



Press release

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Federal consolidated financial statements for 2014 – an improvement on 2013

During its meeting today, the Federal Council approved the consolidated financial statements for 2014. The financial situation of the central and decentralized units of the Confederation remains good, with a surplus of CHF 1.3 billion generated for the year. The improvement of CHF 0.3 billion on the previous year was due to the operating result and the result from significant interests.

The statement of financial performance ended with a revenue surplus of CHF 1.3 billion. The operating result (1.9 bn) and the result from significant interests (equity interest result; 1.7 bn) contributed to the surplus. The financial result (-2.3 bn) adversely affected the financial statements like in previous years. Relative to 2013, the surplus for the year was up by CHF 0.3 billion. The sub-results made different contributions to this:

- The *operating result* posted a year-on-year improvement of CHF 0.7 billion. Falling revenue (-0.1 bn; particularly tax revenue) was more than offset by expenses which were likewise down (-0.8 bn). The drop in expenses was due to the fact that significant provisions and losses on receivables that were posted the previous year were absent in 2014. Defense expenses and the net expense for restricted funds also declined.
- The *financial result* covers essentially interest expense for debt servicing. The deterioration relative to the previous year (-2.3 bn) was due to the fact that significant unrealized gains from the sale of Swisscom shares were posted in 2013. Financial revenue more or less returned to its prior level in 2014. Financial expense was also down, but to a lesser extent, driven by the further drop in interest rates.
- The *equity interest result* comprises unrealized gains and losses on the Confederation's significant interests. The equity interest result posted a year-on-year rise of CHF 0.5 billion, primarily because the interest in Swiss Post increased in value.

Gross debt fell by CHF 3.0 billion to CHF 106.2 billion in 2014. The reduction in debt was also accompanied by a decrease in liquidity. Consequently, net debt (gross debt less non-administrative assets) also declined somewhat, falling by CHF 1.7 billion to CHF 80.3 billion.

Figures overview

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	2013	2014	Diff. in %	2014
Surplus/deficit for the year	1.0	1.3	31.6%	1.2
Total assets	104.7	104.7	0.0%	110.9
Net assets/equity	-26.7	-25.7	5.0%	-22.8
Gross debt	109.2	106.2	-2.7%	108.8
Net debt	81.9	80.3	-2.0%	76.6
Employees (FTEs)	51 954	53 220	2.4%	34 772

Comparison with the federal financial statements

Given the selected group of consolidated entities, the central Federal Administration dominates the figures of the consolidated financial statements. The reasons for that are twofold: first, the larger entities in the consolidation scope – such as the FinPT fund, the infrastructure fund and the ETH Domain – are funded entirely or to a large extent via the federal budget; second, the other consolidated entities are smaller organizations. The *surplus* of CHF 1.3 billion in the consolidated statement of financial performance was thus virtually the same as that in the federal financial statements (1.2 bn). Regarding the *number of employees*, the difference of 18,448 full-time equivalents can be attributed mainly to the ETH Domain.

What are the consolidated financial statements?

The consolidated financial statements give an overview of the financial situation of the central and decentralized organizational units of the Confederation. Relative to the federal financial statements, the following areas are additionally taken into account:

- Separate accounts: Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology (ETH), Swiss Alcohol Board (SAB), fund for major railway projects (FinPT fund), infrastructure fund (IF)
- Decentralized entities with their own accounts: Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA), Swiss Federal Nuclear Safety Inspectorate (ENSI), Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IIP), Federal Audit Oversight Authority (FAOA), Swiss Export Risk Insurance (SERV), Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products (Swissmedic), Swiss Association for Hotel Credit (SAH), Swiss Investment Fund for Emerging Markets (SIFEM AG), Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (SFIVET), Swiss Federal Institute of Metrology (METAS), Swiss National Museum (SNM), Pro Helvetia (PH)

The consolidated financial statements are presented to the two chambers of parliament for information purposes for the deliberations on the state financial statements.

The inclusion of other organizations closely linked with the Confederation (e.g. AHV, IV and EO compensation funds and the unemployment insurance fund, Swisscom, SBB, Swiss Post, RUAG) in the group of consolidated entities is currently being discussed by Parliament. The National Council has approved the expansion of the consolidation scope. The Council of States will address this matter in the summer session (optimization of the accounting model; 14.077). Implementation is planned for the 2017 closing accounts.

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- Federal consolidated financial statements for 2014
- Overview of publications on budget figures at federal level