

Introduction

Frühling 2022

8. Meeting am Freitag, 20. Mai



Schweiz-Quiz

<https://www.travelinsightpedia.com/switzerland-quiz>

What is the vehicle registration code of Switzerland? CH
Confederacio Helvetica

Was wisst ihr über die Schweiz?

Padlet: https://padlet.com/caren_schroder/f8b2m8el6cnn2o9a

Gruppen: Short presentations

Swiss Economy

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/aboutswitzerland/en/home/wirtschaft/uebersicht/wirtschaft---fakten-und-zahlen.html>

- The highest nominal wealth per adult
- Some of the highest costs of living in the world



Languages - Sprachen in der Schweiz (PPP)

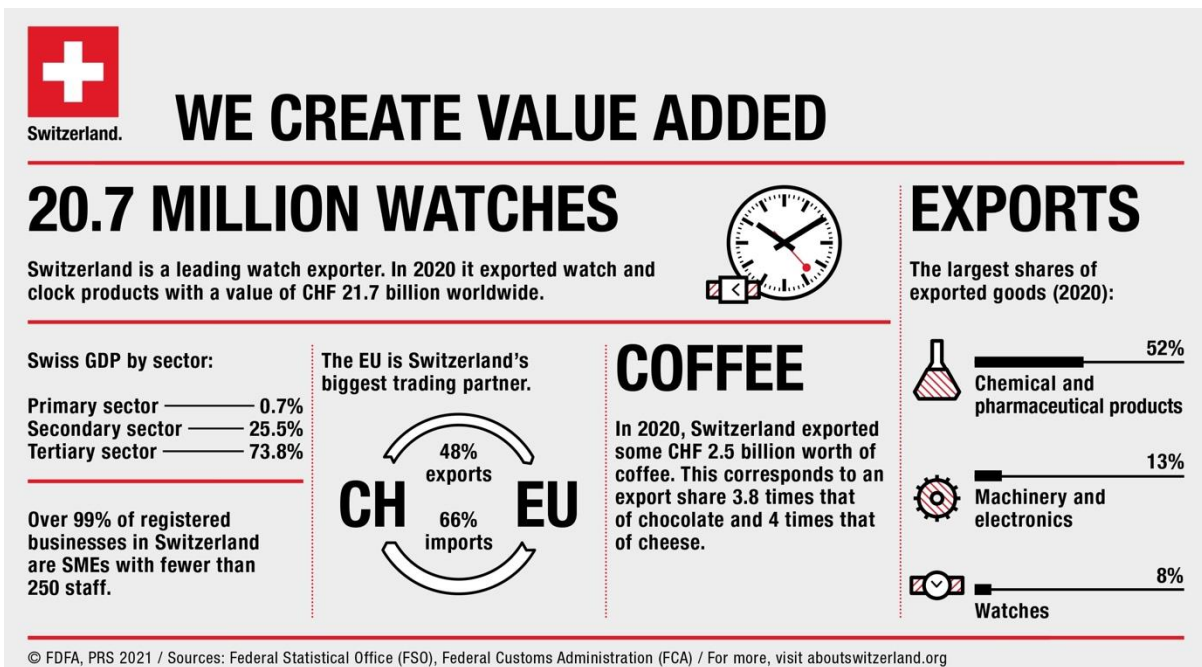
Schweizerdeutsch:

How similar are Swiss German and German?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89adaKKikUw>

Get acquainted with one of the graphics and introduce it to the others

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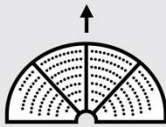
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ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL

Switzerland's government (Federal Council) is a collegial body with seven members elected for a four-year term by Parliament. The Federal Chancellor acts as Chief of Staff of the Federal Council.



PRIMUS INTER PARES

The President of the Swiss Confederation is elected for one year only and performs special ceremonial duties.



POWER-SHARING

The members of the Federal Council usually belong to the political parties with the biggest electoral base and come from different linguistic regions.

Each member of the Federal Council heads one of the seven departments of the Federal Administration.

The Federal Council is a collegial body in which the members share equal power.

1984 was the first year in which a woman held a seat in the Federal Council. In 2010 there were more women than men in the Federal Council for the first time.



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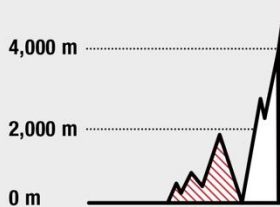


IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

> 1,500

lakes in Switzerland.

Approx. 23% of Switzerland's surface area is over 2,000 m above sea level.



5 NEIGHBOURS

Switzerland shares its borders with Italy, France, Germany, Austria and the Principality of Liechtenstein.



EUROPE'S "WATER TOWER"

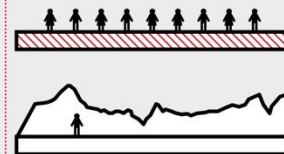
The sources of the Rhein, Rhone, Ticino (Po) and Inn (Danube) are found in Switzerland.

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of the total population lives in the Mittelland region, which covers 30% of Switzerland's surface area.



The Alps cover 60% of Switzerland's total surface area, but only 11% of the population lives there.



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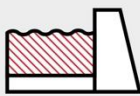
WE ARE FULL OF ENERGY

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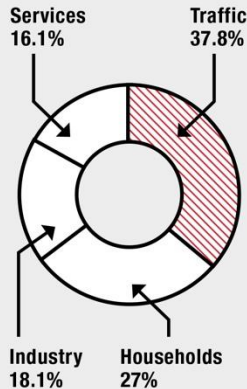
By 2035, average energy consumption per capita is to be reduced by 43%.

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Grande-Dixence (Valais) is one of the highest dam in the world.

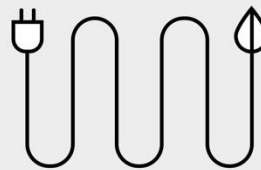


Energy consumption 2018:



2050

In 2017, the Swiss electorate approved a new energy law. This energy law is part of an innovative strategy which is to be implemented by 2050 and includes the phasing out of nuclear energy.



WATER

Hydroelectric power, which provides just under 60% of total electricity production, is the most important domestic source of renewable energy.

Energy sources:

Petroleum	39.8%
Nuclear energy	24.3%
Hydroelectric power	12.3%
Gas	10.9%
Other	12.7%

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CULINARY HERITAGE

In Switzerland...

- about 10.3 kg of chocolate is eaten per person every year
- there are more than 450 varieties of cheese
- approx. 250 varieties of grapevine are cultivated, of which 80 are unique to Switzerland
- more than 400 types of bread are baked.



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Homework for our meeting on Wednesday 25.5.

Choose a person that interests you from the list "Famous people" (MC > Material).

Post your choice in the Padlet:

https://padlet.com/caren_schroder/ekxxbozm4yx9x47j

Get information about her or him and introduce "your" person in our next meeting to the others.