

# **Swiss Confederation**Green Bond Investor Presentation

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## Introduction

## Agenda

- 1. Swiss Confederation environmental ambition
- 2. Swiss Confederation Green Bond Framework
- 3. Green eligible expenditures: Case studies
- 4. Green funding strategy
- 5. Swiss economy
- 6. Q&A



# Introduction **Speakers**



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# Introduction **Executive summary**

# Environmental Policy

- Switzerland's environmental strategies and objectives focus on the two main challenges: Climate change and biodiversity loss.
- Switzerland has adopted a long term Climate Strategy to reach net-zero emissions in 2050. It outlines ten strategic principles and provides climate goals and emission pathways for different sectors.
- In 2012, Switzerland adopted its Biodiversity Strategy that defines 10 strategic objectives, and in 2017, it adopted an action plan to preserve biodiversity, ecosystems and genetic diversity.

# Green Bond Framework

- The Confederation's Green Bond Framework is aligned with the ICMA Green Bond Principles. It is composed of six eligible green categories: (1) Clean transportation, (2) Agriculture, forestry, natural landscapes and biodiversity, (3) Green buildings and energy efficiency, (4) Renewable energy, (5) International cooperation, (6) Research, innovation and awareness raising.
- The indicative amount of eligible green expenditure amounts to around CHF 4.5 billion (financial statements 2021).

# Green Confederation Bonds

- Green Confederation bonds do not have a direct impact on the environment, but bolster the Government's commitment to sustainability, strengthen the Swiss financial centre's leading position in the area of sustainable financial services, increase transparency about eligible green expenditure and meet the increasing investor demand.
- Green Confederation bonds will be integrated into the Swiss Government's proven funding strategy and will be part of the regular issuance program.



# Introduction Transaction overview

Issuer	Swiss Confederation
Sovereign Rating	AAA/Aaa/AAA (all stable)
Туре	Senior unsecured green bond
Issuance format	Auction
Auction date	12 October 2022, 9.30 – 11.00 CET
Settlement date	26 October 2022
Maturity date	Announcement on 11 October 2022
Tenor	Announcement on 11 October 2022
Amount	Open
Price	Open
Coupon	Announcement on 11 October 2022
Currency	CHF
Listing	SIX Swiss Exchange

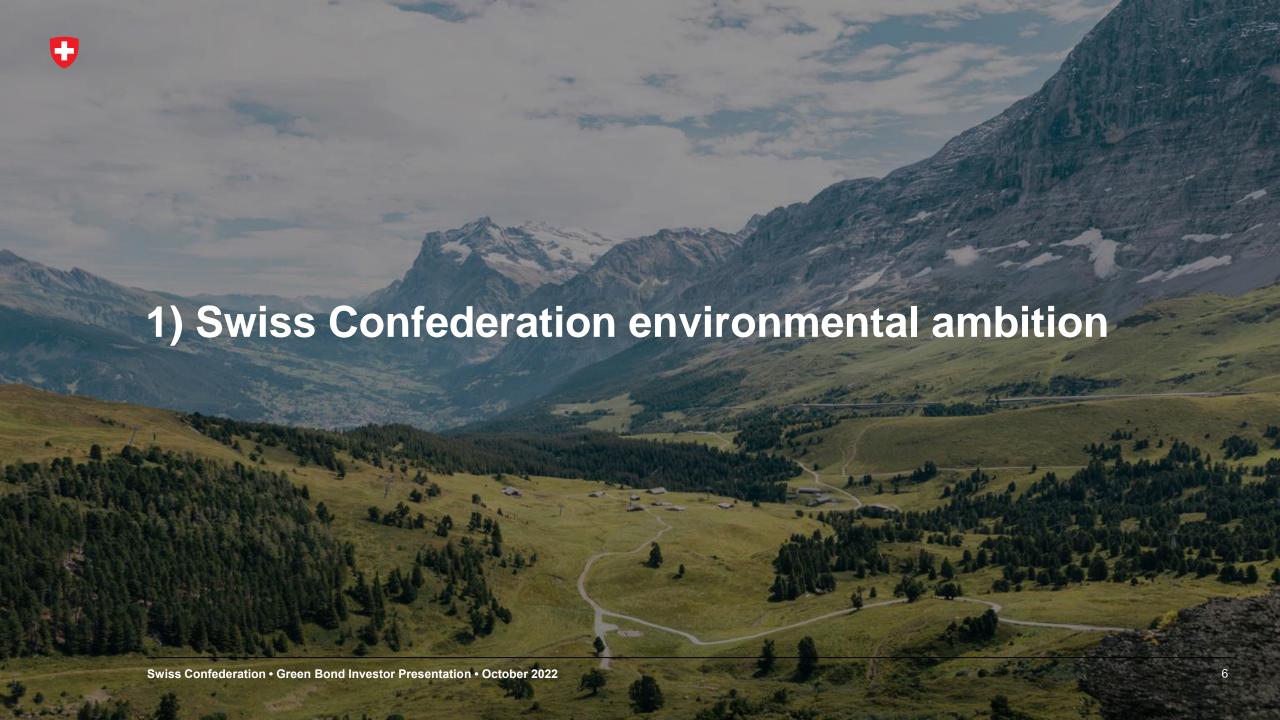
#### **Issuance process**

Part of the regular issuance program

Same process as for conventional bonds

→ Auction (Dutch tender) on SIX CO:RE
platform between 09:30 and 11:00 CET

Orders have to be placed at banks with access to SIC accounts at the Swiss National Bank (i.e. Swiss and certain foreign banks)





# Swiss Confederation environmental ambition Main challenges

## Climate change

- Switzerland has experienced an increase of the mean temperature about twice the increase of the global mean temperature.
- Taking into account the emissions associated with imported goods as well as investments abroad, Switzerland's emissions are estimated to be a multiple.

## State of biodiversity

- **Biodiversity** in Switzerland is in an **unsatisfactory** state and **continues to decrease.**
- Many habitats are becoming more and more similar (e.g. pastures).
- Today, about half of all habitat types in Switzerland as well as assessed native species, are vulnerable or near threatened.







