Follow-up audit of the implementation of key recommendations
Federal Office for Buildings and Logistics and key ICT project ERP systems D/ar

Key facts

The Swiss Federal Audit Office (SFAO) conducted a follow-up audit of the implementation of key recommendations at the Federal Office for Buildings and Logistics (FOBL) and the ERP systems D/ar (ERPSYSVAR) programme. The recommendations stem from three audits published between 2016 and 2019.

The follow-up covered a total of seven recommendations, all but one of which can be closed. A grace period was given for the pending recommendation.

Recommendations only partially implemented at the FOBL

The SFAO conducted two audits[1] in 2016 and 2017. The first audit focused on the strategic management of the Confederation's real estate portfolio and contained two recommendations. The SFAO audited the implementation of one of them. The recommendation aimed to achieve closer cooperation among the Confederation's construction and property bodies, namely the FOBL, armasuisse and the ETH Board. The interdepartmental procurement, real estate and logistics working group was established in 2019. It also ensures coordination in the area of real estate management and the construction and property bodies are represented in it. The objective of the recommendation was therefore achieved.

The second audit focused on procurement at the Federal Office of Information Technology, Systems and Telecommunication (FOITT) and contained five recommendations made by the SFAO. It has now taken a closer look at two of them. They concerned supplier management and the harmonisation of the federal procurement process. The recommendation on federal supplier management is still pending, despite favourable responses and positive notification of implementation by the FOBL. This is unsatisfactory and, realistically, implementation is a long way off due to the many conceptual discussions that are still ongoing. The SFAO has agreed a grace period with the FOBL up to 30 June 2024. The recommendation on the procurement process can be closed; the conceptual work has proved to be satisfactory. The FOBL is responsible for implementation with the two projects SUPERB procurement and GENOVA@BIL.

Recommendations implemented in the ERP systems D/ar programme

In its audit of the key ICT project ERP systems D/ar programme, the SFAO made five recommendations. It examined four of them, three related to programme management and one to master data governance.

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[1] "Strategic management of the Confederation's real estate portfolio – Cross-section audit of construction and property bodies" (audit mandate 16451) and "Public procurement audit – Federal Office of Information Technology, Systems and Telecommunication" (audit mandate 17117) are both available on the SFAO website (www.sfao.admin.ch)

The SFAO found that the recommendations had been implemented. The ERPSYSVAR programme has refined the objectives, regulated the responsibilities for integrating the non-SAP specialist applications and created the basis for comprehensible cost considerations. As far as master data governance for the common support process kernels is concerned, the required definition and governance with the sister programme SUPERB were regulated via the change board for business master data. There is no common kernel for the material master data. However, ERPSYSVAR has defined both the definition and the governance for itself. It has not yet been clarified whether the material master data will be included in the governance of the change board for business master data in the future. This is despite the fact that the board sees itself as responsible for this.

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