

Follow-up audit of the A9 motorway project

Federal Roads Office

Key facts

In 2016, the Swiss Federal Audit Office (SFAO) carried out a project audit of the A9 motorway in the canton of Valais¹. It identified a number of weaknesses in the process and issued a total of four recommendations to the Federal Roads Office (FEDRO) in its report. The office for motorway construction of the canton of Valais is responsible for implementing them.

With the follow-up audit of the A9 2018 motorway project, the SFAO wished to check the extent to which the recommendations had been implemented at the office for motorway construction. The audit findings were good.

The 2016 recommendations have been implemented

Together with an external consultant, the office for motorway construction developed an extensive package of measures, with a total of 20 measures, to implement the SFAO's recommendations. The package of measures not only covers the recommendations, but also factors in further assessments from the report. The changes are highly accepted at the office and are generally perceived as a meaningful improvement by the people involved.

With the measures already implemented, the office for motorway construction is now clearly better positioned than two years ago in terms of organisation and management. This basis appears to be durable with regard to future project-related challenges. However, a lot still needs to prove its worth in practice, which could possibly lead to selective readjustments to the measures implemented. Much has been achieved overall.

According to the SFAO, the search for and appointment of the technical deputy to the office head is the most important outstanding issue in the package of measures. The SFAO believes that external support in favour of the office for motorway construction should continue as planned until this outstanding issue has been implemented.

FEDRO is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the recommendations. The federal office duly performs this task and thus ensures the package of measures is implemented at the office for motorway construction in terms of timeline and content.

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¹ The report for audit mandate 16350 is available on the website of the SFAO (www.sfao.admin.ch).