# Swiss Confederation environmental ambition Climate: Commitments and legislations

#### **International Commitments**

- Switzerland is a signatory to the Paris Agreement with it's three objectives (Art. 2.1.):
  - Mitigation: Limit temperature increase to well below 2°C; 1.5°C to reduce risk significantly. This translates into net-zero-emissions as of 2050 for industry, transport, buildings, etc.
  - Adaptation: Increase ability to adapt to impacts and foster climate resilience.
  - Finance: Make finance flows consistent with a low carbon and climate resilient pathway.

## **National Targets and Legislation**

- Switzerland adopted the long-term Climate Strategy to 2050.
- It outlines ten strategic principles and provides climate goals and emission pathways for the buildings, industry, transport, agricultural and food sectors, financial markets, synthetic gases, aviation and the waste industry.
- It determines the requirement for negative emissions.
- The CO<sub>2</sub> Act provides the legal basis for the necessary measures.

2015: Signature of Paris Agreement

2017: Ratification of the Paris
Agreement

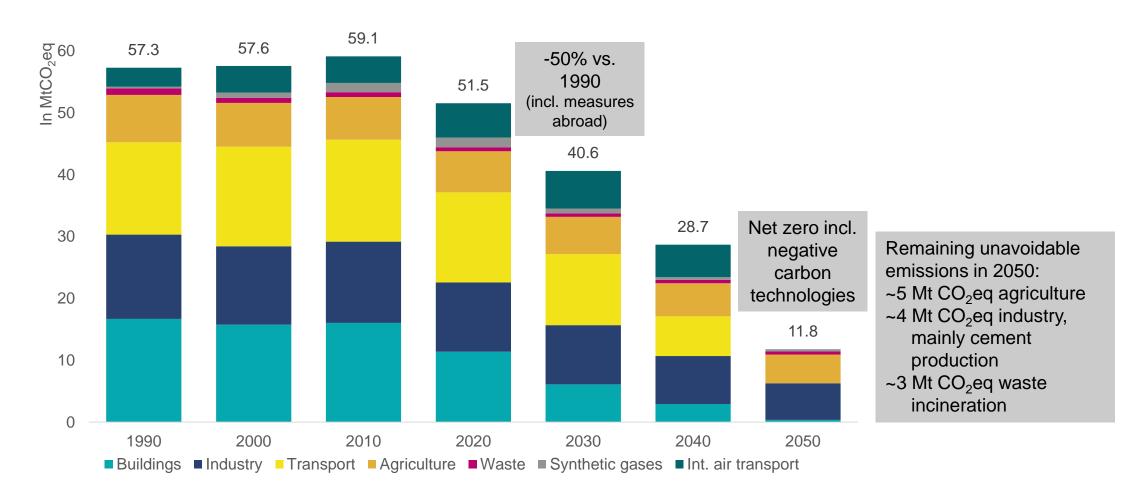
2019: Net-zero target decision by Federal Council

2021: Adoption of long-term Climate Strategy

2025: Expected entry into force of the revised  $CO_2$  Act



# Swiss Confederation environmental ambition Switzerland's CO<sub>2</sub>eq emissions trajectory





# Swiss Confederation environmental ambition Biodiversity: Commitments and actions



#### International commitments

- Switzerland is signatory to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) since 1992
- CBD COP 10 (2010): 20 Aichi targets by 2020
- Ongoing negotiations of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

## National legislation and actions

- The federal constitution obliges the federal government and the cantons to ensure the longterm preservation of the natural foundations of life
- Switzerland has a Biodiversity Strategy (2012)
- It defines 10 strategic objectives to to preserve biodiversity, ecosystems and genetic diversity
- Adoption of the Swiss Biodiversity Action Plan (2017). It includes three main action fields:
- Direct, long-term promotion of biodiversity
- Sustainable use, economic values, international commitment
- Knowledge generation and sharing

1992: Signature of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

2012: Swiss Biodiversity Strategy 2017: Swiss Biodiversity Action Plan 2017 to 2023:
First
implementation
period of the
action plan



# Swiss Confederation environmental ambition Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

## The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Switzerland is committed to implement the SDGs.
- Switzerland ranks globally as #8 in the implementation of its SDG's (UN SDG index 2022)
- The SDG's are considered in sectorial policies and for the Swiss energy and environmental policy areas, the following goals are for example relevant:
  - SDG 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
  - SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
  - SDG 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems



