

Follow-up audit on the implementation of key recommendations

Federal Office of Information Technology, Systems and Telecommunication, Federal Tax Administration

Key facts

The Swiss Federal Audit Office (SFAO) conducted a follow-up audit on the implementation of key recommendations at the Federal Office of Information Technology, Systems and Telecommunication (FOITT). It concerned seven recommendations from various audits¹, five of which can be closed and two remain open.

Five recommendations can be closed

The first of these recommendations concerned the Federal Tax Administration (FTA). In collaboration with the FOITT, the FTA was to carry out additional ICT security tests on the online portals. The SFAO considers that the recommendation has been implemented.

In addition, the FOITT was urged to plan and carry out regular end-to-end tests as part of the recovery procedures for the Central Identity Store, to formalise a change management procedure for the FileNet Dala environment, to introduce a process for proactively searching for information on vulnerabilities in the mobile device management environment and, finally, to define the development processes for mobile applications more clearly. In the SFAO's view, these four recommendations have been implemented.

Two recommendations remain open

The first concerns saving incoming documents in FileNet Dala only in a permanent format in accordance with the practice of the Swiss Federal Archives. The second relates to the introduction of sensors and surveillance activities across the entire territory covered by mobile devices.

In the SFAO's view, neither of these recommendations has been implemented by the FOITT.

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¹ The report "Key ICT project Fiscal IT" (audit mandate 18466) is available on the SFAO's website (www.sfao.admin.ch). The reports for audit mandates 18502, 19478 and 20206 were submitted to the Finance Delegation.