



years of Swiss Engagement in Azerbaijan



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Dear fellow citizens & friends of Switzerland,

As spring time and the F1 race in Baku are just around the corner, I am happy to provide you with our Newsletter 1/2019. Over the first four months of the year, the Embassy has been quite active in various fields and our bilateral relations have developed further.

2019 is a special year for Switzerland's presence in Azerbaijan since we can look back on a jubilee of 20 years of engagement with the government and the people of the country. Throughout the year, the Embassy will mark this anniversary with events. To be updated about our activities, I would like to invite everybody to regularly check our Facebook [page](#) which has been proven to be a precious communication tool to better and more accurately stay in contact with all people in Azerbaijan that are interested in Switzerland.

Finally, I want to take the chance to inform you about the upcoming completion of my tenure in Azerbaijan. It has been a tremendous honour and pleasure for me to live and work in the beautiful Isheri Sheher for the past 3 ½ years and to modestly contribute to the dynamic development of Swiss-Azerbaijani relations. I want to warmly thank the Azerbaijani people for making this one of the most inspiring parts of my life and wish the country as well as its citizens much prosperity, happiness and positive developments for the future.

In early summer 2019, my successor, Ambassador Muriel Peneveyre, will arrive to Baku and I wish her an excellent start. Until her arrival, my Deputy, Ms. Simone Haeberli, will be acting Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Philipp Stalder
Ambassador of Switzerland

Politics

Embassy launches commemoration of 20th Anniversary of Swiss presence in Azerbaijan



Ambassador Stalder (middle) and Deputy Head of Mission Haerberli at the press conference

On 1 March, the launch of various activities to celebrate the 20 years of technical cooperation in Azerbaijan was announced to press. Switzerland began its bilateral development cooperation with Azerbaijan mainly with humanitarian assistance and later changed the focus of its activities to long-term development needs.

Deputy Head of Mission, Ms. Simone Haerberli, gave an overview of the current 15 projects of Switzerland's development cooperation of Switzerland in Azerbaijan. Since 1999, 153 million Manat were invested in the country and 81 projects successfully concluded.

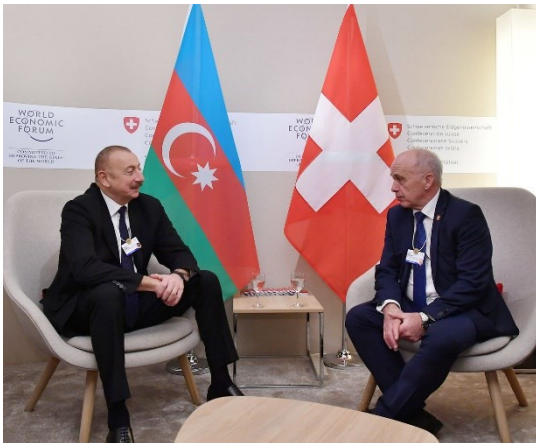
Ambassador Stalder briefed the journalists about the current status of the bilateral relations, the Embassy's activities and the upcoming major events in spring. He also referred to the newly created Facebook page of the Embassy and underlined the importance of social media in Azerbaijan as well as the significance of the freedom of the press for the prosperous development of any society. Switzerland, traditionally and globally, pays much importance to the notion of free circulation of opinions and information.

<https://ona.az/en/politics/switzerland-and-azerbaijan-celebrate-20-years-of-bilateral-cooperation-in-2019-484>

<http://www.contact.az/ext/news/2019/3/free/analytics/az/79282.htm>

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Presidential meeting in Davos



President Ueli Maurer and President Ilham Aliyev

The traditional meeting between the presidents of Switzerland and Azerbaijan during the World Economic Forum in Davos continued this year. On 23 January, Ueli Maurer and Ilham Aliyev came together to discuss bilateral topics of interest such as investment opportunities, cooperation in the field of alternative energy, transportation and energy projects.

