

International Legal Assistance - Statistics 2025

Group of Action	Type of Action	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Legal Assistance											
Legal Assistance Requests to Switzerland	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters	1268	1085	1163	1270	1279	1375	1201	1350	1323	1333
	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters: Supervision	1170	1333	1146	1260	1205	1266	1394	1430	1602	1565
	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters: Own case	45	44	80	71	67	100	50	67	64	71
	Asset Recovery	14	14	23	19	30	36	17	20	10	25
	Asset Recovery: Own case	4	4	3	2	6	2	3	5	3	2
	European Judicial Network (EJN) Enquiry	31	48	51	45	37	21	16	14	4	13
	Obtaining Evidence in Civil Matters ¹	58	34	66	57	48	64	51	48	48	74
	Obtaining Evidence in Civil Matters under Section II HEC70 + 271 CC (C)	8	12	7	15	22	47	31	17	25	30
	Obtaining Evidence in Administrative Matters	9	2	27	20	16	20	5	18	10	10
Legal Assistance with International Courts and Tribunals	International Criminal Court	2	4	10		7	3	6	3	1	2
	Ad hoc Tribunals ²	1	2	1	2	4		4	2		
	Fact-Finding Missions and Mechanisms		3	1							
Legal Assistance Requests to Foreign Countries	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters	984	946	850	935	845	995	948	1069	1187	1312
	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters: Direct transmission ³							3249	3742	4037	4146
	Asset Recovery	6	5	4	20	12	6	12	11	1	4
	EJN Enquiry	2			2	5	2				
	Obtaining Evidence in Civil Matters ¹	35	28	13	23	18	19	33	23	31	17
	Obtaining Evidence in Administrative Matters	3	6	1	4	2	3	3	1		
	for Use in Criminal Proceedings	9	13	15	17	13	15	13	13	9	6
Secondary Legal Assistance	for Use in Civil Proceedings	2	2		1	2	4	2	2		1
	for Use in Administrative Proceedings		1	4	2	5	3	2	1	1	1
	for Use in Other Proceedings	2	4	4	8	5	2	6	2	3	2
	Transmission to Third Country	7	2	7	9	4	6	4	7	9	5
	Spontaneous Transmission of Information and Evidence										
Reports for Criminal Prosecution Purposes	to Foreign Country (Art. 67a IMAC)	114	121	164	127	168	116	128	117	154	121
	to Switzerland	2	2	1	3	3	6	21	9	9	9
Document Service Requests to Switzerland	to Foreign Country	8	9	19	18	11	12	13	14	32	36
	under Criminal Law	264	238	265	213	161	225	177	205	224	329
	under Civil Law ¹	218	584	534	536	324	381	323	315	479	369
	under Civil Law (under Art. HSC65) ⁴	557									
	under Administrative Law	55	102	249	190	188	208	233	190	181	132
	under Administrative Law (Conventions no 94) ⁵				22	34	51	46	33	36	71
	Unlawful Service by Post	6	5	3	4	2	2	4	2		2
Document Service Requests to Foreign Countries	under Criminal Law	552	562	548	559	616	342	501	781	788	934
	under Civil Law ¹	857	917	798	821	689	701	598	622	680	684
	under Administrative Law	332	292	290	335	233	267	211	208	187	201
	under Administrative Law (SAK)	270	237	262	208	194	144	110	103	134	105
	under Administrative Law (Conventions no 94) ⁵				15	33	28	5	18	17	5
	Unlawful Service by Post							1			
	Petition of the Addressee	42	39	31	26	37	29	34	28	48	53
Sharing of Forfeited Assets (Sharing)	International Sharing (Swiss Forfeiture Decision)	9	5	14	11	12	15	15	11	10	20
	International Sharing (Foreign Forfeiture Decision)	6	3	6	17	9	11	10	13	6	13
	National Sharing	34	36	41	70	55	50	39	62	33	47
Reports to the Federal Office of Justice (FOJ)	Breach of the Reservation of Specialty by Foreign Authorities	1		2	3		3	2	2	1	1
	Unlawful Activities on Behalf of a Foreign State (Art. 271 CC)	3		2		1		1	4	1	1

