

International Legal Assistance - Statistics 2024

Group of Action	Type of Action	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Legal Assistance											
Legal Assistance Requests to Switzerland	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters	1175	1268	1085	1163	1270	1279	1375	1201	1350	1324
	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters: Supervision	1110	1170	1333	1146	1260	1205	1266	1394	1430	1602
	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters: Own case	42	45	44	80	71	67	100	50	67	64
	Asset Recovery	15	14	14	23	19	30	36	17	20	10
	Asset Recovery: Own case	3	4	4	3	2	6	2	3	5	3
	European Judicial Network (EJN) Enquiry	34	31	48	51	45	37	21	16	14	4
	Obtaining Evidence in Civil Matters ¹	43	58	34	66	57	48	64	51	48	48
	Obtaining Evidence in Civil Matters under Section II HEC70 + 271 CC (C)	11	8	12	7	15	22	47	31	17	25
Legal Assistance with International Courts and Tribunals	Obtaining Evidence in Administrative Matters	4	9	2	27	20	16	20	5	18	10
	International Criminal Court		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	900	984	946	850	935	845	995	948	1069	1187
	Obtaining Evidence in Criminal Matters: Direct transmission ³								3249	3742	4037
	Asset Recovery	5	6	5	4	20	12	6	12	11	1
	EJN Enquiry		2			2	5	2			
	Obtaining Evidence in Civil Matters ¹	13	35	28	13	23	18	19	33	23	31
	Obtaining Evidence in Administrative Matters	1	3	6	1	4	2	3	3	1	
Secondary Legal Assistance	for Use in Criminal Proceedings	9	9	13	15	17	13	15	13	13	9
	for Use in Civil Proceedings	3	2	2		1	2	4	2	2	
	for Use in Administrative Proceedings			1	4	2	5	3	2	1	1
	for Use in Other Proceedings	3	2	4	4	8	5	2	6	2	3
	Transmission to Third Country	10	7	2	7	9	4	6	4	7	9
	to Foreign Country (Art. 67a IMAC)	105	114	121	164	127	168	116	128	117	154
Spontaneous Transmission of Information and Evidence	to Switzerland	3	2	2	1	3	3	6	21	9	9
	to Foreign Country	10	8	9	19	18	11	12	13	14	32
Reports for Criminal Prosecution Purposes	under Criminal Law	305	264	238	265	213	161	225	177	205	224
	under Civil Law ¹	281	218	584	534	536	324	381	323	315	479
Document Service Requests to Switzerland	under Civil Law (under Art. HSC65) ⁴	302	557								
	under Administrative Law	59	55	102	249	190	188	208	233	190	181
	under Administrative Law (Conventions no 94) ⁵					22	34	51	46	33	36
	Unlawful Service by Post	7	6	5	3	4	2	2	4	2	
Document Service Requests to Foreign Countries	under Criminal Law	545	552	562	548	559	616	342	501	781	788
	under Civil Law ¹	919	857	917	798	821	689	701	598	622	680
	under Administrative Law	281	332	292	290	335	233	267	211	208	187
	under Administrative Law (SAK)	302	270	237	262	208	194	144	110	103	134
	under Administrative Law (Conventions no 94) ⁵					15	33	28	5	18	17
	Unlawful Service by Post	1							1		
	Petition of the Addressee	43	42	39	31	26	37	29	34	28	48
	International Sharing (Swiss Forfeiture Decision)	1	9	5	14	11	12	15	15	11	10
Sharing of Forfeited Assets (Sharing)	International Sharing (Foreign Forfeiture Decision)	5	6	3	6	17	9	11	10	13	6
	National Sharing	177	34	36	41	70	55	50	39	62	33
Reports to the Federal Office of Justice (FOJ)	Breach of the Reservation of Specialty by Foreign Authorities	1	1		2	3		3	2	2	1
	Unlawful Activities on Behalf of a Foreign State (Art. 271 CC)	2	3		2		1		1	4	1

Group of Action	Type of Action	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Extradition											
Extradition Requests	to Foreign Countries	261	284	259	252	272	204	179	174	216	231
	to Switzerland	397	384	360	350	321	285	312	314	430	514
Extradition/Asylum Coordination		17	10	2	5	4	8	14	9	26	76
Provisional Arrest Requests	to Foreign Countries	281	310	281	249	268	207	178	219	206	248
	to Switzerland *	28662	32789	31697	34151	36511	31535	28046	28425	29827	33962
Provisional Arrest Requests for International Tribunals		1								3	2
SPTA Requests	to Foreign Countries	1					1				
	to Switzerland				1		4	2	2	2	1
Transfer of Proceedings Requests	to Foreign Countries	197	166	153	225	221	227	232	256	353	356
	to Switzerland	118	118	133	135	142	132	154	181	191	251
Sentence Execution Requests to Foreign Countries	Fines & Monetary Penalties						1		3	1	2
	Custodial Sentences	4	10	15	5	3	7	9	4	9	9
Sentence Execution Requests to Switzerland	Fines & Monetary Penalties		5		1		4	4	10	10	12
	Custodial Sentences		2	6	5	4	8	6	7	8	9
Prisoner Transfer to Foreign Countries	At the Request of the Sentenced Person	46	47	65	57	54	36	60	46	44	43
	Under the Additional Protocol	3	4	2	2	1	1	1		4	4
Prisoner Transfer to Switzerland	At the Request of the Sentenced Person	14	19	14	15	24	15	12	12	12	12
	Under the Additional Protocol		1				1				
Request for the Temporary Transfer	to Foreign Countries of a Person in Custody		1	2	2	1	1		2	3	
	to Switzerland of a Person in Custody	1	2		1	1		2			1
Request for Temporary Extradition	to Foreign Countries	2	3	1	1	1	1	2		6	3
	to Switzerland	5	4	3	11	9	6	5	5	2	2
Liaison Prosecutor's Office of Switzerland at Eurojust ⁷											
Requests to Switzerland from Eurojust		201	144	131	138	141	143	154	176	160	137
Requests from Switzerland to Eurojust		69	136	77	105	165	173	100	65	98	81
Other											
Instruction to The Federal Department of Justice and Police (FDJP)	Limitation of Cooperation (Art. 1a IMAC)						2				
	Authorisations under Art. 271 CC			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 All cantons and the 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): 18'400, INTERPOL 15'548 ("Red Corners"; number from INTERPOL) and 14 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 2024