President Aliyev emphasized Switzerland's role in the development of the railway system in Azerbaijan, which targets to become an important transit hub in the region. The significance of both SOCAR and LafargeHolcim in strengthening the investment capacity in both countries was also highlighted at the meeting.

<https://en.president.az/articles/31609>

<http://cbc.az/en/en/news/ilham-aliyev-we-are-interested-in-attracting-more-swiss-companies-to-azerbaijan1548311623>

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Bilateral political consultations



Meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs E. Mammadyarov

Political consultations between the two Ministries of Foreign Affairs were held in Baku on 5 March. The Swiss delegation headed by the Deputy Secretary of State, Krystyna Marty Lang, was warmly received by Deputy Foreign Minister Ramiz Hasanov.

A wide range of topics related to politics such as human rights issues and space for civil society were discussed. Another focus was put on economic topics such as mutual investment opportunities and bilateral cooperation within the Bretton Woods Institutions.

Economic reforms in Azerbaijan, the Southern Gas Corridor and regional issues including Nagorno-Karabakh were also in the focus of attention at separate meetings held with Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov and Prime Minister Novruz Mammadov.

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Regional Ambassadors' Conference in Baku



Switzerland's Regional Ambassador's Conference was held in Baku from 6-7 March, 2019. Swiss Ambassadors posted in the region as well as senior diplomats from headquarter gathered in Azerbaijan to discuss the dynamics of regional developments in terms of political, economic and humanitarian issues in the South Caucasus.

The two-day conference for the group of 30 people included a reception at the Swiss Residence as well as a rich cultural program with visits to the Old City, the Nobel House and the Heydar Aliyev Cultural Center

Constituency meeting of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)



Ms. Haeberli and Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources Babayev (middle)

Mid-April, the GEF Constituency group meeting took place in Baku. The group is chaired by Switzerland as a donor country and consists of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. It is for the first time ever that a GEF Constituency meeting is hosted by a recipient country.

Azerbaijan's Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Mukhtar Babayev, officially opened the constituency meeting on 16 April. Likewise, the Swiss Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Ms. Simone Haeberli, welcomed the participants and held a presentation on Switzerland's bilateral development projects and programs with a focus on environment in the member countries of the constituency.

The GEF has 182 member states and is the largest public funder of projects to improve the global environment. Since its foundation in 1991 the GEF has funded more than 4500 projects in 165 developing and transitional countries. In the period from 2019 to 2022, Switzerland plans to donate 118.34 million Swiss francs for projects in its constituency.

Swiss Development Cooperation

Women's resource center opened in Baku



Chairperson of the State Committee Huseynova (first from right), UN Assistant Secretary Mirjana Egger (second) at the opening

In a joint effort, representatives of Switzerland and Azerbaijan, as well as the UNDP, inaugurated a new women resource center (WRC) in Baku's Khazar District on 13 March 2019. The UN Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the UNDP's Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS, Ms. Mirjana Spojlaric Egger, the Chairperson of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, Ms. Hicran Huseynova, and Dr. Simone Haeberli, attended the event and delivered speeches.

The speakers stressed the importance of such resource centers through which UNDP reaches out to marginalized women to create an access for them to the services provided by such a center. Ms. Haeberli, expressed her

firm belief that "every employed or self-employed woman is an asset for her country, her community and her family. Economically empowered women have a very positive impact on the education and health of their families, as they often chose to spend family resources differently."

The Khazar District WRC is opened as part of the Regional Women's Empowerment project implemented by UNWomen in cooperation with UNDP and funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). It has already attracted 82 actively engaged women entrepreneurs. Apart from setting up additional WRC, the project will also work with 12 private companies in the country to implement the Women's Empowerment Principles for private companies (WEPs).

www.az.undp.org/content/azerbaijan/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2018/UNDP-AZE-KHAZAR.html

Switzerland supports the development of a domestic bond market



As their economies grow, governments of emerging markets face new challenges for public debt and risk management. Consequently, they need to build new skills and strengthen institutions. The Government Debt and Risk Management project, implemented by the World Bank and funded by Switzerland through its State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) assists governments in addressing these technical questions. As part of the project, a public debt management workshop was organized on 6 February 2019, on how to best develop a government bond market in Azerbaijan.

