

INFORMATION AND NETWORKING EVENT

The Second Swiss Contribution: Status, Implementation and Outlook

For Swiss Stakeholders and Representatives of the EU-13 Countries



DATE

**Tuesday
27 October 2026**

TIME

**14:00 - 18:00
including apéritif**

VENUE

**Bernerhof, Bankettsaal
Bundesgasse 3, 3011
Bern**

The second Swiss Contribution aims at reducing the social and economic disparities in Europe and at strengthening Switzerland's bilateral relations with the partner countries. This event will focus on the **cohesion component** of the Swiss Contribution: its current implementation status, concrete participation opportunities for Swiss organisations, and an exchange with representatives of the EU-13 countries.

This joint event by the **Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)**, the **State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)** and the **Chamber of Commerce Switzerland - Central Europe (SEC)** is aimed at Swiss companies, experts, institutions and partner organisations involved in the implementation of the second Swiss Contribution or interested in future cooperation opportunities. An additional outlook addresses the future Swiss contribution within the framework of the Switzerland-EU package (Bilaterals III).

Speakers



**Ambassador
Didier Chassot**

Vice Director SDC,
Head of Division
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**Ambassador
Pietro Lazzeri**

Head of Economic
Cooperation and
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Martina Durrer

Head of Swiss
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**Laurence
Mortier**

Head of Swiss
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**Ambassador
Stephan
Lauper**

Head of EU
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**Oliver
Bertschinger**

President &
Managing Director,
Chamber of
Commerce
Switzerland –
Central Europe
(SEC)

Programme

14:00 **Arrival and welcome coffee**

14:30 **Welcome**

Didier Chassot, Pietro Lazzeri and Oliver Bertschinger

14:50 **Implementation status of second Swiss Contribution**

Insights into the current implementation and participation of Swiss stakeholders, including practical examples.

With Martina Durrer and Laurence Mortier

15:00 **Panel discussion**

Three organisations share their experience of participating in programmes of the second Swiss Contribution, followed by Q&A.

Moderated by Oliver Bertschinger

16:00 **Outlook: The Switzerland-EU package with a focus on the future Swiss contribution**

With Stephan Lauper

16:30 **Closing remarks**

Didier Chassot and Pietro Lazzeri

16:45 - 18:00 **Networking apéritif**

Target Audience

The event is aimed at:

- ▶ Representatives of the EU-13 countries in Switzerland
- ▶ Representatives of Swiss organisations involved in the implementation of the second Swiss Contribution
- ▶ SEC members and associates

*Due to limited available space, only **one** person per institution can participate. Upon request, the participation of a second person can be considered.*

REGISTRATION

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