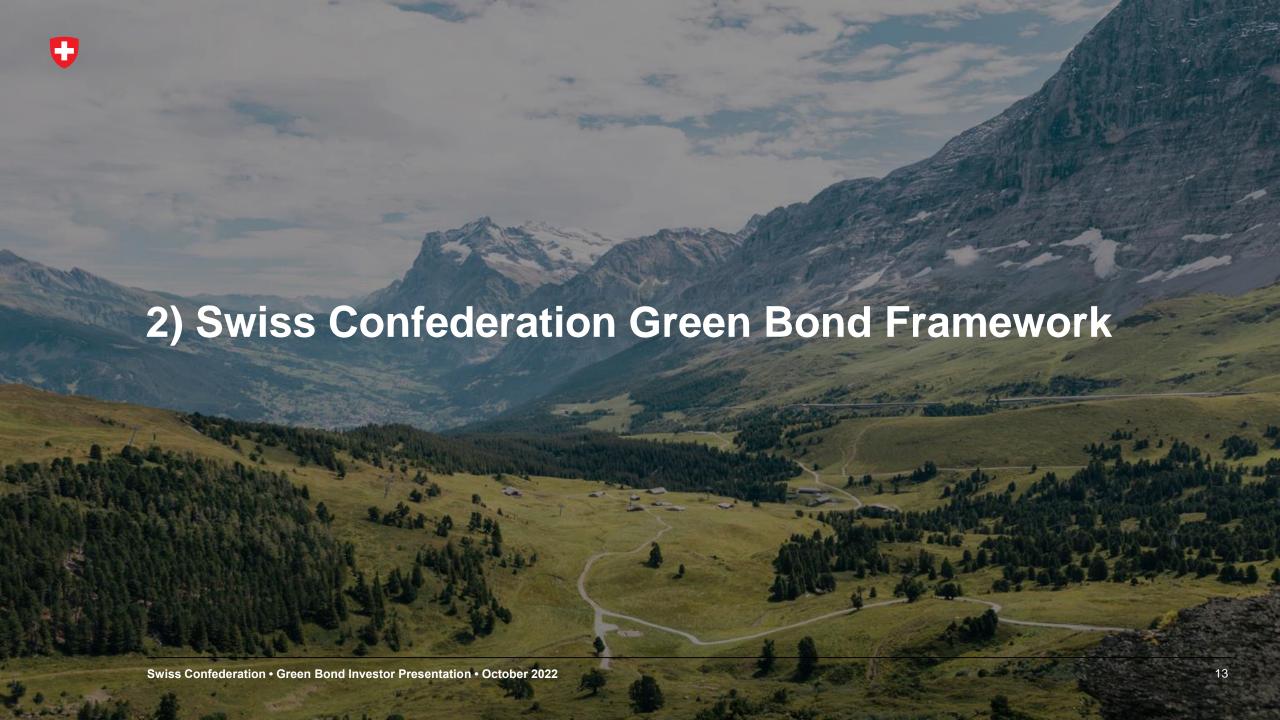






# Swiss Confederation environmental ambition Key Actions: Sustainable finance

Objectives	<ul> <li>To align financial flows with climate objectives in accordance with 2.1c of the Paris Agreement and to align financial flows with biodiversity objectives</li> <li>To establish Switzerland as a leading hub in sustainable finance</li> <li>The Swiss financial centre plays a key role and must effectively contribute to reach Switzerland's environment and sustainability objective while at the same time improve its competitiveness.</li> </ul>
Transparency	At market level: To monitor climate goal alignment the Swiss Government invites all Swiss banks, asset managers, pension funds and insurance companies for the biannual PACTA climate tests. The third test is ongoing.  At financial institution level: From 2024 large Swiss companies will be required to report on climate risks and climate impact of their business activity based on the TCFD recommendations.  At financial product level: In 2022 Switzerland launched the Swiss Climate Score for equity and corporate bond portfolios with a voluntary set of indicators to establish best practice transparency and foster investment decisions that contribute to climate objectives.
Credibility	The federal council is encouraging the financial sector to join <b>net-zero international alliances</b> and is working towards <b>industry agreements</b> to this end.  By the end of 2022 the federal council is expected to propose <b>possible amendment to the financial market law</b> in order to avoid green washing.





# Swiss Confederation Green Bond Framework Rationale for issuing a Green Bond

#### **Swiss Financial Centre**

- Establishing Switzerland's financial centre as an international leader in sustainable financial services
- Strengthening the application of international green bond standards
- Support the development of the green financial markets and the Swiss capital market

#### **Federal Finances**

- Bolster the Federal Council's commitment to sustainability
- Further increase transparency about public green expenditure and its impact

#### **Investor Demand**

- Maintaining and further expanding the diversified and broad investor base
- Meeting increasing investor demand for green capital market investments

### No direct impact

- Parliament ultimately needs to approve any type of expenditure
- Sovereign green bonds do not lead to more environmental projects and spending on its own



# Swiss Confederation Green Bond Framework Overview: Framework aligned with the ICMA GBP

Use of Proceeds	Eligible green categories (mapped where possible with the SDGs & EU Envr. Objectives)  1. Clean transportation 2. Agriculture, forestry, natural landscapes and biodiversity 3. Green buildings and energy efficiency 4. Renewable energy 5. International cooperation 6. Research, innovation and awareness raising
Project Evaluation and Selection	Green Bond Working Group (GWG) is planning and managing all tasks related to the issuance of the Green Confederation Bonds GWG evaluates and selects projects
Management of Proceeds	The <b>Federal Finance Administration</b> will ensure, monitor and document the allocation in accordance with the Framework
Reporting	The GWG will publish a Green Bond report aligned with ICMA requirements including allocation and impact reports  Allocation and impact report will be published annually until full allocation of proceeds and verified by an independent third party



# Swiss Confederation Green Bond Framework Use of Proceeds: Green eligible expenditures (1)

Green category of eligible expenditures	Description of eligible expenditures (including key examples)	SDG	EU env. objectives
Clean transportation	Expenditures aimed at reducing dependence on fossil fuel transport  Railway and road passenger and freight transportation (e.g. Trains that have zero tailpipe CO <sub>2</sub> emissions)	7 AFFORDABLE AND CLIMATE AND CLIMATE AND COMMANDES  11 SUSTAMMENT OFFICE AND APPLICATION  13 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  14 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  15 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  16 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  17 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  18 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  19 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  19 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  10 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  11 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  11 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  12 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  13 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  14 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  15 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  16 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  17 CLIMATE AND APPLICATION  18 CLIMATE AND APPLICATI	<ul><li>Climate change mitigation</li><li>Pollution prevention and control</li></ul>
Agriculture, forestry, natural landscapes and biodiversity	Expenditures for sustainable land use and protection, as well as promotion of biological diversity  Subsidies to promote low-carbon, climate friendly and organic farming	13 CLIMATE 14 LIFE BELOWWATER 15 LIFE OF CHARD  THE CONTROL OF CHA	<ul> <li>Climate change mitigation</li> <li>Climate change adaptation</li> <li>The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems</li> </ul>
Green building and energy efficiency	Expenditures to promote the development of energy efficient buildings and projects that increase energy savings and energy efficiency Energy efficiency improvements in public administration and ETH buildings	7 AFFORMABLE AND CLEAR SKRET AND CHARACTERS AND COMMONWELLS AN	Climate change mitigation

