

FSAF annual review 2025

January

The Federal Supervisory Authority for Foundations' (FSAF) main task is ensuring that the foundations under its supervision use their assets in accordance with the scope as defined by the foundation statutes. It supervises Swiss foundations with a national or international scope.

February

The new FSAF website goes live, providing information in a clearer and more user-friendly way, while increasing transparency for foundations and the public. The website also has a new URL.

Website FSAF



An article on the Swiss Society of Administrative Sciences' blog takes a look at the digital transformation of the FSAF

Digitalisation at the FSAF: A case study in successful transformation within the Federal Administration

March

As usual the FSAF provides information on the upcoming 2024 annual reports in its newsletter and reminds readers about the applicable deadlines.

Newsletter



A record number of foundations were dissolved in the previous year, totalling 193 dissolutions and bankruptcy petitions in 2024. This represents a marked increase since the previous year, underscoring the systematic removal of foundations that are inactive or no longer structurally viable.

Announcement

The digital review of 2024 is published.

Annual Review FSAF

April

June

Various parliamentary proceedings and media reports have discussed the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation and accused it of acting in breach of international law. A foundation with this name is based in Switzerland and is subject to FSAF supervision. Another foundation with the same name is based in Delaware, USA. However, only the Delaware-based foundation is active.

GHF – Wikipedia



May

After the Swiss Federal Court judgment 5A_367/2022 the FSAF publishes an information sheet outlining the requirements for internal supervision of ecclesiastical foundations. It specifies legal requirements and formulates minimum requirements in terms of organisation, independence and incompatibilities.

Information Sheet



The results of the FSAF's first customer satisfaction survey are published. A total of 1,002 people took part, with around two thirds expressing overall satisfaction. The results are incorporated into ongoing improvements.

Announcement



July

August

In July and August, the administrative workload is, high as usual – around 5000 foundations are asked to submit their annual reports by the end of June.

Annual Reports



September

The Federal Council responds to the Roudit interpellation, which had raised questions concerning the supervision of the World Economic Forum Foundation.

Interpellation Roudit, 25.3774

October

The FSAF announces the dissolution of the Swiss Gaza Humanitarian Foundation due to inactivity, failure to deposit the initial capital as well as organisational deficiencies.

Swiss Official Gazette of Commerce

Good to know

The foundation as a legal form has neither owners nor members. In 1912, a foundation supervisory authority was created as an oversight body, with the aim of compensating for the checks and controls otherwise lacking. At the end of 2025, the FSAF supervised 5,515 foundations; there are currently just under 14,000 classical foundations incorporated in Switzerland.



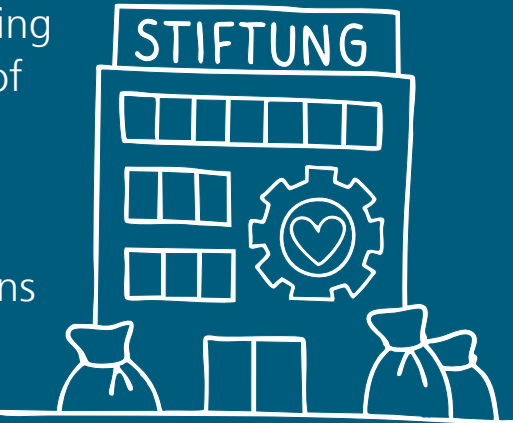
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December

The FSAF is undertaking a multi-year clean-up of its database. Notwithstanding the continued increase in the number of foundations registered, this corrective measure results in a slight decrease in statistical terms (from 5,520 to 5,515). Nevertheless, the number of foundations supervised by the FSAF has risen by around 35% over the past ten years, from 4,079 to 5,515.

Announcement



The FSAF is supporting data-driven developments in the supervisory landscape within the framework of the foundation sector's Data Alliance Initiative.

Announcement

The FSAF publishes an update to the information sheet on activity reports as part of the annual reporting. It specifies the expectations regarding the content and quality of reports that will apply for the first time to the reporting for the 2025 financial year.

Information Sheet



November

In autumn, the media reported on the appointment of an administrator to the Jörg G. Bucherer Foundation.

NZZ Luzerner Zeitung