

FSAF annual review 2024

The Federal Supervisory Authority for Foundations' (FSAF) main task consists of 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.

Good to know

Foundations have neither owners nor members. In 1912, a foundation supervisory authority was created as an oversight body, with the aim of compensating for the lack of checks and balances that an owner or member might otherwise provide. At the end of 2024 the FSAF supervised 5,520 foundations; there are currently just under 14,000 classical foundations based in Switzerland.

January

At the beginning of the year, 5,281 foundations are under FSAF supervision.

[FSAF foundation directory](#)



February

The chatbot Esi is the main topic of an interview with the head of the FSAF in the online magazine The Philanthropist.

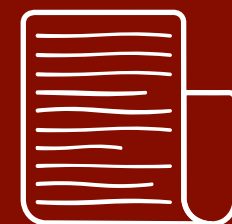
[FSAF answers with AI](#)

The Federal employee's full survey results, conducted at the end of 2023 are available. According to the survey, FSAF employees are significantly more satisfied with their work as well as with the organisation of the FSAF than in 2020. The results confirm the success of the reorganisation and changes at the FSAF.

[FOPER website on the staff survey](#)

The Canton of Zurich decides that, if a foundation decides to remunerate its Board of Trustees it will no longer automatically result in the loss of its tax-exempt status. For the FSAF it is relevant that the tax authorities of the Canton of Zurich now rely on the assessment of the responsible supervisory authorities, including that of the FSAF, when assessing whether remuneration is appropriate.

[Canton of Zurich press release](#)



The Federal Council responds to an interpellation by National Council member Grüter and explains why the FSAF must look into the activities of foundations annually and why this requires higher fees than before.

[Interpellation 23.4553](#)

March

June

For most foundations, the deadline to submit their annual report expires by the end of June.

[Reporting](#)

As part of the project to digitize the FSAF (the eESA project) an automated risk assessment tool for foundations developed in collaboration with the Federal Statistical Office (FSO) is introduced as an analytical tool in the FSAF's operational work.

[eESA](#)

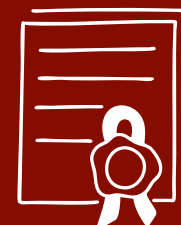
The FSAF's annual review for the year 2023 is published.

[FSAF annual reports](#) [The Philanthropist article](#)

May

The FSAF updates its model statutes and deregulates various provisions.

[Model statutes](#) [SwissFoundations article](#)



This year, annual reports can be submitted from April. Remuneration must also be disclosed for the first time.

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April

The FSAF is once again invited as a guest at the Cantonal Supervisory Authorities' Conference for Occupational Pensions yearly professional development convention.

[Conference](#)

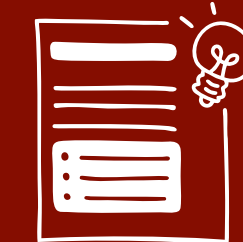
The FSAF amends its information sheet on the disclosure of remuneration of the Board of Trustees and Executive Board, thereby relaxing its requirements.

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July

The Canton of Zurich supervisory authority for occupational pensions and foundations (BVS) and the FSAF publish the jointly developed principles (information sheet and model regulations) for the implementation of the new Zurich practice regarding tax exemptions for foundations.

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August

In July and August the administrative workload is high as usual – around 5,000 foundations are asked to submit their annual reports by the end of June.

September

FSAF employees give 15 presentations at external events in the foundation sector this year – including one talk by the head of the FSAF at a seminar about best practice for foundations at the end of August.

October

Once a year, the two Swiss foundation associations ProFonds and SwissFoundations meet with the FSAF; it is a constructive exchange on their respective work and the issues that concern them.

[LinkedIn post with photo](#) [ProFonds](#) [SwissFoundations](#)

For the first time the FSAF conducts a customer satisfaction survey among the foundations under its supervision.

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The successful completion of the FSAF digitalisation project is celebrated with a small aperitif.

[LinkedIn-Posting](#)



November

2025

The FSAF has 35 employees (26.4 FTE).

[FSAF organisation](#)

At the end of 2024, 5,520 foundations were under FSAF supervision (+239).

[FSAF statistics](#)



The FSAF digitalisation project formally ends at the end of 2024. Foundations and the FSAF are now able to communicate with each other exclusively by digital means through EasyGov. Staff can also work digitally with process-driven workflows and largely with seamless end-to-end digital integration. The system has interfaces with the scanning centre for incoming paper, SAP for invoicing and the FOBL print output system for paper mailings.


The FOITT's online magazine *Eisbrecher* reports on eESA and the successful digital transformation of the FSAF.

[«Eisbrecher»](#)

December

The FSAF holds its annual team building day.

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