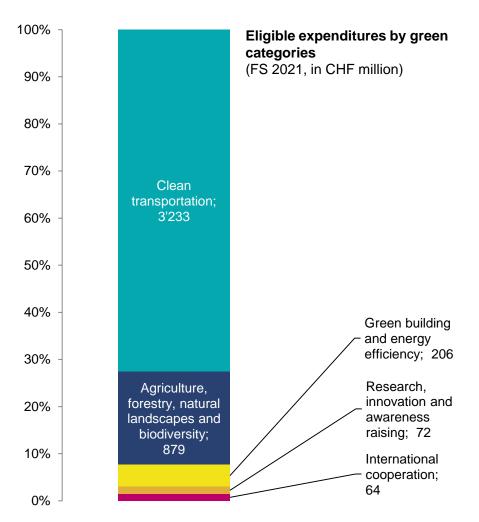


# Swiss Confederation Green Bond Framework Use of Proceeds: Green eligible expenditures (2)

Green category of eligible expenditures	Description of eligible expenditures (including key examples)	SDG	EU env. objectives
Renewable energy	Expenditures to accelerate the development of renewable energies Renewable energy facilities, technologies and processes No eligible expenditure in the budget 2021 and 2022	7 AFFORMABLE AND CLEAR DEACH ACTION ACTION	Climate change mitigation
International cooperation	Expenditures aimed at supporting developing and emerging countries in their transition towards a more environmentally friendly economy  Partnerships to support the climate transition	13 CLIMATE 15 UFE ON LAND 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE COALS	<ul><li>Climate change mitigation</li><li>Climate change adaptation</li></ul>
Research, innovation and awareness raising	Expenditures aimed at enhancing and facilitating knowledge and innovation about climate and environmental topics  Expenditures enabling research to sustainable agriculture	7 AFFORGABLE AND CLIMATE CLIMATE CLIMATE ON LINE  13 CLIMATE  AFFORGABLE AND  CLIMATE  ON LINE  ON LIN	<ul><li>Climate change mitigation</li><li>Climate change adaptation</li></ul>



# Swiss Confederation Green Bond Framework Use of Proceeds: Green eligible expenditures (3)



## Green eligible expenditures

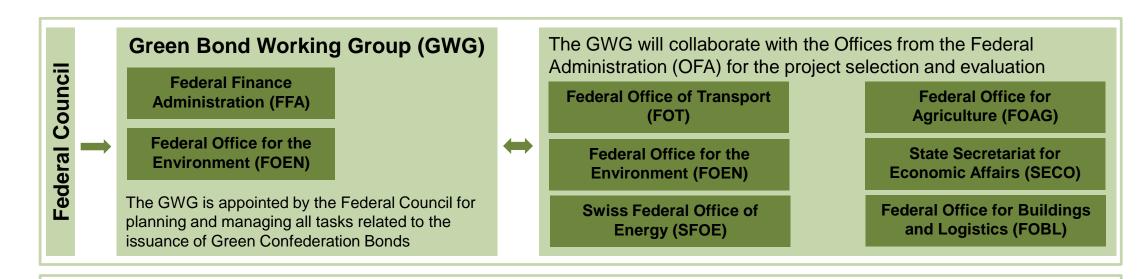
The GWG has identified eligible expenditure in the amount of around CHF 4.5bn in the financial statement 2021. The amount of eligible green expenditures in the coming years will be significantly influenced by decisions of the Parliament.

«Clean transportation», which includes investments into clean and sustainable transportation such as railway, is by far the largest category.

The Confederation's budget currently has no eligible green expenditures in the category «Renewable energy». Expenditures in this category are mostly financed through earmarked revenues.



# Swiss Confederation Green Bond Framework Process for project selection and evaluation (1)



- 1. Initial Screening (GWG)

  Broad budget screening
  based on set eligibility criteria
- 4. Review (GWG, OFA)
   Eligibility, ESG risks and ESG
   controversies are reviewed at
   least annually
- 2. Evaluation (GWG, OFA)

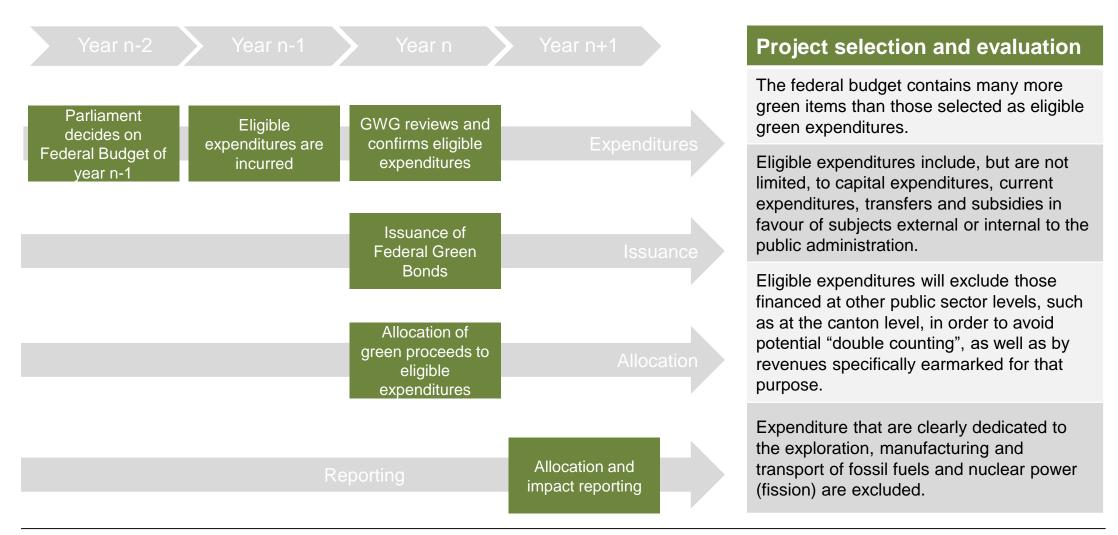
  Potentially eligible
  expenditures are checked
  with relevant offices
- 5. Replacing (GWG, OFA)

  If the review (step 4) leads to
  a reclassification, ineligible
  expenditures will be replaced
- Selection (GWG)
   Working group decides on the selection of eligible expenditures
- 6. Updating (GWG)
  The GWG is in charge of updating the framework if necessary
- 7. Reporting (GWG, OFA)

  The GWG will coordinate and approve the annual impact and allocation reporting



# Swiss Confederation Green Bond Framework Process for project selection and evaluation (2)





# Swiss Confederation Green Bond Framework Management of proceeds

#### **Federal Finance Administration**

Ensures that an amount equal to the net proceeds of the Green Confederation Bonds is allocated to the eligible Swiss Confederation budget expenditures in accordance with the Swiss Confederation Green Bond Framework.

Monitors and documents the proceeds in accordance with the ICMA principles.

