

International Legal Assistance - Statistics 2023

Group of Action	Type of Action	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Legal Assistance											
Legal Assistance Requests to Switzerland	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters	1161	1175	1268	1085	1163	1270	1279	1375	1201	1350
	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters: Supervision	1033	1110	1170	1333	1146	1260	1205	1266	1394	1430
	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters: Own case	37	42	45	44	80	71	67	100	50	67
	Asset Recovery	13	15	14	14	23	19	30	36	17	20
	Asset Recovery: Own case	4	3	4	4	3	2	6	2	3	5
	European Judicial Network (EJN) Enquiry	59	34	31	48	51	45	37	21	16	14
	Obtaining Evidence in Civil Matters ¹	44	43	58	34	66	57	48	64	51	48
	Obtaining Evidence in Civil Matters under Section II HEC70 + 271 CC (C)	17	11	8	12	7	15	22	47	31	17
	Obtaining Evidence in Administrative Matters	3	4	9	2	27	20	16	20	5	18
Legal Assistance with International Courts and Tribunals	International Criminal Court	2		2	4	10		7	3	6	3
	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	1052	900	984	946	850	935	845	995	948	1069
	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters: Direct transmission ³									1930	2205
	Asset Recovery	5	5	6	5	4	20	12	6	12	11
	EJN Enquiry	7		2			2	5	2		
	Obtaining Evidence in Civil Matters ¹	23	13	35	28	13	23	18	19	33	23
	Obtaining Evidence in Administrative Matters	1	1	3	6	1	4	2	3	3	1
Secondary Legal Assistance	for Use in Criminal Proceedings	11	9	9	13	15	17	13	15	13	13
	for Use in Civil Proceedings	3	3	2	2		1	2	4	2	2
	for Use in Administrative Proceedings				1	4	2	5	3	2	1
	for Use in Other Proceedings	3	3	2	4	4	8	5	2	6	2
	Transmission to Third Country	3	10	7	2	7	9	4	6	4	7
Spontaneous Transmission of Information and Evidence	to Foreign Country (Art. 67a IMAC)	88	105	114	121	164	127	168	116	128	117
	to Switzerland	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	6	21	9
Reports for Criminal Prosecution Purposes	to Foreign Country	10	10	8	9	19	18	11	12	13	14
Document Service Requests to Switzerland	under Criminal Law	367	305	264	238	265	213	161	225	177	205
	under Civil Law ¹	227	281	218	584	534	536	324	381	323	315
	under Civil Law (under Art. HSC65) ⁴	350	302	557							
	under Administrative Law	50	59	55	102	249	190	188	208	233	190
	under Administrative Law (Conventions no 94) ⁵						22	34	51	46	33
	Unlawful Service by Post	15	7	6	5	3	4	2	2	4	2
Document Service Requests to Foreign Countries	under Criminal Law	629	545	552	562	548	559	616	342	501	781
	under Civil Law ¹	989	919	857	917	798	821	689	701	598	622
	under Administrative Law	276	281	332	292	290	335	233	267	211	208
	under Administrative Law (SAK)	311	302	270	237	262	208	194	144	110	103
	under Administrative Law (Conventions no 94) ⁵						15	33	28	5	18
	Unlawful Service by Post		1							1	
	Petition of the Addressee	53	43	42	39	31	26	37	29	34	28
Sharing of Forfeited Assets (Sharing)	International Sharing (Swiss Forfeiture Decision)	7	1	9	5	14	11	12	15	15	11
	International Sharing (Foreign Forfeiture Decision)	8	5	6	3	6	17	9	11	10	13
	National Sharing	1	177	34	36	41	70	55	50	39	62
Reports to the Federal Office of Justice (FOJ)	Breach of the Reservation of Specialty by Foreign Authorities	2	1	1		2	3		3	2	2
	Unlawful Activities on Behalf of a Foreign State (Art. 271 CC)	1	2	3		2		1		1	4

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Extradition											
Extradition Requests	to Foreign Countries	259	261	284	259	252	272	204	179	174	216
	to Switzerland	364	397	384	360	350	321	285	312	314	430
Extradition/Asylum Coordination		19	17	10	2	5	4	8	14	9	26
Provisional Arrest Requests	to Foreign Countries	289	281	310	281	249	268	207	178	219	206
	to Switzerland ⁶	24384	28662	32789	31697	34151	36511	31535	28046	28425	29827
Provisional Arrest Requests for International Tribunals			1								3
SPTA Requests	to Foreign Countries		1					1			
	to Switzerland	4				1		4	2	2	2
Transfer of Proceedings Requests	to Foreign Countries	219	197	166	153	225	221	227	232	256	353
	to Switzerland	116	118	118	133	135	142	132	154	181	191
Sentence Execution Requests to Foreign Countries	Fines & Monetary Penalties							1		3	1
	Custodial Sentences	3	4	10	15	5	3	7	9	4	9
Sentence Execution Requests to Switzerland	Fines & Monetary Penalties	2		5		1		4	4	10	10
	Custodial Sentences	6		2	6	5	4	8	6	7	8
Prisoner Transfer to Foreign Countries	At the Request of the Sentenced Person	47	46	47	65	57	54	36	60	46	44
	Under the Additional Protocol	2	3	4	2	2	1	1	1		4
Prisoner Transfer to Switzerland	At the Request of the Sentenced Person	14	14	19	14	15	24	15	12	12	12
	Under the Additional Protocol			1				1			
Request for the Temporary Transfer	to Foreign Countries of a Person in Custody	3		1	2	2	1	1		2	3
	to Switzerland of a Person in Custody	3	1	2		1	1		2		
Request for Temporary Extradition	to Foreign Countries	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	2		6
	to Switzerland	5	5	4	3	11	9	6	5	5	2
Liaison Prosecutor's Office of Switzerland at Eurojust ⁷											
Requests to Switzerland from Eurojust		89	201	144	131	138	141	143	154	176	160
Requests from Switzerland to Eurojust		15	69	136	77	105	165	173	100	65	98
Other											
Instruction to The Federal Department of Justice and Police (FDJP)	Limitation of Cooperation (Art. 1a IMAC)	1						2			
	Authorisations under Art. 271 CC	6			1	1	1			1	1

