNB
- Switzerland: Mission of Switzerland to the European Union
- European Union: European External Action Service: Switzerland [in German]
- Council of Europe: Member States: Switzerland
- Swiss Delegation to the OSCE
- OECD: Countries: Switzerland
  - Switzerland: Permanent delegation to the OECD

Geographic information and maps

- FAO: Forestry Country Information: Maps: Switzerland
- Lonely Planet: Map of Switzerland
- Maps of the World: Switzerland
- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: Switzerland

Health information

- Switzerland: Federal Office of Public Health
- OECD: Health: Switzerland
- World Health Organization:
  - Countries: Switzerland
  - Regional Office for Europe: Switzerland
  - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Switzerland

Human rights information

- Switzerland: Federal Department of Justice and Police
- European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Report on Switzerland
Council of Europe:
  - European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State documents and visits: Switzerland

European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission):
Documents on Switzerland

European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: States: Switzerland

European Court of Human Rights:
  - Country Profiles: Switzerland
  - Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010 [select country]
  - Violation by Article and by State 1959-2012
  - Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010

United Nations:
  - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: OHCHR in Switzerland
  - UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency: Country Information: Country


United States: Department of State:

Amnesty International: Annual Report: Switzerland (2015/16)

Reporters Without Borders: Freedom of Information in Switzerland

*Intellectual property information*

Switzerland: Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property


World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: Switzerland

*Investment information*

Switzerland: Switzerland Global Enterprise: Invest in Switzerland

Switzerland: International Service of the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation

OECD: Investment: Switzerland

OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: Switzerland

World Bank: Countries and Regions: Switzerland

United Kingdom: Trade & Investment: Countries: Switzerland

*Justice and home affairs information*

Switzerland: Federal Department of Justice and Police

Switzerland: Federal Department of Home Affairs

Council of Europe:
  - European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on Switzerland
  - Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): Evaluation and Compliance Reports [select country]

OECD: Bribery and Corruption: Switzerland

United States: Library of Congress: Law Online: Nations: Switzerland

University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: Countries: Switzerland

EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: Switzerland
Living and working information

- Switzerland: Federal Office for Migration
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: Your Europe [select topic]
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: Country Profiles: Switzerland
- United States: Department of State: Countries: Switzerland
- JustLanded: Living, Working or Studying in Switzerland

Media information

- Switzerland: Federal Office for Communications
- European Broadcasting Union: Active Members: Switzerland
- European Journalism Centre: Media Landscape: Switzerland
- European Newspaper Publishers Association: Switzerland [select country]
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and News Media: Switzerland
- Newslink: European Newspapers: Switzerland
- Online Newspapers: Switzerland
- Radiomap: Radio Stations in Switzerland

Political information (including elections)

- ESO: Switzerland: Political situation
- ESO: Switzerland: Political situation: Elections
- Switzerland: Government Portal
- Switzerland: Constitution
- Switzerland: Cabinet and Ministries
  - Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports (DDPS)
  - Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER)
  - Federal Department of Finance (FDF)
  - Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)
  - Federal Department of Home Affairs (FDHA)
  - Federal Department of Justice and Police (FDJP)
  - Federal Department of Transport, Communications and Energy (DETEC)
- Switzerland: International Service of the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation
- Switzerland: The Federal Assembly
- OECD: Public Governance: Switzerland
- OECD: Regulatory Reform: Switzerland
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems: Election Guide: Switzerland
- NCCR Democracy:
  - Democracy Barometer [click on map to select country]
- Parties and Elections in Europe: Countries: Switzerland
- United States: Library of Congress: Law Online: Nations: Switzerland
- Wikipedia: Politics of Switzerland
- Wikipedia: Elections in Switzerland

Public management information

- Switzerland: Federal Department of Home Affairs (FDHA)
- OECD: Public Governance: Switzerland
Research & development information

- Switzerland: Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER)
- OECD: Innovation: Switzerland
- OECD: Science and technology: Switzerland

Regional and local information

- Zurich: Zürich
- Bern: Bern
- Lucerne: Luzern
- Uri: Uri
- Schwyz: Schwyz
- Obwalden: Obwalden
- Nidwalden: Nidwalden
- Glarus: Glarus
- Zug: Zug
- Fribourg: Fribourg
- Solothurn: Solothurn
- Basel-Stadt: Basel-Stadt
- Basel-Landschaft: Basel-Landschaft
- Schaffhausen: Schaffhausen
- Appenzell Ausserrhoden: Appenzell Ausserrhoden
- Appenzell Innerhoden: Appenzell Innerhoden
- St. Gallen: St. Gallen
- Graubünden: Graubünden
- Aargau: Aargau
- Thurgau: Thurgau
- Ticino: Ticino
- Vaud: Vaud
- Valais: Valais
- Neuchâtel: Neuchâtel
- Geneva: Genève
- Jura: Jura
- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: Switzerland
- OECD: Regional, Rural and Urban Development: Switzerland

Social information

- Switzerland: Federal Department of Home Affairs (FDHA)
- Switzerland: Federal Social Insurance Office
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your Social Security Rights in Switzerland
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: Organisation of Social Protection +
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: Social Protection of the Self-Employed
- Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: Switzerland
- OECD: Insurance and Pensions: Switzerland
- OECD: Social and Welfare Issues: Switzerland
- UNICEF: Information by Country: Switzerland
- United States: Social Security Administration:
  - Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: Switzerland
  - Social Security Programs Throughout the World: Switzerland (2014)
Statistical information

- Switzerland: Swiss National Bank
- Switzerland: Swiss Federal Statistical Office
- Eurostat: Country profiles: Switzerland [select from list]
- OECD: Country Statistical Profiles: Switzerland
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Country and Regional Profiles: Switzerland
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: Switzerland
- World Bank: Data: Countries and Economies: Switzerland
- NationMaster: Nations of the World: Statistics on Switzerland

Tourism information

- Switzerland: Switzerland Tourism
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: Travel: Switzerland
- The Telegraph: Destinations: Switzerland
- Lonely Planet: Switzerland Travel information
- Rough Guides: Switzerland
- Trip advisor: Visiting Switzerland

Transport information

- Switzerland: Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications
- Switzerland: SWISS Airline
- Switzerland: Swiss National Railway
- Wikipedia: Transport in Switzerland

Weather information

- Switzerland: Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology MeteoSwiss
- BBC: Weather: Country Guides: Switzerland
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: Switzerland

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