Pending full allocation, the net proceeds of the Green Confederation Bond issuances will be managed within the regular liquidity and debt management in accordance with the regulatory framework of the Swiss Confederation. Green Confederation
 Bonds can be
 increased (tapped) in
 subsequent auctions



 The tapped bond will be fungible with the original Green Confederation Bond after settlement



 In terms of management of proceeds and reporting, every issuance of a Green Confederation Bond will be treated separately



4) Selected green expenditures and thus the impact on the environment may vary between different issuances, even if the bonds are fungible





# Swiss Confederation Green Bond Framework Reporting

## Reporting

- Allocation report will demonstrate annually that the proceeds have been allocated in accordance with Green Bond Framework's criteria for eligible green expenditures.
- Impact report will outline annually the environmental impact of the use of the Green Bond proceeds.
- Independent third party will provide assurance on the allocation and impact reports.

To the extent feasible, the reports will include the following information:

- A list of allocated proceeds, including a break-down by type of expenditure and the share of past expenditures and current expenditures.
- Amount of total identified eligible green expenditures and unallocated proceeds
- Any developments that led to changes regarding the eligibility of green expenditures

## **Examples of reporting indicators**

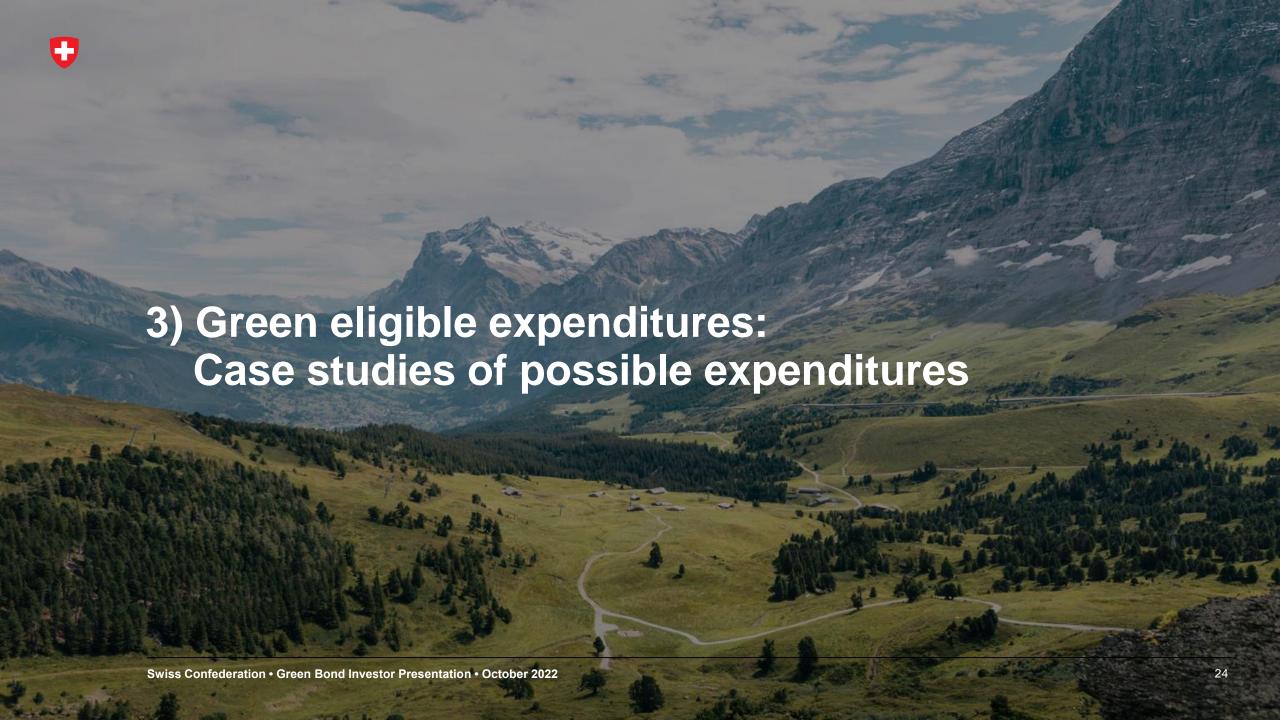
Green eligible expenditures	Indicators (amongst other)	Green eligible expenditures	Indicators (amongst other)
Clean transportation	Accumulated amount of electrified rail infrastructure (kilometres)	Renewable energy	Expected installed capacity of renewable energy (MW)
Agriculture, forestry, natural landscapes and biodiversity	Hectares of sustainable agriculture	International cooperation	Number and nature of projects that support climate change adaptation / resilience
Green buildings and energy efficiency	Annual GHG emission avoidance (in CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent)	Research, innovation and awareness raising	Number of funded research projects



# Swiss Confederation Green Bond Framework Second Party Opinion









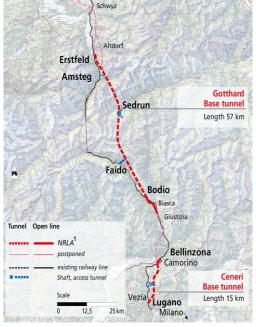
# Green eligible expenditures Clean transportation

# Why and how Switzerland finances the rail infrastructure

- The CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the transport sector represent over a third and make up the largest share of Switzerland's total CO<sub>2</sub>eq emissions.
- Swiss long-term Climate Strategy:
- By 2050 the transport sector should become CO<sub>2</sub>eq free through the electrification of the sector and the promotion of the the shift of freight and passenger transport to rail transport among other measures.
- The rail infrastructure is financed trough the Rail Infrastructure Fund (RIF) established in 2014, based on a decision by the federal council and validated by a popular vote. RIF is funded by multiple sources including the federal government's budget.

## What: Gotthard Basis Tunnel

- The world's longest and deepest mountain tunnel
- **Budget**: 12.2 billion Swiss Francs funded by the Confederation through RIF.
- Construction period: 1998-2022
- As a result 260 freight trains can travel through it every day and half-hourly regular timetable will be introduced for passengers.



