

International Legal Assistance - Statistics 2022

Group of Action	Type of Action	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Legal Assistance											
Legal Assistance Requests to Switzerland	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters	1088	1161	1175	1268	1085	1163	1270	1279	1375	1201
	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters: Supervision	1088	1033	1110	1170	1333	1146	1260	1205	1266	1394
	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters: Own case	25	37	42	45	44	80	71	67	100	50
	Asset Recovery	15	13	15	14	14	23	19	30	36	17
	Asset Recovery: Own case	8	4	3	4	4	3	2	6	2	3
	European Judicial Network (EJN) Enquiry	51	59	34	31	48	51	45	37	21	16
	Obtaining Evidence in Civil Matters	61	44	43	58	34	66	57	48	64	51
	Obtaining Evidence in Civil Matters under Section II HEC70 + 271 CC (C)	9	17	11	8	12	7	15	22	47	31
	Obtaining Evidence in Administrative Matters	1	3	4	9	2	27	20	16	20	5
Legal Assistance with International Courts and Tribunals	International Criminal Court	1	2		2	4	10		7	3	6
	Ad hoc Tribunals ¹	2			1	2	1	2	4		4
	Fact-Finding Missions and Mechanisms					3	1				
Legal Assistance Requests to Foreign Countries	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters	866	1052	900	984	946	850	935	845	995	948
	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters: Direct transmission ²										1927
	Asset Recovery		5	5	6	5	4	20	12	6	12
	EJN Enquiry	13	7		2			2	5	2	
	Obtaining Evidence in Civil Matters	29	23	13	35	28	13	23	18	19	33
	Obtaining Evidence in Administrative Matters		1	1	3	6	1	4	2	3	3
Secondary Legal Assistance	for Use in Criminal Proceedings	10	11	9	9	13	15	17	13	15	13
	for Use in Civil Proceedings	1	3	3	2	2		1	2	4	2
	for Use in Administrative Proceedings					1	4	2	5	3	2
	for Use in Other Proceedings	2	3	3	2	4	4	8	5	2	6
	Transmission to Third Country	7	3	10	7	2	7	9	4	6	4
Spontaneous Transmission of Information and Evidence	to Foreign Country (Art. 67a IMAC)	132	88	105	114	121	164	127	168	116	128
	to Switzerland	8	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	6	21
Reports for Criminal Prosecution Purposes	to Foreign Country	3	10	10	8	9	19	18	11	12	13
Document Service Requests to Switzerland	under Criminal Law	257	367	305	264	238	265	213	161	225	177
	under Civil Law	210	227	281	218	584	534	536	324	381	323
	under Civil Law (under Art. HSC65) ³	367	350	302	557						
	under Administrative Law	79	50	59	55	102	249	190	188	208	233
	under Administrative Law (Conventions no 94) ⁴							22	34	51	46
	Unlawful Service by Post	2	15	7	6	5	3	4	2	2	4
Document Service Requests to Foreign Countries	under Criminal Law	744	629	545	552	562	548	559	616	342	501
	under Civil Law	951	989	919	857	917	798	821	689	701	598
	under Administrative Law	361	276	281	332	292	290	335	233	267	211
	under Administrative Law (SAK)	312	311	302	270	237	262	208	194	144	110
	under Administrative Law (Conventions no 94) ⁴							15	33	28	5
	Unlawful Service by Post			1							1
	Petition of the Addressee	61	53	43	42	39	31	26	37	29	34
Sharing of Forfeited Assets (Sharing)	International Sharing (Swiss Forfeiture Decision)	3	7	1	9	5	14	11	12	15	15
	International Sharing (Foreign Forfeiture Decision)	5	8	5	6	3	6	17	9	11	10
	National Sharing		1	177	34	36	41	70	55	50	39
Reports to the Federal Office of Justice (FOJ)	Breach of the Reservation of Specialty by Foreign Authorities	4	2	1	1		2	3		3	2
	Unlawful Activities on Behalf of a Foreign State (Art. 271 CC)		1	2	3		2		1		1

