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Sustainability

SERV checks insurance applications for their environmental, social, climate and human rights compatibility.

Framework conditions

When assessing insurance applications, SERV takes into account the international guidelines of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the principles of Swiss foreign policy according to Art. 6 para. 2 SERV Act (SERVG). These relate in particular to the peaceful co-existence of peoples, respect for human rights and promotion of democracy, conservation of natural resources, alleviation of poverty and destitution in the world, but also to preserving Switzerland's independence and protecting its national welfare.

Further requirements may arise as a result of Switzerland's obligations under international law. The extensive sustainability checks conducted include environmental, social and human rights reviews, anti-corruption audits and, in certain cases, audits of the debt sustainability of public-sector buyers when financing supported projects. SERV also conducts climate audits for fossil fuel energy products in accordance with the provisions of the SERV guidelines on aligning its support for the clean energy transition.

When assessing larger projects with potentially high environmental, social and/or human rights impacts (category A and B projects), on-site visits are also carried out where necessary.

Transparency

SERV publishes all projects with a contract value of CHF 10.0 million or more on its website, subject to the policyholder's approval, as well as Category A projects.

SERV is committed to maximum transparency.

SERV also maintains a regular exchange of information with interested non-governmental organisations (NGOs). This also includes the annual NGO dialogue, through which SERV provides information about current projects and developments in the OECD export credit group.

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Organisation and Personnel

Legal basis

The Federal Council appoints the SERV Board of Directors (BoD) for a term of four years; a new term of office commenced in 2024. The BoD is composed of seven to nine members, taking appropriate consideration of social partners (Art. 24 SERV Act [SERVG]). It is the supreme management and control body of SERV. Its tasks are outlined in Art. 24 SERVG and explained in more detail in SERV's internal rules of procedure (RP).

The CEO is elected by the BoD. He manages and organises SERV and represents it externally. His tasks are defined in Art. 25 SERVG and further outlined in the SERV RP.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (BoD) appoints from among its members an Insurance Committee (IC; Chair: Barbara Hayoz) and a Finance and Organisation Committee (FOC; Chair: Christoph Meier-Meier). The BoD held six meetings in 2024 and also met in camera. The IC met 13 times and the FOC four times.

Members of the Board of Directors

- * Members of the Insurance Committee
- ** Members of the Finance and Organisation Committee

Barbara Hayoz*, business economist, EMBA, (Chairwoman)

is a self-employed management consultant as well as a chair and board member of various institutions. She served as full-time finance director and deputy mayor of the city of Berne.

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Christoph Meier-Meier**, business economist HWV, (Vice Chairman)

is CEO and partner at NEWTAG Communication AG. Prior to this, he worked in various positions at Bühler AG in Uzwil (St. Gallen), including ten years as Head of Financial Services.

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Luca Albertoni*, lawyer,

is director of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Canton of Ticino. He is also a member of the board of the Swiss Employers' Association, as well as Chairman of the Ticino section of "ICT-Berufsbildung Schweiz".

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Claudine Amstein**, lawyer,

is an independent consultant. She was director of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Canton of Vaud (CVCI) for 17 years, and has many years' experience in trade associations at the cantonal and inter-cantonal level. She has held a number of political offices in her home canton and is also a board member of various institutions. Download CV



Claire-Anne Dysli Wermeille**, lawyer,

is head of the legal department at Chiquita and the Group's Corporate Secretary. She began her career at ABB and Alstom in Baden. After holding various positions in the legal department at Logitech, she worked as head of legal affairs for several watchmaking companies within the Swatch Group.

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Burkhard Huber*, business economist, KSZ Zug,

worked in the banking business for four decades, including 30 years spent with UBS. He held various management positions in corporate banking for Swiss and foreign companies, including in the area of trade finance.

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Peter Jenelten*, Dipl. El.-Ing., ETH Zurich,

was a member of the Group Executive Board of Stadler Rail AG from 2000 to 2019, and was responsible for sales and marketing. He previously held various managerial positions at ABB and Adtranz. He now holds several board mandates for SMEs in Switzerland and abroad. Download CV



Ruedi Noser*, business economist,

has been a member of the National Council, the Council of States and the Economic Affairs and Taxation Committee (EATC). He has served as Foundation Board President of Switzerland Innovation, and was for many years the President of Young Enterprise Switzerland. In addition, he has held the role of President at both Swiss Engineering and ICT Switzerland. Download CV

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Reto Wyss**, MSc Economics,

is Central Secretary of the Swiss Federation of Trade Unions (SGB), which he also represents in the EFTA Consultative Committee, the Reka BoD and the board of Solidar Suisse.

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Chief Executive Officer

Peter Gisler, Swiss-certified banking expert,

has been Chief Executive Officer at SERV since 1 January 2017. Prior to that, he held senior positions at Aargauische Kantonalbank, at ABB Switzerland and at ABB Group Holding.

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