

Follow-up audit on the implementation of main recommendations

Federal IT Steering Unit

Key facts

The Swiss Federal Audit Office (SFAO) has not permanently closed three recommendations from its audit 14248¹. Their implementation has now been reviewed, the result is positive and the recommendations will be closed.

Relevant agreements exist with the service providers of standard services. The service providers regularly report data on the services they operate. This data is used as a basis for determining the prices that are charged to the service procurers. The Federal IT Steering Unit is able to manage the service providers thanks to this controlling. Occasionally audits are carried out but no actual checks take place.

The criteria for economical procurement are not specified in the Federal Administration Information Technology Ordinance. Instead, they are governed by the federal ICT sourcing strategy for 2018–2023. The work on this has not yet been completed and will only take effect from 2021.

The new "Directives on IT Controlling in the Federal Administration (P051)" will come into force on 1 January 2021. These stipulate in detail which data the administrative units will be required to store and keep up-to-date in the ICT portfolio in the future. This makes it possible to compare the original budgets of projects with the actual costs. Using this data makes it possible to compare the operating costs with the expected project benefits.

Original text in German

¹ "Impact of the revised Federal Information Technology Ordinance and effectiveness of the IT Steering Unit", available on the SFAO website (www.sfao.admin.ch)