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Extradition											
Extradition Requests to Foreign Countries		216	259	261	284	259	252	272	204	179	174
Extradition Requests to Switzerland		413	364	397	384	360	350	321	285	312	314
Extradition/Asylum Coordination			19	17	10	2	5	4	8	14	9
Temporary Extraditions to Foreign Countries		9	2	2	3	1	2	2	1	2	
Temporary Extraditions to Switzerland		3	5	5	4	3	10	8	6	5	5
Provisional Arrest Requests to Foreign Countries		252	289	281	310	281	249	268	207	178	219
Provisional Arrest Requests to Switzerland ⁶		20804	24384	28662	32789	31697	34151	36511	31535	28046	28425
Provisional Arrest Requests for International Tribunals				1							
SPTA Requests to Foreign Countries		1		1					1		
SPTA Requests to Switzerland			4				1		4	2	2
Transfer of Proceedings Requests to Foreign Countries		225	219	197	166	153	225	221	227	232	256
Transfer of Proceedings Requests to Switzerland		65	116	118	118	133	135	142	132	154	181
Sentence Execution Requests to Foreign Countries	Fines & Monetary Penalties								1		3
	Custodial Sentences	6	3	4	10	15	5	3	7	9	4
Sentence Execution Requests to Switzerland	Fines & Monetary Penalties		2		5		1		4	4	10
	Custodial Sentences	2	6		2	6	5	4	8	6	7
Prisoner Transfer to Foreign Countries	At the Request of the Sentenced Person	51	47	46	47	65	57	54	36	60	46
	Under the Additional Protocol		2	3	4	2	2	1	1	1	
Prisoner Transfer to Switzerland	At the Request of the Sentenced Person	18	14	14	19	14	15	24	15	12	12
	Under the Additional Protocol				1				1		
Temporary Transfer of a Person in Custody to Foreign Countries		2	3		1	2	2	1	1		2
Temporary Transfer of a Person in Custody to Switzerland		2	3	1	2		1	1		2	
Liaison Prosecutor's Office of Switzerland at Eurojust ⁵											
Requests to Switzerland from Eurojust		52	89	201	144	131	138	141	143	154	176
Requests from Switzerland to Eurojust		5	15	69	136	77	105	165	173	100	65
Other											
Instruction to The Federal Department of Justice and Police (FDJP)	Limitation of Cooperation (Art. 1a IMAC)		1						2		
	Authorisations under Art. 271 CC	1	6			1	1	1			
Execution Statistics: Legal Assistance Requests to Switzerland	Execution by Federal Office for Customs and Border Security (FOCBS)	17	24	30	14	11	7	12	10	14	6
	Execution by Office of the Attorney General OAG	217	243	227	216	231	255	293	269	234	192
	Execution by other Federal Authorities	18	10	16	21	17	6	15	18	13	7
	Entirely delegated to Federal Authorities	250	276	273	247	244	269	319	293	261	205

¹ Former International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia and other ad hoc tribunals

² New of the cantons BE, GE, SG, SZ, VD, ZG, ZH and federal authorities BA, FTA

³ Electronically, under civil law, from 2017

⁴ Since 01.10.2019 the convention no 94 has been in force for Switzerland (SR 0.172.030.5)

⁵ Eurojust including third countries and existing cases extended to Switzerland.

⁶ Of which alerts in the Schengen Information System (SIS; number from FEDPOL): 16'941, INTERPOL 11'282 ("Red Corners"; number from INTERPOL) and 202 requests sent directly to the FOJ. This does not include 12'478 "diffusion" alerts via INTERPOL, for which there is no precise information on how many of these were also addressed to Switzerland. It should also be noted that a concrete check of the alerts in the SIS and via INTERPOL is only carried out in about 20% of the cases, namely if a concrete connection to Switzerland is recognizable or when the wanted person is stopped in Switzerland.

Decisions of the Judicial and Administrative Authorities 2022

Note: These statistics reflect the number of decisions notified to the Federal Office of Justice.

