



# The **FOCA** introduces itself



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft  
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Swiss Confederation

**Bundesamt für Zivilluftfahrt BAZL**  
**Office fédéral de l'aviation civile OFAC**  
**Ufficio federale dell'aviazione civile UFAC**  
**Federal Office of Civil Aviation FOCA**

**The Vision** Switzerland is a leading aviation nation.

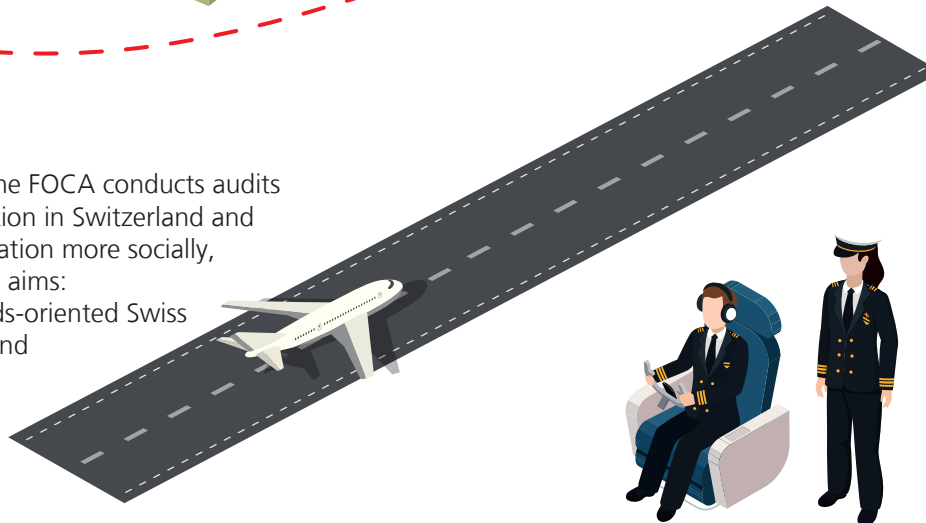
**The Mission** The FOCA creates the basis for safe, efficient and sustainable civil aviation. It ensures Switzerland's access to Europe and the world. It promotes innovation and establishes regulations in dialogue with partners. The FOCA grants authorisations and conducts industry oversight in a coordinated and risk-based manner.

The FOCA had an operating expenditure of CHF 78.3 million in 2024. Total expenditure was CHF 197.7 million (incl. subsidies to Skyguide, special aviation financing, training subsidies, contributions to international organisations and national security measures).

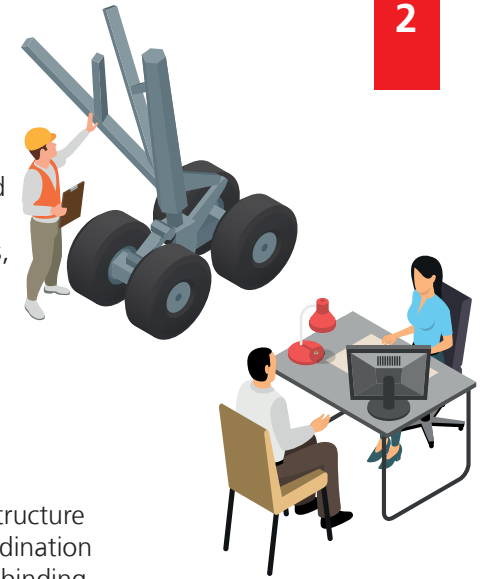
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**999** tasks? No, not quite as many. The FOCA conducts audits and inspections in its oversight of civil aviation in Switzerland and Liechtenstein. It also helps to make civil aviation more socially, economically and environmentally just. The aims: Higher safety standards; an attractive, needs-oriented Swiss aviation service; an active role for Switzerland in international aviation.



**309** full-time equivalents distributed over around 350 employees – **65% men, 35% women**. They include pilots, engineers, inspectors, lawyers, scientists, and specialists in IT, finance, HR, logistics, administration and communication.