<sup>1</sup> NRLA New Rail Link through the Alps, NEAT







## Green eligible expenditures

## Agriculture, forestry, natural landscapes & biodiversity

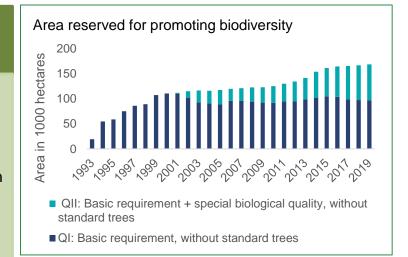
Why: Switzerland fosters sustainability in agriculture, forestry, natural landscapes and biodiversity

- Convention on Biodiversity (CBD), Aichi targets:
  - Target 7: By 2020 areas under agriculture, aquaculture and forestry are managed sustainably
  - Target 11: By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water and especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved and integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes
- Swiss Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan
- The increase in the quality of existing ecological compensation areas and their connection is part of the biodiversity strategy and the agricultural policy

## What: Ecological networks

- Direct payments to biodiversity promotion areas, include network contributions to maintain and restore areas along forests, streams and hedges.
- Funded projects:
  - Networking biodiversity promoting areas in agricultural landscapes
  - Improving the quality of habitats with species-specific measures
- Promoting demographic and genetic exchanges between populations
- · Recolonization of new suitable habitats
- Investment costs: CHF 112.6 million in total for 2021
- Project period: Project support is generally for 8 years











## Green eligible expenditures

## Green buildings and energy efficiency

# Why: Switzerland supports green buildings & energy efficiency

- The building sector is the source of approximately a quarter of Switzerland's greenhouse gas emissions. That's why emission and energy targets in this sector are relevant.
- Swiss long-term Climate Strategy:
- By **2050**, Switzerland's building stock should become **CO**<sub>2</sub>-free.
- Swiss Energy Strategy 2050
- The Energy Strategy 2050 aims to reduce the energy consumption of the Swiss buildings park to 55 TWh by 2050.

# What: New sustainable administration building

- The Federal Office for Buildings and Logistics (FOBL) supports the sustainable construction and maintenance of buildings belonging to the Swiss Confederation in Switzerland and abroad.
- Funded project: a Swiss Sustainable
   Building Standards (SNBS) and Minergie-P-Eco® certified new administration
   building
- Investment costs: CHF 124.6 Mio.
- Building period: May 2020 to June 2023











# Green funding strategy Comitted to proven funding strategy

#### **Efficiency**

- Committed to an efficient Swiss capital market
- Ensuring a liquid government bond yield curve

#### **Debt portfolio**

- ~20 bonds
- Only one bond due per calendar year

#### **Issuance program**

- Preannounced and transparent yearly issuance program
- Disclosed annual gross and net funding needs

#### **Auctions**

- Monthly bond auctions with a summer break in August
- Two optional dates (October and December)

#### **Bond volume**

- Target volume of min CHF 2 billion and max CHF 4 billion
- Target volume to be reached in the medium term

## Reopening and own tranches

- Outstanding bonds are tapped regularly
- Own tranches can be acquired from the Federal Treasury





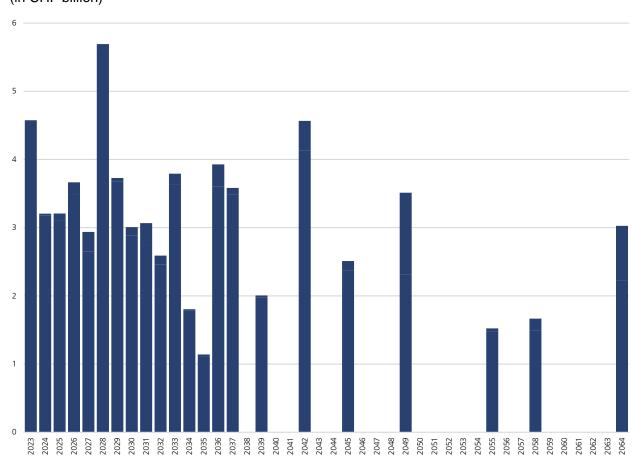
# Green funding strategy Green Confederation Bonds integrated in strategy

# Green Funding

 Green Confederation Bonds are integrated into the proven funding strategy and treated as conventional bonds from a funding perspective.

- After the inaugural auction, the Green Confederation Bond will be tapped again (same as its conventional siblings).
- After having reached a minimum volume, new green tenors will be launched at the Federal Treasury's discretion.
- The tenor, maturity date and coupon of the inaugural Green Confederation Bond will be announced on 11 October 2022.

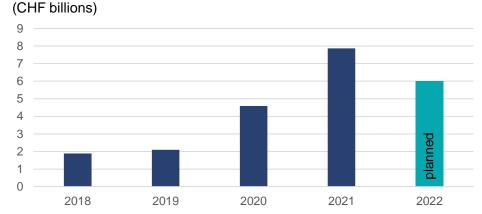
## **Swiss Government Bond Maturity Profile** (in CHF billion)



