

Hannah's Insights

Key Takeaways from 2023

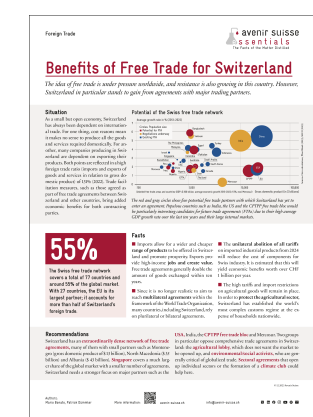


Hannah Wise · In her review of the past year, Hannah shares three key takeaways from Avenir Suisse's work. Number three is busting myths, for example when it comes to self sufficiency. Number two is to focus on what needs improvement and not to rest on top rankings that Switzerland often occupies. And for number one, Hannah reminds us to take care of the relationship with our neighbours in the EU, as it influences our economy.

 [Link to the video](#)

Essential of the Month

Benefits of Free Trade for Switzerland



Free trade is under pressure worldwide and resistance is growing. However, Switzerland could benefit from new agreements with trade partners such as the USA, India, the free trade zone CPTPP or Mercosur. Agreements to open individual sectors or education would be a first step.

Mario Bonato & Patrick Dümmler

[Benefits of Free Trade for Switzerland](#)
[Video with Co-Author Patrick Dümmler](#)

New Publication

Avenir Suisse Freedom Index 2023



Every year, we compare civil and economic freedom in the Swiss cantons and the Principality of Liechtenstein. This year's winner is the canton Appenzell Ausserrhoden. Thurgau, on the other hand, has improved the most. Find out how your canton has performed.

Mario Bonato & Samuel Rutz

[Avenir Suisse Freedom Index 2023](#)

Upcoming Publication

Budgeting out of Control

In the [part one](#) of this publication, Lukas Rühli and Eveline Hutter stressed that cantons were too pessimistic when it came to budgeting. So much so that the question arises as to how much calculation is behind it. In part two (due mid-January), the authors will continue to examine the cantons finances. Stay tuned!

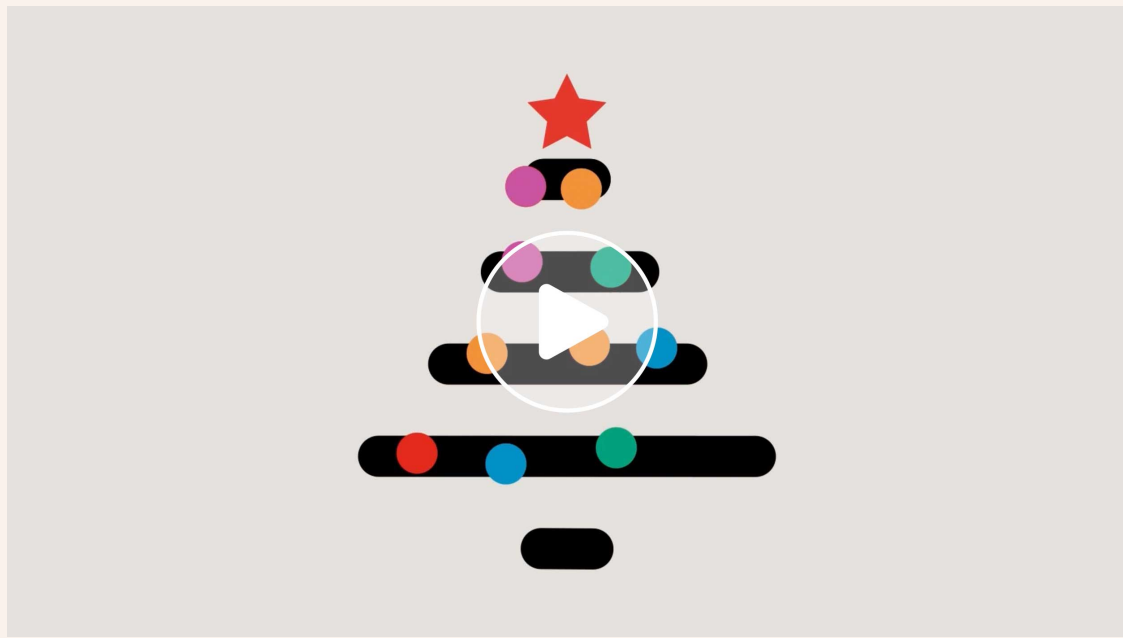
Other Highlights

Counterproductive Quota-Based Policy

Even for skilled workers trained with Swiss taxpayers' money and urgently needed by the economy, high labor market barriers are set up. The restrictive third-country regime is sometimes the "price" we pay for the free movement of persons within the EU. In view of demographic developments in Europe, the Swiss quota system needs to be reformed. For Senior Fellow Patrick Leisibach, three simple measures can accomplish this.

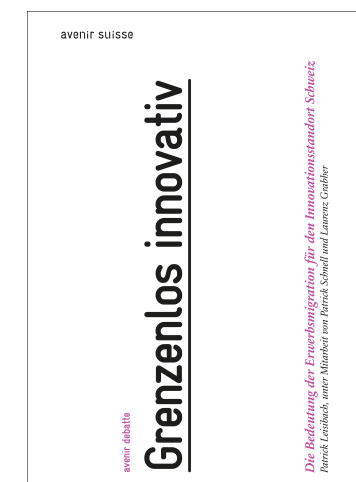
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Happy Holidays 2023

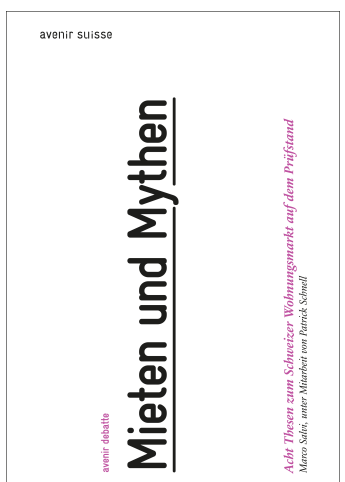


[Link to our annual video to wrap up the year](#)

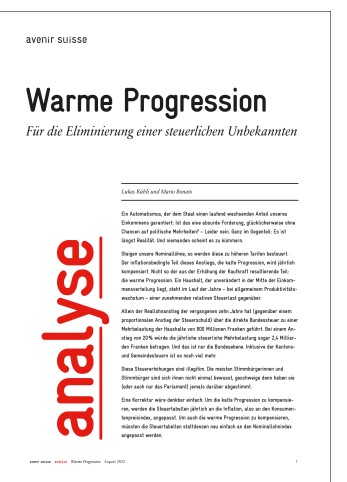
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