Group of Action	Type of Action	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Extradition											
Extradition Requests	to Foreign Countries	284	259	252	272	204	179	174	216	231	233
	to Switzerland	384	360	350	321	285	312	314	430	514	544
Extradition/Asylum Coordination		10	2	5	4	8	14	9	26	76	55
Provisional Arrest Requests	to Foreign Countries	310	281	249	268	207	178	219	206	248	254
	to Switzerland *	32789	31697	34151	36511	31535	28046	28425	29827	33962	38321
Provisional Arrest Requests for International Tribunals											
SPTA Requests	to Foreign Countries					1			3	2	1
	to Switzerland			1		4	2	2	2	1	1
Transfer of Proceedings Requests	to Foreign Countries	166	153	225	221	227	232	256	353	356	400
	to Switzerland	118	133	135	142	132	154	181	191	251	238
Sentence Execution Requests to Foreign Countries	Fines & Monetary Penalties					1		3	1	2	2
	Custodial Sentences	10	15	5	3	7	9	4	9	9	12
Sentence Execution Requests to Switzerland	Fines & Monetary Penalties	5		1		4	4	10	10	12	5
	Custodial Sentences	2	6	5	4	8	6	7	8	9	7
Prisoner Transfer to Foreign Countries	At the Request of the Sentenced Person	47	65	57	54	36	60	46	44	43	48
	Under the Additional Protocol	4	2	2	1	1	1		4	4	5
Prisoner Transfer to Switzerland	At the Request of the Sentenced Person	19	14	15	24	15	12	12	12	12	13
	Under the Additional Protocol	1				1					
Request for the Temporary Transfer	to Foreign Countries of a Person in Custody	1	2	2	1	1		2	3		
	to Switzerland of a Person in Custody	2		1	1		2			1	
Request for Temporary Extradition	to Foreign Countries	3	1	1	1	1	2		6	3	6
	to Switzerland	4	3	11	9	6	5	5	2	2	
Liaison Prosecutor's Office of Switzerland at Eurojust ⁷											
Requests to Switzerland from Eurojust		144	131	138	141	143	154	176	160	137	195
Requests from Switzerland to Eurojust		136	77	105	165	173	100	65	98	81	102
Other											
Instruction to The Federal Department of Justice and Police (FDJP)	Limitation of Cooperation (Art. 1a IMAC)					2					
	Authorisations under Art. 271 CC		1	1	1			1	1		

¹ Requests sent or received directly by cantonal authorities are not included. Based on a survey carried out in 2025 among the cantons, it can be estimated that between 10,000 and 15,000 requests for service and between 500 and 700 requests for taking of evidence are sent directly to the cantons from abroad each year in civil matters.

² Former International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia and other ad hoc tribunals

³ All cantons and the federal authorities OAG, FTA, FDF and Swissmedic.

⁴ Electronically, under civil law, from 2017

⁵ Since 01.10.2019 the convention no 94 has been in force for Switzerland (SR 0.172.030.5)

⁶ Of which alerts in the Schengen Information System (SIS; number from FEDPOL): 18'747, INTERPOL 19'568 ("Red Corners"; number from INTERPOL) and 6 requests sent directly to the FOJ. This does not include 10'123 "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.

⁷ Eurojust including third countries and existing cases extended to Switzerland.