¹ Does not include requests sent or received directly by authorities in the cantons, for which the FOJ has no information.

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

³ Cantons BE, BS, GE, LU, SG, SZ, TG, VD, ZG, ZH and 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): 17'522, INTERPOL 12'260 ("Red Corners"; number from INTERPOL) and 44 requests sent directly to the FOJ. This does not include 11'709 "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 2023

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

Category	Authority	Decision	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Detention	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	2	2	6	2	1	1	1	1		1	
		Decision: Approved				1		1					
		Decision: Approved in part									1		
		Decision: Not considered	1		1		2	2					1
		Decision: Rejected	15	21	13	16	13	23	13	14	12	17	
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Approved						2	1				
		Decision: Approved in part											
		Decision: Not considered		3		5	3	2	1	3			
		Decision: Rejected	1			1		1					
		Decision: Rejected											
Extradition	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	6	5	4	5	2	3	3	4	2	2	
		Decision: Approved			2		1	1	3		1	2	
		Decision: Approved in part	2	2	1	2				2			
		Decision: Not considered	4	2	2	4	1	1	3	1			3
		Decision: Rejected	18	33	33	35	24	29	28	24	28	28	
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	1			1	1						
		Decision: Approved	1						2	1	1		
		Decision: Approved in part		1	1				1				1
		Decision: Not considered	12	15	12	22	17	14	9	11	11	13	
		Decision: Rejected		1	3	1		1	2	2	1	1	
Sentence assumption	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	1				1				1		
		Decision: Approved											
		Decision: Not considered		2	1	1					1		
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Rejected									1		
		Decision: Not considered		1		1							
		Decision: Rejected											
Transfer of a person in custody	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn		1									
		Decision: Not considered				3							
		Decision: Rejected		1	2	1	4						
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn											
		Decision: Approved											
		Decision: Approved in part			1								
Sentence execution	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Not considered							1				
		Decision: Rejected									1		
		Decision: Rejected											
	Legal assistance	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	8	6	9	14	11	13	10	11	11	4
			Decision: Approved	12	8	5	12	10	10	5	4	12	10
			Decision: Approved in part	9	7	11	9	3	5	2	3	1	7
Decision: Not considered			40	30	22	52	34	50	47	38	27	29	
Decision: Rejected			80	94	67	98	107	76	147	81	81	96	
Decision: Suspended									1		1		
Federal Supreme Court		Decision: Correction			1		1						1
		Decision: Approved		2			3	2	1		3	4	
		Decision: Approved in part				1		1	1		1		
Document service and transfer	Federal Council	Decision: Not considered											
		Decision: Rejected											
		Decision: Rejected					1		1	1			
		Decision: Rejected											
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Category	Authority	Decision	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Procedure	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	46	13	13	1							
		Decision: Approved	3		2	1	5	2	2	1	4	1	
		Decision: Approved in part		1	2					1	1		
		Decision: Not considered	9	9	9	7	8						
		Decision: Rejected	5	7	13	7	6	5	4	1	4	2	
		Decision: Correction		1	1								
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Suspended	1							1			
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn					1	1					
		Decision: Approved	1	1			1						
		Decision: Approved in part		1							1		
		Decision: Not considered	1	2	2	4	1	1					
	Federal Council	Decision: Rejected	1	3	3	1							
		Decision: Rejected											
Compensation	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn		1	1						1		
		Decision: Approved										1	
		Decision: Approved in part				2					1		
		Decision: Not considered											
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Rejected				1	2	2					
		Decision: Correction				2							
		Decision: Approved											
Cost ruling	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Not considered							1				
		Decision: Rejected						2		1			
		Decision: Rejected						2					
Administration	Federal Administrative Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn				1			2				
		Decision: Approved					2			1			
Revisionen	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Approved in part									2		
		Decision: Not considered									2		
		Decision: Rejected	1	2			5		1	1			
		Decision: Suspended											
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn										1	1
		Decision: Approved								1	1		
Aggregation of decisions	Federal Criminal Court (BStGer / TPF)		262	246	220	277	235	230	294	203	189	208	
	Federal Supreme Court (BGer / TF)		50	68	61	93	82	66	83	61	44	49	
	Federal Administrative Court (BVGer / TAF)												
	Federal Council (BR / CF)						1		1	1			
	Total		312	314	281	370	318	296	378	265	233	257	