For practitioners representing respective government agencies and private sector stakeholders, the workshop presented an opportunity to access the very specific training they needed. It was the first time that all relevant authorities, ranging from the Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank, the Baku Stock Exchange to the Financial Market Supervisory Authority and the National Depository, met and discussed the national issue together and agreed on collective action.

Switzerland raises awareness on agri-finance solutions



Switzerland, through SECO, and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) continue to emphasize the importance of financing agricultural companies by local financial institutions.

On 14 March 2019, in cooperation with the Financial Markets Supervisory Authority and the Ministry of Agriculture, IFC organized a conference for financial intermediaries on profitable lending to the agricultural sector, financing needs within the value chains, and risk mitigation strategies for a strong agricultural lending portfolio.

The participants from the financial sector were informed how to best develop profitable agricultural lending strategies that will help to meet the needs of companies engaged in the agricultural value chain. For this purpose, Dutch Rabobank and OTP, renowned for their long-term agricultural lending practices, shared their experiences with local colleagues and encouraged them to develop agri-finance products for the local market.

Switzerland supports woman entrepreneurship



Ms. Simone Haerberli with the beneficiary female entrepreneurs

“For me, participation in this project, attending the trainings and meeting new people was a new world,” said one of the beneficiary women at the closing conference of the project *“To accelerate development of sustainable women micro-entrepreneurship in rural regions of Azerbaijan”*.

This Swiss funded project financed was implemented by the Azerbaijan Micro-finance Association (AMFA) in Khachmaz district. The Azerbaijan Women’s Entrepreneurship Development Association (AWEDA) was also a partner in this project. Sahib Mammadov, Deputy Minister of Economy, Sadagat Gahramanova, Deputy Chairwoman of the State Committee for Family, Woman and Child Affairs and Nadir Adilov, Deputy

Chairman of the Board of the Small and Medium Business Development Agency attended the closing event on 15 March.

As part of the project, women were trained in financial literacy as well as business planning. Out of the initial 27 women trained, 15 decided to go for further training and 12 submitted competitive business plans, thus winning seed funds to start or develop their businesses. As of today, 12 new businesses are up and run in Khachmaz town, which is a lot for this small town. Some of the women setting up a business employ women they met in the financial literacy training. Others teamed up by sharing the rented space or by placing products from women working at home in their shops. All women stated that the project had a real transformational effect on their confidence, well-being and of course the family’s budget.

Tar/Jazz concert in Baku



Through SDC, Switzerland funded the transcription and publication of musical notes for tar and piano and organized a concert at the National Conservatory.

At the performance on 27 February, Ms. Simone Haerberli together with Rector Siyavush Karimi greeted the public and the musicians who were eagerly applauded. At the concert Shahriyar Imanov played pieces from the book on tar, accompanied by Tural Rafael on the piano. Some pieces were also accompanied by dancers.

The book displays very famous pop and jazz pieces of the 20th century in a transcription for tar and piano. The tar is a national musical instrument of Azerbaijan. The book will be incorporated into the curriculum of the National Conservatory.

Business & Tourism

Swiss Business Luncheon



Swiss business community in Azerbaijan with Amb. Stalder at his residence

On 13 March, another Swiss Business Lunch was held at the residence of Ambassador Stalder. These informal gatherings serve as a platform for the CEOs of Swiss companies in Azerbaijan.

The host briefed the participants about the Embassy's activity, the 20 years anniversary of the Swiss bilateral cooperation, as well as the upcoming Joint Economic Commission (JEC) between Switzerland and Azerbaijan, which is expected to be held in early summer in Berne.

This time, our guest speaker was the Head of Azerbaijan Office of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Ms. Ivana Duarte. Ms.

