



## Audit of the key ICT project IAM Bund (identity and access management) Federal IT Steering Unit

### Key facts

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In the third quarter of 2016, the Swiss Federal Audit Office (SFAO) audited the key ICT project IAM Bund of the Federal IT Steering Unit (FITSU). IAM Bund had already been audited for the first time in 2015<sup>1</sup>. IAM-related legal foundations, requirements and standards are created, updated, completed and introduced with this programme so that identities, authorisations, attributes and data can be safely used beyond organisational limits.

#### **The programme is nearing completion and is on track in terms of financing and time**

IAM Bund should be completed at the end of 2016. In March 2016, a change to the programme's scope was approved, resulting in the establishment of defined deliverables, together with an amount of 500 000 CHF, being switched to the line organisation in the FITSU by 2017.

Up to 31 October 2016, CHF 8.65 million of the overall budget of CHF 10.72 had been used. At the time of the audit, an underrun of the guarantee credit of about 370 000 CHF was expected by the end of the programme.

The SFAO is of the opinion that the change in the programme's scope was duly justified and at the time of the audit, the programme was on track in terms of schedule and budget.

#### **High level of specialist commitment is a burden for management and control aspects**

Because of the high level of complexity, work was carried out more on specialist topics and management and control aspects of the programme faded into the background. Given that IAM Bund will probably be concluded by the time the report is published, the SFAO will refrain from making recommendations on management and control topics. The SFAO informed the FITSU of the findings and expectations when the results were discussed.

#### **Federal control of IAM has to be ensured**

At the time of the audit and also in the future, several IAM services will be operated. The deliverables of the programme thus relate to an "overall IAM Bund system", i.e. they apply equally for all service providers.

The way in which the deliverables are transferred to the line organisation and continue to be used there is decisive for the investment protection of the results gathered. During the course of time, the services of the individual service providers must not diverge again.

The SFAO expects the FITSU to do its utmost to ensure federal steering of IAM and to transfer know-how from the programme to the line organisation over the long term with appropriate measures.

#### **Original text in German**

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<sup>1</sup> The audit report PA 15479 is available on the SFAO website.