

Audit of 2036 accommodation strategy

Federal Office for Buildings and Logistics

Key facts

The flexibility of working practices has grown rapidly over recent years. This has an impact on the accommodation of the civil Federal Administration, for which the basic principles are set down in the accommodation strategy. Based on decrees by the Federal Council,¹ the Federal Office for Buildings and Logistics (FOBL) has refined the currently applicable 2024 accommodation strategy to address flexible forms of working.

The Swiss Federal Audit Office (SFAO) examined whether savings targets had been set and addressed, and whether the strategy is sufficiently flexible to adapt to changing conditions.

Important data on the accommodation strategy must be expanded

The SFAO found it regrettable that the 2036 accommodation strategy was not accompanied by concrete financial parameters and targets. This would enable reliable intermediate targets to be included in the reporting and suitable management measures to be taken.

Moreover, the FOBL should expand the savings targets to include the currently available baseline values. This is the only way to ensure the comparability of further developments in the accommodation strategy in the reporting from 2025 onwards.

The accommodation strategy is tailored to flexible forms of working. There is enough leeway for it to be adjusted in line with a changing environment. Moreover, the overarching strategies are sufficiently regulated outside the accommodation strategy.

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¹ Federal Council decrees of 18 December 2020 ("Structural reforms", strategy for introducing collective workspaces [desksharing] for the Federal Administration) and 31 March 2021 (Refining the accommodation strategy for the civil Federal Administration)