Duarte held a presentation about EBRD, its activities and interests as an investor in Azerbaijan. Furthermore, our expert shared her views about the general outlook of the financial situation in the country. Following the presentation, Mrs. Duarte was asked by the representatives of the Swiss company about the procedures and regulations of EBRD to grant loans to businesses, as well as other financial and economic issues.

SIKA opens new production plant in Sumgayit



Ms. Simone Haerberli, together with Sika's Country Manager for Azerbaijan, Mr. Adem Yayla

On 14 March, Ms. Simone Haerberli attended the inauguration of the newly opened production plant of Sika in Sumgayit. In her speech, she expressed satisfaction about a Swiss company investing into the Azerbaijani market. She emphasized that the new production site is a continuation of Swiss investments into the non-oil sector of Azerbaijan, where Switzerland is among the leading foreign investors.

SIKA is a specialty chemical company for building and motor vehicle supplies. The Swiss-based company operates globally and is present in 101 countries. Globally competing companies like Sika, so called global brands, are a good example of the innovative and competitive Swiss private sector, which is fully diversified and to a large extent export oriented.

<https://www.sika.com/>

Swiss company Trüb Trading (Intl.) AG produces the Azerbaijani passports



Since September 2018, Azerbaijani citizens can register to obtain an electronic identification document (eID). The eIDs contain a highly secured chip, on which various encrypted data is stored, such as birthdate, name, address, gender, a facial image as well as digital certificates. This will allow the citizens to do electronic transactions in Azerbaijan in the future. In addition, the cards are fully ICAO compliant, meaning that citizens will be able to use the card as a travel document in countries where Azerbaijan has made such cross-border arrangements and agreements.

Swiss company Trüb Trading (Intl.) AG, an innovative manufacturer of highly secured identification documents, has been a partner of the Azerbaijani government since 2010. Trüb Trading also provides the passports to Azerbaijan since 2012. Following the successful cooperation, the Azerbaijani government also decided to entrust the upgrade of its aging, paper based, national ID to the same company. It recognized that a modern, electronic ID would help to transform the Azerbaijani economy into a digital economy while improving safety and security. Likewise it would make counterfeiting harder while also giving citizens easier access to government services in general and to new electronic government services in the future.

It is envisioned that citizens can use their eID for digitally signing a document, possibly even opening bank accounts, accessing their tax records and other recurring tasks in the future.

Culture & Education

Joint photo exhibition of Swiss and Azerbaijani artists



Elmar Mustafazade, Amb. Stalder, Cedric Christopher Merkli

On 23 January, the Embassy organized a joint photo exhibition, presenting the work of both a Swiss and an Azerbaijani photographer at Museum of Modern Art. At the opening ceremony, Cedric Christopher Merkli presented his “Cheese distribution in Justistal” and Elmar Mustafazade introduced his “Masters of Craft”.

Ambassador Philipp Stalder greeted the audience by expressing his great satisfaction about the quality of work from an artistic point of view and for the fact that the exhibition brought two very talented artists from our two countries together.

The photos of Mr. Merkli depicted the celebration of an antique tradition of the farmers from the Swiss Alps. It showed the steps of a 300 years old cheese distribution ritual called “Chästeilet”, celebrated every fall in Justistal.

The photos Mr. Mustafayev display old and traditional craftsmanship in Azerbaijan. They are dedicated to the masters of handicraft and promote the heritage of the ancient Azerbaijani art.

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<https://www.azernews.az/culture/144503.html>

Amazing show of Marc Aymon in French language in Baku and Sumgayit



The Embassy organized concerts of two musicians from the canton of Valais, Marc Aymon and Ephraim Salzman. Their first concert at the Baku International Mugham Centre on 30 March marked the opening of the Weeks of the Francophonie.

Marc Aymon presented his album “*O beautiful summer! Les chansons éternelles*” and inflamed the audience with his talent and enthusiasm. More than 300 people enjoyed the mixture of folk and modern music and accompanied the musicians with their dances and applause.