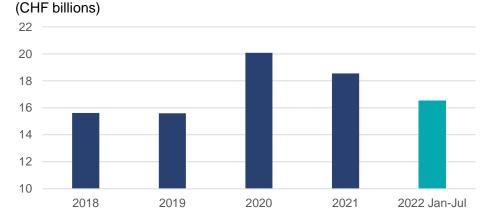


# Green funding strategy Inaugural auction in view of elevated Eidgenossen demand

#### Swiss Government Bonds gross issuance

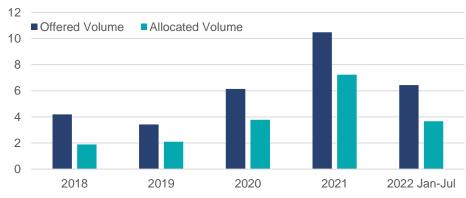


#### **Swiss Government Bonds turnover nominal**

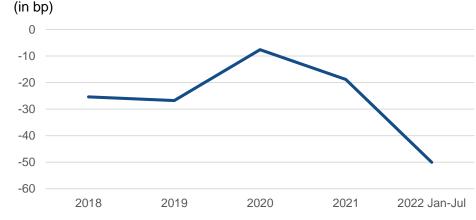


#### **Swiss Government Bonds auction results**



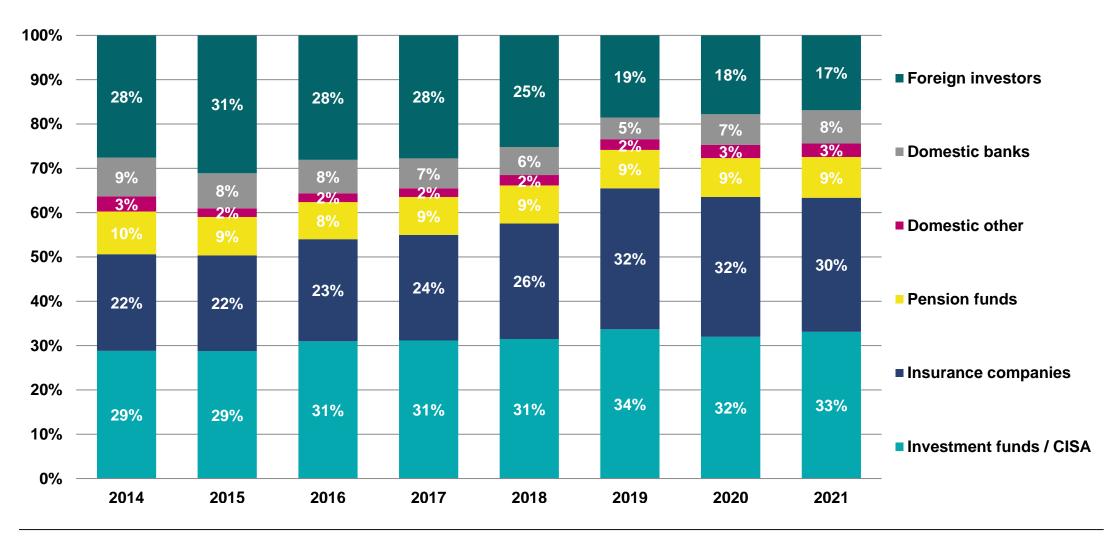


## Swiss Government Bonds Swap-Spread at auctions





# Green funding strategy Stable real-money investor base





# Green funding strategy Prime credit rating and sound green credentials

#### Aaa Rating (outlook stable) by Moody's -15 December 2021

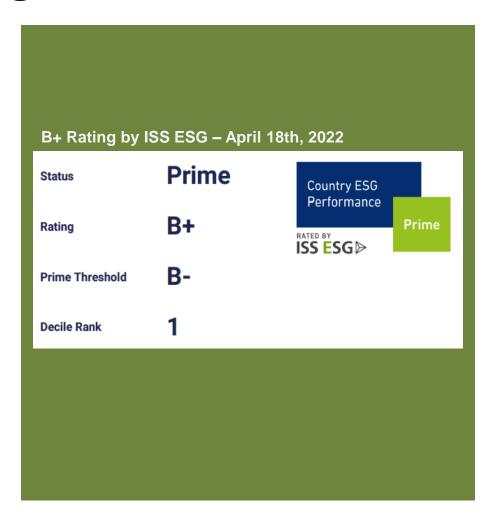
"The credit profile of Switzerland reflects its very high levels of wealth and the country's diversified and competitive economy. Switzerland is a large net external creditor with the rest of the world, and its robust institutions and highly credible macroeconomic management compare favourably with Aaa-rated peers. Government finances are very healthy, with modest gross debt and credible fiscal rules put in place more than a decade ago."

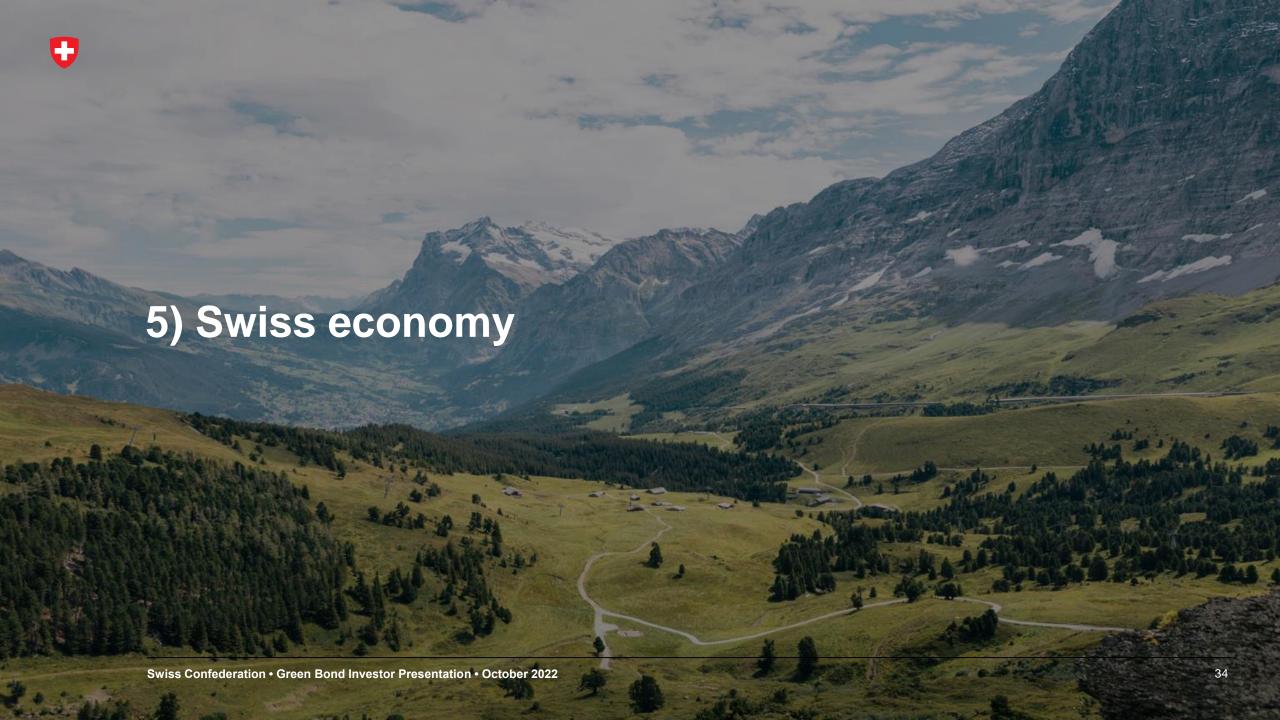
#### AAA Rating (outlook stable) by Fitch – 13 May 2022

"Switzerland's 'AAA' ratings and Stable Outlook reflect a diversified and high value-added economy (GDP per capita 1.3x the 'AAA' median) and very strong governance and human development indicators. The rating is supported by Switzerland's very large net external creditor position, high and persistent current account surpluses, and the global reserve currency status of the Swiss franc. It also reflects a record of stable and prudent economic and fiscal policy, and general government debt/GDP that is well below the current 'AAA' median."