Category	Authority	Decision	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Detention	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	2	2	2	6	2	1	1	1	1		
		Decision: Approved					1		1				
		Decision: Approved in part										1	
		Decision: Not considered	1	1		1		2	2				
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Rejected	8	15	21	13	16	13	23	13	14	12	
		Decision: Approved								2	1		
		Decision: Approved in part											
		Decision: Not considered	2		3		5	3	2	1	3		
Extradition	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Rejected		1			1		1				
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn	1	6	5	4	5	2	3	3	4	2	
		Decision: Approved				2		1	1	3		1	
		Decision: Approved in part	1	2	2	1	2				2		2
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Not considered	2	4	2	2	4	1	1	3	1		
		Decision: Rejected	24	18	33	33	35	24	29	28	24	28	
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn		1			1	1					
		Decision: Approved		1						1	2	1	1
Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Approved in part			1	1				1				
	Decision: Not considered	12	12	15	12	22	17	14	9	11	11		
	Decision: Rejected	2		1	3	1		1	2	2	1		
	Decision: Rejected		1				1						
Sentence assumption	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn		1				1				1	
		Decision: Approved											
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Not considered			2	1	1					1	
		Decision: Rejected										1	
Transfer of a person in custody	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Not considered					3						
		Decision: Rejected			1	2	1	4					
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn											
		Decision: Approved											
Sentence execution	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Approved in part				1							
		Decision: Not considered				1	1	1					
	Federal Council	Decision: Rejected							1		1	1	
		Decision: Rejected											
Legal assistance	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	7	8	6	9	14	11	13	10	11	11	
		Decision: Approved	8	12	8	5	12	10	10	5	4	12	
		Decision: Approved in part	10	9	7	11	9	3	5	2	3	1	
		Decision: Not considered	51	40	30	22	52	34	50	47	38	27	
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Rejected	111	80	94	67	98	107	76	147	81	81	
		Decision: Suspended	1							1		1	
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn				1		1					
		Decision: Approved	1		2			3	2	1		3	
Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Approved in part					1		1	1		1		
	Decision: Not considered	30	28	36	33	51	45	36	52	43	23		
	Decision: Rejected	2	4	1	4	4	8	2	13		2		
	Decision: Suspended												
Document service and transfer	Federal Council	Decision: Rejected						1		1	1		
	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Not considered					1						

Category	Authority	Decision	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Procedure	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	2	46	13	13	1						
		Decision: Approved	1	3		2	1	5	2	2	1	4	
		Decision: Approved in part	7		1	2					1	1	
		Decision: Not considered	9	9	9	9	7	8					
		Decision: Rejected	9	5	7	13	7	6	5	4	1	4	
		Decision: Correction	1		1	1							
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Suspended	1	1							1		
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn							1	1			
		Decision: Approved	9	1	1				1				
		Decision: Approved in part			1							1	
	Federal Council	Decision: Not considered	1	1	2	2	4	1	1				
		Decision: Rejected	1	1	3	3	1						
		Decision: Rejected											
Compensation	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Rejected			1	1						1	
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn											
		Decision: Approved in part					2					1	
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Not considered											
		Decision: Rejected						1	2	2			
		Decision: Correction						2					
Cost ruling	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Not considered										1	
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn									1		
		Decision: Not considered								2		1	
Administration	Federal Administrative Court	Decision: Rejected							2				
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn					1						
		Decision: Approved							2			1	
		Decision: Approved in part											
		Decision: Not considered										2	
Revisionen	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Rejected		1	2			5		1	1		
		Decision: Suspended											
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn											1
		Decision: Approved									1	1	
		Decision: Approved in part											
Aggregation of decisions	Federal Criminal Court (BStGer / TPF)	Decision: Not considered								2	2		
		Decision: Rejected							2	9	11		
		Decision: Suspended											
		Decision: Suspended											
Aggregation of decisions	Federal Supreme Court (BGer / TF)	Decision: Not considered	257	262	246	220	277	235	230	294	203	189	
		Decision: Rejected	60	50	68	61	93	82	66	83	61	44	
		Decision: Not considered											
		Decision: Rejected											
Aggregation of decisions	Federal Administrative Court (BVGer / TAF)	Decision: Not considered											
		Decision: Rejected											
Aggregation of decisions	Federal Council (BR / CF)	Decision: Not considered						1		1	1		
		Decision: Rejected											
Total			317	312	314	281	370	318	296	378	265	233	