On 1st April, the same show, which Aymon performed in more than 20 countries all over the world, was also presented in Sumgayit city where 450 guests gathered at State Drama Theatre. The performance of the two charismatic Swiss musicians was also noticed by the local media. Subsequently, the duo was invited to the State TV Morning program where Ephraim Salzman introduced his unique musical instrument “Hang” to the Azerbaijani audience.

Marc Aymon was born in 1982 in Sion. He is a passionate singer of travels and art and is the author of four singles: “The astronaut,” “An almond tree in winter”, “Marc Aymon” and “Of a single mouth”. His songs have been played in South America, Iran, the United States, Africa and the entire French-speaking world. Ephraim Salzman was born in 1975 in Naters. Fascinated by rhythm and percussion instruments, he gradually developed his personal expression in the field of percussion, on various instruments such as Valais dulcimer, drums, Kotamo, Handpan, Bockhornxylo and Glasudu.

Heidi enchants Bakuvians at the Weeks of the Francophonie

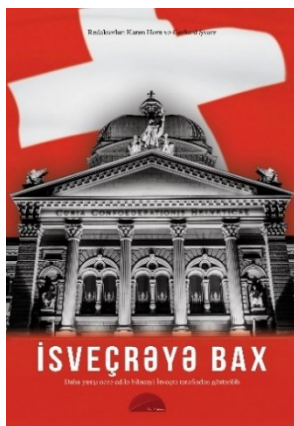


On 4 April, the Embassy organized the screening of “Heidi” at the Park Cinema of Flame Towers. The film was screened in Swiss German with subtitles in Azerbaijani and Russian languages.

The event took place within the framework of the Francophonie Weeks in Azerbaijan. Ms. Simone Haerberli welcomed more than 170 guests who completely occupied the cinema hall. The screening ended with a big applause with everyone being touched by the fate of Heidi.

Heidi is a five-year-old orphan living with her grandfather in the Swiss mountains. Her happiness ends when Heidi’s aunt takes her to Frankfurt, to help taking care of Clara. Both girls become friends but Heidi has only one goal in mind: to get back to her grandfather. The movie (2015) directed by Alain Gsponer is based on the novel Heidi by Johanna Spyri who wrote this world famous story in 1880.

“Watch the Swiss” - now available in Azerbaijani!



In late April, the Embassy and the Kitabistan Publishing House concluded a joint project of translation and published the book “Watch the Swiss” in Azerbaijani language. In the books’ foreword, Ambassador Stalder describes the book as a unique opportunity for Azerbaijani readers to get to know more about Switzerland. The book could possibly serve as an alternative source of inspiration and reflexion.

The original book “Watch the Swiss” was published in English by the Swiss Think Tank “Avenir Suisse” in 2015. It has been written by non-Swiss personalities from all around the world. It doesn’t contain recommendations for reforms, but comprises a series of essays. What’s special about Switzerland? Where does the country’s strengths lay and where are its weaknesses? Experts aim to answer these questions in short essays.

Two books by Max Frisch now available in Azerbaijani



With the financial support of Pro Helvetia, Switzerland's cultural foundation, the Alatoran publishing house published two novels of the Swiss writer Max Frisch "Montauk" and "Stiller" in Azerbaijani language.

The novel *Stiller* was published in 1954 and its theme is the question of identity, a reoccurring topic in the work of Frisch. The book's narrator, travelling with an American passport in the name of James Larkin White, is arrested upon his arrival in Switzerland. He is accused of being the missing Swiss sculptor Anatol Ludwig Stiller, an accusation which White persistently denies. Friends and acquaintances visit and identify him as Stiller.

Stiller's wife Julika Stiller-Tschudy, a former ballet dancer who now runs a dance school, travels from Paris to visit him in prison. She, too, identifies him as Stiller. Over the course of the novel, the complex histories of Stiller and White are revealed.