Decisions of the Judicial and Administrative Authorities 2025

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

Category	Authority	Decision	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2025	2024	2025
Detention	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	6	2	1	1	1	1		1	4	3
		Decision: Approved		1		1						
		Decision: Approved in part						1				
		Decision: Not considered	1		2	2				1		4
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Rejected	13	16	13	23	13	14	12	17	11	19
		Decision: Approved				2	1					
		Decision: Approved in part										
		Decision: Not considered		5	3	2	1	3				4
Extradition	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Rejected		1		1						
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn	4	5	2	3	3	4	2	2	2	2
		Decision: Approved	2		1	1	3		1	2		
		Decision: Approved in part	1	2			2		2		2	
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Not considered	2	4	1	1	3	1		3	1	3
		Decision: Rejected	33	35	24	29	28	24	28	28	19	40
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn		1	1						1	
		Decision: Approved				1	2	1	1			
Sentence assumption	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Approved in part	1			1				1		1
		Decision: Not considered	12	22	17	14	9	11	11	13	14	18
		Decision: Rejected	3	1		1	2	2	1	1	1	
		Decision: Rejected							1			
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Not considered		1								
		Decision: Rejected										
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn										
		Decision: Approved										
Transfer of a person in custody	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Not considered	1	1				1				2
		Decision: Rejected						1				
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Not considered		1								
		Decision: Rejected										
Sentence execution	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn										
		Decision: Approved										
		Decision: Not considered		3							1	
		Decision: Rejected	2	1	4						1	
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn										
		Decision: Approved										
		Decision: Approved in part	1									
		Decision: Not considered	1		1						1	
Legal assistance	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Rejected									1	
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn	9	14	11	13	10	11	11	4	6	14
		Decision: Approved	5	12	10	10	5	4	12	10		4
		Decision: Approved in part	11	9	3	5	2	3	1	7	3	2
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Not considered	22	52	34	50	47	38	27	29	25	22
		Decision: Rejected	67	98	107	76	147	81	81	96	55	76
		Decision: Suspended					1		1		2	3
		Decision: Correction								1		
Document service and transfer	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	1		1							
		Decision: Approved			3	2	1		3	4	1	
		Decision: Approved in part		1		1	1		1			
		Decision: Not considered	33	51	45	36	52	43	23	27	26	22
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Rejected	4	4	8	2	13		2	3	2	
		Decision: Suspended							1			
		Decision: Rejected			1		1	1				
		Decision: Not considered		1								

Category	Authority	Decision	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2025	2024	2025
Compensation	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	1						1			
		Decision: Approved								1		
		Decision: Approved in part		2				1				
		Decision: Not considered										
		Decision: Rejected	1		2	2						1
		Decision: Correction	2									
Cost ruling	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Approved					1					
		Decision: Not considered										
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn					1					
		Decision: Not considered				2		1				
Administration	Federal Administrative Court	Decision: Rejected					2					
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn	1			2						
		Decision: Approved			2			1				
		Decision: Approved in part										
		Decision: Not considered						2				
		Decision: Rejected			5		1	1			1	
Revisions	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Suspended										
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn							1	1		
		Decision: Approved					1	1				
		Decision: Approved in part									1	
		Decision: Not considered					2	2		1	1	
		Decision: Rejected				2	9	11		1		4
		Decision: Suspended										

Aggregation of decisions	Federal Criminal Court (BStGer / TPF)	180	261	216	223	278	200	181	205	134	200
	Federal Supreme Court (BGer / TF)	56	88	79	64	83	60	44	49	47	45
	Federal Administrative Court (BVGer / TAF)	0	0	7	2	1	4	0	0	1	0
	Federal Council (BR / CF)	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Total	236	349	303	289	363	265	225	254	182	245

Aggreataion of categories											
Detention	Federal Criminal Court	20	19	16	27	14	16	12	19	15	26
	Federal Supreme Court	0	6	3	5	2	3	0	0	0	4
Extradition	Federal Criminal Court	42	46	28	34	39	29	33	35	24	45
	Federal Supreme Court	16	24	18	17	13	14	13	15	16	19
Sentence assumption	Federal Criminal Court	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	2
	Federal Supreme Court	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer of a person in custody	Federal Criminal Court	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
	Federal Supreme Court	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Sentence execution	Federal Supreme Court	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Legal assistance	Federal Criminal Court	114	185	165	154	212	137	133	147	91	121
	Federal Supreme Court	38	56	57	41	67	43	30	34	29	22
	Federal Council	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Document service and transfer	Federal Criminal Court	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Compensation	Federal Criminal Court	1	5	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	1
	Federal Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cost ruling	Federal Criminal Court	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Federal Supreme Court	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administration	Federal Administrative Court	0	0	7	2	1	4	0	0	1	0
Revisions	Federal Criminal Court	0	0	0	2	12	14	1	3	2	4