**1** **Transport Sectoral Plan** Aviation Infrastructure (SAIP). This is the national planning and coordination instrument, in which the Confederation sets binding aims for civil aviation infrastructure.

The FOCA oversees **83** aerodromes, approves their operating regulations and any construction projects. The largest of these are the two international airports in Zurich and Geneva.

Switzerland has **13 500** licensed pilots. The FOCA oversees the examinations they take.



Around **10 000** safety-relevant **incident reports** are processed by the FOCA each year. The dangers of flight operations are assessed on the basis of these and safety on the ground and in the air is constantly improved.

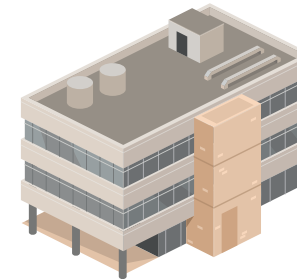


Over **150** countries are covered by international **air transport agreements** for scheduled flights. Switzerland also has a bilateral air transport agreement with the EU. An air carrier requires traffic rights before it can operate scheduled flights to destinations abroad. These rights are governed by bilateral agreements.

The FOCA receives **7,500** **notifications** regarding violations of passenger rights each year.



The FOCA oversees **3,149** **aircraft**:  
 1,453 motorised aircraft under 5.7 tonnes  
 746 gliders / motorised gliders  
 267 aircraft over 5.7 tonnes  
 330 hot air balloons and airships  
 353 helicopters



The FOCA oversees **210** **air operators and flying schools** as well as 83 maintenance and 22 manufacturing companies. Furthermore it has issued around 3,000 licences for maintenance staff.

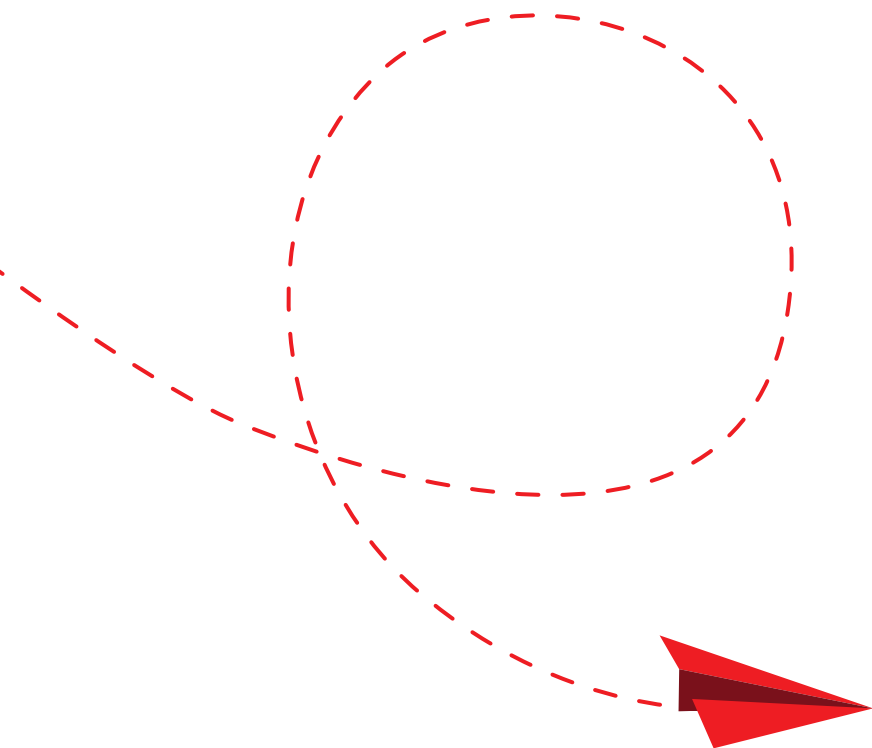


The Swiss civil aviation industry aims to be carbon-neutral.

by **2050.**



Switzerland has over **90 000** **registered drone operators** and this number is growing.



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2024 FOCA key figures