Montauk is a story which first appeared in 1975 and stands out among Frisch's work. While fictional stories previously served Frisch for exploring the possible behavior of his protagonists, in *Montauk*, he tells an authentic experience: a weekend which he spent with a young woman in Montauk on the American East Coast. The short-run love affair is used by Frisch as a retrospective on his own biography. In line with Philip Roth he tells his "life as a man", relates to the women with whom he was associated, and the failure of their relationship. Further reflections apply to the author's age and his near-death and the mutual influence of life and work. Beforehand, another novel by Max Frisch, "Homo Faber" was also translated in Azerbaijani.

Lausanne Chamber Orchestra performed in Baku



On 23 April, the Lausanne Chamber Orchestra (OCL) gave an impressive concert in Baku. The concert took place within the framework of the 10th International Mstislav Rostropovich Festival. The world-famous Lausanne orchestra was founded in 1942 in Switzerland. OCL is one of today's most sought-after chamber orchestra in Europe, covering a vast repertoire ranging from early Baroque to contemporary music.

Under its acclaimed artistic director Joshua Weilerstein the orchestra performed music by Jörg Widmann, Ludwig van Beethoven and Gara Garayev in Baku's beautiful Philharmonia. The orchestra accompanied the world renowned Israeli pianist Yefim Bronfman, who gave a delicate and much applauded interpretation of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2. An enthusiastic audience frantically applauded the soloist and the Lausanne orchestra with its charming director. The festival brought together world-famous musicians also from Azerbaijan, Russia, Germany and Spain.

Presentation on Switzerland's multilingualism at TISA



Ms. Susana Stalder and Attaché Mario Epp

The Embassy, represented by the Ambassador's spouse, Ms. Susana Stalder and our Attaché, Mr. Mario Epp, visited TISA International School during their International Culture and Language day and held a presentation on Switzerland's multilingualism.

The Swiss guests about the country's pluralism and illustrated how its unique political system, democracy and federalism are key to successfully unite the four different cultures in a single state.

The event was attended by both students of TISA and refugees. Following the presentation, the attendees engaged in a discussion and were tasked to come up with their own public initiative, which should tackle a pressing issue in Azerbaijan. Attendants got the chance to try Swiss cheese tart, Turkey croissants and tasty Swiss chocolate.

Presentation at UFAZ



Consul J. Neuenschwander and Attaché M. Epp

Consul J. Neuenschwander and Attaché M. Epp gave a brief overview of Switzerland at the French-Azerbaijani University (UFAZ). They spoke about Switzerland's political system, economy, dual education and the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

Each year the Swiss Confederation awards Government Excellence Scholarships to promote international exchange and research cooperation between Switzerland and over 180 other countries, among them Azerbaijan.

The call for the next scholarships for the academic year 2020-21 will be published online by the beginning of August 2019.

International Festival at ADA University



Attaché M. Epp (second from right) with Swiss students

The Embassy was present with a stand at the International Festival at ADA University together with the university's exchange students from Switzerland. The annual international festival features a variety of traditions and cultures from countries from Africa, Asia Europe, North and South America and is meant to foster tolerance and the mutual understanding among countries.

The Embassy presented in its stand information materials about Switzerland, its tourism and education, as well as books of the Swiss writers translated into Azerbaijani. The visitors were very happy to get acquainted with the Swiss literature and

learn more about Swiss education opportunities. Most of the visitors expressed wishes to continue their studies in Switzerland. Following the presentations, some of the countries demonstrated their national dances.

Currently, three Swiss students are enrolled to ADA university under the exchange program. Ms. Patricia Kern, Max Hufschmidt and Simeon Aregger are in Baku for one semester to study international relations.

Cultural association awards Swiss Ambassador



Consul J. Neuenschwander receives award from Prof. Naila Mammadkhanova

The cultural association "Elm Chiragi" celebrated its 5th Anniversary with a festive event on 15 February. Our Consul, Mr. Jürg Neuenschwander, participated at the event and accepted the diploma which "Elm Chiragi" kindly awarded to Ambassador Stalder in their appreciation of their fruitful cooperation with the Swiss Embassy.

