

# FSAF review 2022

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.

January

The FSAF supervises 4,860 foundations at the beginning of the year.

[FSAF foundation directory](#)

The FSAF transitional organisation is replaced by the definitive organisation. The FSAF is now organised into four teams. The four team leaders, together with the head of the FSAF, form the FSAF executive board.

[FSAF organisation chart](#)



A factsheet for foundations and auditing firms on EasyGov/eESA onboarding is published online.

[Factsheets](#)

February

The EasyGov portal as part of the eESA project has successfully started its onboarding process. 374 foundations have already made their registration on the EasyGov portal.

[eESA project](#)

March

The FSAF produces two more new factsheets providing information on the examination of regulations and on the possibility of exemption from the audit requirement.

[Factsheets](#)

April

Preparations are under way at the FSAF for transitioning from a paper-based to a digital eESA world. Training and project work ties up more than half of all staff resources in April and May.

May

The FSAF launches its system for digital supervision of foundations (eESA) on 18 May. Foundations and auditing firms can now communicate with the FSAF exclusively online via [www.EasyGov.swiss](http://www.EasyGov.swiss).

[Press release](#)



June

September

From now on, a 45-day extension is always granted. Any further deadline extension is only granted in justified cases.



The practice of granting excessively long extensions and extending them several times is abolished. This was one of the reasons for the FSAF's work backlog.

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August

There is a huge increase in demand for technical and advisory support. Many foundations need support in registering on EasyGov and in submitting their annual report. The FSAF receives up to 150 calls a day.

July

The FSAF decides to accord facilities to the annual reporting for 2021 and to introduce a general deadline extension until mid-August.

[Annual reporting](#)

The end of June marks the six-month deadline for most foundations for submitting their annual report.

[Annual reporting](#)

The Swiss Federal Audit Office (SFAO) publishes its audit report on the reorganisation of the FSAF. It identifies many challenges and attests that the FSAF is on the right track.

[SFAO audit report](#)

The 2021 annual review appears in a new look.

[Annual review](#)



October

The FSAF has to send reminders to 1,251 foundations for having neither submitted the required documents nor applied for a deadline extension.

Around 500 foundations are sent a second reminder with a reminder fee of CHF 100 for failing to respond to the first reminder.

A comprehensively revised edition of the model statutes is published. Among other things, the statutes state that the board of trustees shall be adequately remunerated.

[model templates](#)

The GEWA company starts scanning the FSAF archive. The entire FSAF paper archive is to be digitised within two years.

[GEWA](#)



November

The FSAF staff survey shows significantly better results than in 2020. The scores are now comparable with those throughout the Federal Administration.

## Good to know

A foundation as a legal entity has neither owners nor members. The FSAF is an instrument created by Parliament to compensate for the lack of checks and balances that owners or members would otherwise provide. It currently supervises 5,060 of the 14,000 or so classical foundations based in Switzerland.

December

The year 2022 closes with record growth with regards to the number of foundations supervised (+200). At the end of 2022, 5,060 foundations are supervised by the FSAF.

5060 foundations

[FSAF statistics](#)

The year 2022 also ends on a positive note financially. Fee Income totals of around CHF 4.76 million.

[State financial statements](#)

In the course of the year, the FSAF sends out twelve newsletters to all foundations containing official information on its supervisory activities.

[FSAF newsletter](#)

In the first two FSAF webinars, over 200 people are shown how foundations and audit firms can register on EasyGov.

[Webinar video](#)

A new factsheet describes the current FSAF practice of taking on the supervision of classical foundations.

[Factsheets](#)

1,729 foundations (one third) already communicate with the FSAF solely via EasyGov.