#### AAA Rating (outlook stable) by S&P – 15 December 2021

"Institutional and economic profile: Switzerland's strong institutional framework, high levels of prosperity, and competitive economy remain intact following the pandemic." "Flexibility and performance profile: Exceptionally strong external position, a prudent fiscal stance, and the credibility of the SNB's monetary policy provide significant buffers against economic shocks."



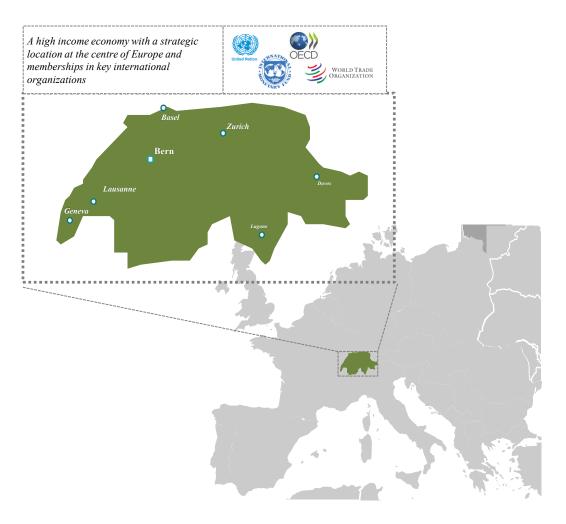




## **Swiss economy**

## Key facts and figures about Switzerland

Switzerland	
Capital	Bern
Area	41 285 km <sup>2</sup>
Population	8.6 million
Political System	Direct democratic federal republic
Life expectancy	83.7 years
Nominal GDP	\$748bn
GDP per capita	\$93k
Real GDP growth	3.7% (2021, World Bank)
Currency	Swiss Franc (CHF)
Exchange rate	0.98 CHF = 1 USD (29 September 2022)
Public debt	\$187.2bn (all levels of government, 2019)
Sovereign ratings	AAA/Aaa/AAA
Key economic sectors	Chemical/pharmaceutical industry, financial services, electronics





# Swiss economy Key characteristics of the Swiss economy

Open and highly diversified economy

Well-developed infrastructure

Competitive tax system

Low public debt and high debt affordability

Highly efficient government

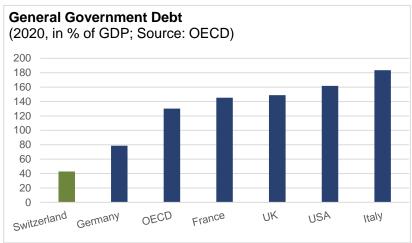
Stable, consensus-based political system

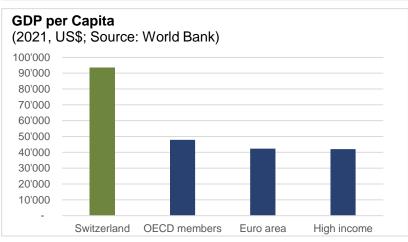


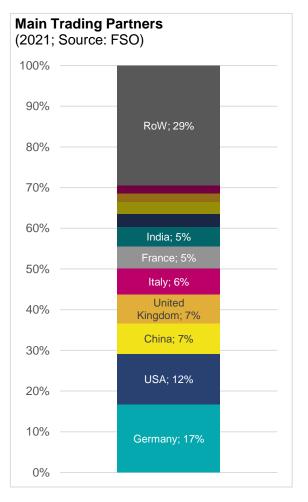


Switzerland is one of the most competitive economies in the world

Switzerland consistently ranks among the top in international ESG rankings









# Swiss economy: Outlook

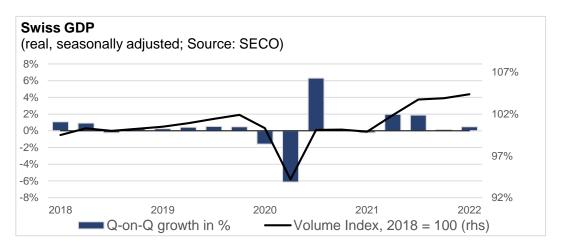
- The Swiss economy has rebounded strongly from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Current projections point to stable economic growth and decreasing inflation in the near future.
- While inflation in Switzerland is on a multi-year high, it is low in comparison with other countries (a.o. CHF appreciation, low debt levels, reliable monetary policy).

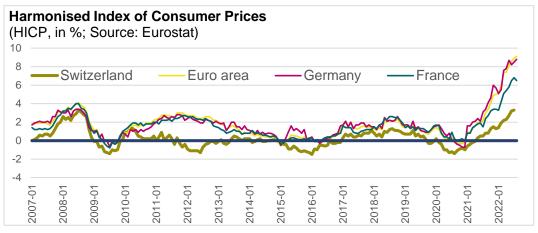
#### **Forecasts Switzerland**

Growth rates in % unless otherwise stated

	2022*		2023*	
GDP, sport event adjusted	2.0	(2.6)	1.1	(1.9)
GDP	2.1	(2.8)	8.0	(1.6)
Private consumption	4.0	(3.5)	1.4	(1.8)
Government consumption	0.3	(0.3)	-2.5	(-0.9)
Investment in construction	-2.2	(-1.9)	-0.2	(-0.4)
Investment in fixed assets and software	1.7	(2.3)	1.7	(3.0)
Exports	4.0	(5.7)	2.0	(2.9)
Imports	5.6	(7.4)	2.4	(3.2)
Employment in full time equivalents	2.7	(2.1)	0.7	(8.0)
Unemployment rate in %	2.2	(2.1)	2.3	(2.0)
Consumer price index	3.0	(2.5)	2.3	(1.4)

GDP and components: volumes, seasonally adjusted; foreign trade: excluding valuables.





<sup>\*</sup> Forecasts by the Federal Expert Group on Business Cycles from 20.09.2022. Forecasts from 15.06.2022 in brackets.



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