"Elm Chiragi", which means the "Light of Science", promotes science and scientific researches, as well as culture and education. The NGO also organizes cultural and scientific events in collaboration with the embassies accredited in Azerbaijan.

Varia

Federal elections of 20 October 2019 – Swiss abroad and the parliamentary elections



The next election for the two chambers of the parliament (the National Council and the Council of States) will be held on 20 October 2019. It takes place every four years and members are likewise elected for a four-year term (one legislature period). Members can be elected for multiple four-year terms in office. The elections for the Council of States are held simultaneously with the National Council's election.

Naturally, all Swiss abroad are invited to vote. 'Swiss abroad' includes all citizens, who have Swiss nationality but whose residence is registered

abroad. In order to vote at federal level, you need to be on the electoral roll of your last commune of residence, or, if you have never lived in Switzerland, you need to be on the electoral roll of your commune of origin. If you are not yet registered, please contact the consular section of our Embassy.

You can find more information about the upcoming elections with the following link:

<https://www.ch.ch/en/elections2019/>

New app for votes

Switzerland's federal and cantonal authorities have launched a new app (VoteInfo) that provides background information on the elections and also showcasts all votes nationwide. It helps users educate themselves about upcoming votes and check the results over the course of a vote day. It will publish interim results from noon onwards on voting days and regularly update them until the final results are available.

It's also possible to browse the archives that go back as far as 1981 on the federal level, and even further in the cases of some cantons, like Zurich (1831).

The app can be downloaded for free from the App Store or Google Play.

App Store:



Google Play:



Baku-Geneva direct flight for April-October



Azerbaijan Airlines prolongues its direct flights from Baku to Geneva until the end of October.

According to the current timetable, flights will be carried out twice a week, Tuesday and Friday from 2 April to 25 October 2019. Departure from Baku is at 8.45 am and departure from Geneva is at 12:20 am. The duration of the flight is 4 hours.

Media

Information related to the Embassy:

Interview of Ambassador Philipp Stalder: <https://yenicag.ru/?p=284284>

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<https://youtu.be/zEyaexUdHSc>

Interview of DhM, Ms. Simone Haerberli: https://youtu.be/_2xYjFRqPx0 (13:45)

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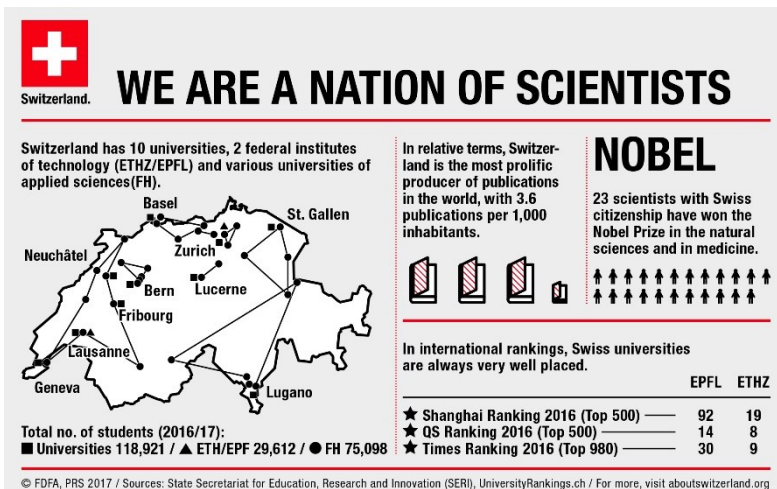
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Facts & Figures



The Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ) regularly comes top of the class in international higher education rankings.

The Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL) also performs very well in international rankings, taking 14th place in the QS Rankings and 12th place in the Leiden Ranking.

Switzerland's other higher education providers regularly rank among the top 100 universities in the world.

Swiss links

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