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

Category	Authority	Decision	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Detention	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	2	6	2	1	1	1	1		1	4
		Decision: Approved			1		1					
		Decision: Approved in part							1			
		Decision: Not considered		1		2	2				1	
		Decision: Rejected	21	13	16	13	23	13	14	12	17	11
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Approved					2	1				
		Decision: Approved in part										
		Decision: Not considered	3		5	3	2	1	3			
		Decision: Rejected			1		1					
		Decision: Rejected										
Extradition	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	5	4	5	2	3	3	4	2	2	2
		Decision: Approved		2		1	1	3		1	2	
		Decision: Approved in part	2	1	2			2		2		2
		Decision: Not considered	2	2	4	1	1	3	1		3	1
		Decision: Rejected	33	33	35	24	29	28	24	28	28	19
	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	15	12	22	17	14	9	11	11	13	14
		Decision: Rejected	1	3	1		1	2	2	1	1	1
Sentence assumption	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn				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: Approved										1
		Decision: Not considered			3							
		Decision: Rejected	1	2	1	4						1
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn										
		Decision: Approved										
		Decision: Approved in part		1								
		Decision: Not considered	1	1		1						1
Sentence execution	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Rejected										1
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn										
		Decision: Not considered					1					
Legal assistance	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Rejected								1		
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn	6	9	14	11	13	10	11	11	4	6
		Decision: Approved	8	5	12	10	10	5	4	12	10	
		Decision: Approved in part	7	11	9	3	5	2	3	1	7	3
		Decision: Not considered	30	22	52	34	50	47	38	27	29	25
		Decision: Rejected	94	67	98	107	76	147	81	81	96	55
		Decision: Suspended						1		1		2
		Decision: Correction									1	
	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn		1		1						
		Decision: Approved	2			3	2	1		3	4	1
		Decision: Approved in part			1		1	1		1		
		Decision: Not considered	36	33	51	45	36	52	43	23	27	26
		Decision: Rejected	1	4	4	8	2	13		2	3	2
Document service and transfer	Federal Council	Decision: Suspended								1		
		Decision: Rejected				1		1	1			
		Decision: Not considered			1							

Category	Authority	Decision	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compensation	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn	1	1						1		
		Decision: Approved									1	
		Decision: Approved in part			2				1			
		Decision: Not considered										
		Decision: Rejected			1	2	2					
		Decision: Correction			2							
Cost ruling	Federal Supreme Court	Decision: Approved										
		Decision: Not considered						1				
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn						1				
		Decision: Not considered					2		1			
		Decision: Rejected					2					
		Decision: Written off/withdrawn			1							
Administration	Federal Administrative Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn					2					
		Decision: Approved				2			1			
		Decision: Approved in part										
		Decision: Not considered							2			
		Decision: Rejected	2			5		1	1			1
		Decision: Suspended										
Revisions	Federal Criminal Court	Decision: Written off/withdrawn								1	1	
		Decision: Approved						1	1			
		Decision: Approved in part										1
		Decision: Not considered						2	2		1	1
		Decision: Rejected					2	9	11		1	
		Decision: Suspended										

Aggregation of decisions	Federal Criminal Court (BStGer / TPF)	215	180	261	216	223	278	200	181	205	134
	Federal Supreme Court (BGer / TF)	61	56	88	79	64	83	60	44	49	47
	Federal Administrative Court (BVGer / TAF)	2	0	0	7	2	1	4	0	0	1
	Federal Council (BR / CF)	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
	Total	278	236	349	303	289	363	265	225	254	182

Aggretaion of categories												
Detention	Federal Criminal Court	23	20	19	16	27	14	16	12	19	15	
	Federal Supreme Court	3	0	6	3	5	2	3	0	0	0	
Extradition	Federal Criminal Court	42	42	46	28	34	39	29	33	35	24	
	Federal Supreme Court	17	16	24	18	17	13	14	13	15	16	
Sentence assumption	Federal Criminal Court	2	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	
	Federal Supreme Court	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Transfer of a person in custody	Federal Criminal Court	2	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	
	Federal Supreme Court	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Sentence execution	Federal Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Legal assistance	Federal Criminal Court	145	114	185	165	154	212	137	133	147	91	
	Federal Supreme Court	39	38	56	57	41	67	43	30	34	29	
	Federal Council	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Document service and transfer	Federal Criminal Court	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Compensation	Federal Criminal Court	1	1	5	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	
	Federal Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Cost ruling	Federal Criminal Court	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	
	Federal Supreme Court	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Administration	Federal Administrative Court	2	0	0	7	2	1	4	0	0	1	
Revisions	Federal Criminal Court	0	0	0	0	2	12	14	1	3	2	