

Follow-up audit on the implementation of main recommendations

Federal Social Insurance Office

Key facts

The Swiss Federal Audit Office (SFAO) conducted a follow-up audit on the implementation of its main recommendations at the Federal Social Insurance Office (FSIO). These stemmed from three SFAO audits on contributions to charitable organisations for elderly people from 2008, 2013 and 2015. The recommendations related in particular to improvements in supervision and reporting between the FSIO and Pro Senectute (PS). They were to be implemented in the new 2018–2021 service level agreement.

The FSIO took the recommendations into account in the revision of the service level agreement and its monitoring and controlling activities: eleven out of twelve recommendations have been implemented. The SFAO now considers the last recommendation from 2008 to be obsolete.

Monitoring and reporting: greater transparency in the use of funds

The current service level agreement is extensive and promotes transparency in the use of funds, particularly with regard to financial objectives. As a recipient of subsidies, the new reporting leads to an additional burden for PS. For the purposes of financial reporting, the FSIO has provided Pro Senectute Switzerland and the Pro Senectute organisations (PSOs) with an Excel-based cost accounting tool. This promotes a uniform and consistent data basis for all PSOs.

In view of the new 2022–2025 service level agreement, it is necessary to analyse the effectiveness of the measures taken by the FSIO and PS, as well as to examine which indicators are actually required for monitoring and control. Any simplifications that are identified should then be implemented.

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