

Bank Council (as at 31 May 2011)

Function

The Bank Council oversees and controls the conduct of business by the SNB. The term of office of the members of the Bank Council is four years and the full term of office cannot exceed twelve years.

Membership

The Federal Department of Finance (FDF) and the Swiss National Bank (SNB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the set of principles governing membership of the SNB Bank Council. The aim of the MoU is to ensure that the specialised abilities and qualities that are important for the SNB are maintained in the Bank Council at all times.

Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Department of Finance (FDF) and [PDF](#)
the Swiss National Bank (SNB) on the Set of principles governing membership

Hansueli Raggenbass: President of the Bank Council, initial election 2001, current election 2008

Hansueli Raggenbass, Kesswil, born in 1948

President of the Bank Council

Doctorate in Economics (Dr. oec.), University of St. Gallen (1974); Swiss federal diploma 'Tax expert'
Self-employed attorney-at-law at the law firm Raggenbass Rechtsanwälte, Amriswil and Kreuzlingen

Professional and political career

National Councillor 1991-2003 (Member of the Finance Delegation, Finance Committee, Committee for Economic Affairs and Taxation)

Relevant affiliations

1. Chairman of the Boards of the SWICA Health Care Organisation, Winterthur, and associated companies
2. Vice Chairman of the Boards of Internationale Treuhand AG and Remaco Merger AG, Basel
3. Member of the Boards of BFW Liegenschaften AG, Frauenfeld

Jean Studer: Vice President of the Bank Council, initial election 2007, current election 2008

Jean Studer, Neuchâtel, born 1957

Vice President of the Bank Council

Degree in law (lic. iur.), admitted to the Bar

Member of the cantonal government and Head of the Department of Justice, Security and Finance of the canton of Neuchâtel

Professional and political career

Attorney-at-Law, Member of Parliament of the City of Neuchâtel, member of the cantonal parliament and President of the Commission for the Total Revision of the Cantonal Constitution, member of the Council of States, member of the Business Audit Commission (Geschäftsprüfungskommission), member of the Commission for Health and Social Security and member of the Committee for Economic Affairs and Taxation

Relevant affiliations

1. Chairman of the pension fund of the Canton of Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel
2. Chairman of Stiftung Schweizerisches Ausbildungszentrum für das Strafvollzugspersonal, Fribourg
3. Member of the Board and the Management Committee at the United Swiss Salt Works, Pratteln

4. Member of the Board of Trustees and Management Committee at the Swiss Police Institute, Neuchâtel
5. Vice Chairman of the Board of Delegation of Taiwan, Republic of China, Berne
6. Chairman of Conférence latine des chefs des départements de justice de police, Fribourg

Gerold Bühler: Member of the Bank Council, initial election 2008

Gerold Bühler, Thayngen, born 1948

Member of the Bank Council

President of economiesuisse (Swiss Business Federation)

Independent business consultant

Professional and political career

Member of the Managing Board with responsibility for Finance at Georg Fischer Ltd, Schaffhausen, various posts at Swiss Bank Corporation, including, most recently, Member of the Managing Board of the SBC's fund management arm, Member of the National Council 1991–2007, President of PRD/FDP Switzerland 2001–2002

Relevant affiliations

1. Chairman of the Board at Herrenacker Parkhaus AG, Schaffhausen
2. Vice Chairman of the Board at Meier + Cie AG Schaffhausen, Schaffhausen
3. Vice Chairman of the Board at Swiss Life Holding, Zurich
4. Member of the Board at Cellere AG, St Gallen
5. Member of the Board at Bank Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie (Schweiz) AG, Zurich
6. Member of the Board at Georg Fischer AG, Schaffhausen
7. Member of the Board at Strabus Strassenbau-Unternehmung Schaffhausen AG, Schaffhausen
8. Member of the Board at Züblin Immobilien Holding AG, Zurich

Monika Bütler: Member of the Bank Council, initial election 2010

Monika Bütler, Auw, born 1961

Member of the Bank Council

Professor of Economics at the University of St. Gallen and Managing Director of the Swiss Institute for Empirical Economic Research, SEW-HSG

Dean of the Department of Economics, University of St. Gallen

Professional and political career

Advisor to the World Bank, Washington; Member of the Swiss Federal Commission for Economic Issues (Eidgenössische Kommission für Konjunkturfragen), Full Professor at the University of Lausanne, Assistant Professor at CentER, Tilburg University, the Netherlands, Degree and doctorate in economics from the University of St. Gallen, Degree in mathematics and physics from the Universities of Berne and Zurich

Relevant affiliations

1. Member of the Foundation Board of WDA, World Demographic & Aging Forum, St. Gallen
2. Member of the Managing Committee at the Institute for Public Finance and Fiscal Law, IFF-HSG
3. Member of the Council of Experts (Fachrat), Center for Disability and Integration, CDI-HSG

4. Fellow of the CESifo Research Network, Munich
5. Research coordinator at Netspar Network, the Netherlands

Alfredo Gysi: Member of the Bank Council, initial election 2011

Alfredo Gysi, Cornano (canton of Ticino), born 1948
Member of the Bank Council
Doctorate in mathematics from the University of Milan
CEO of BSI Ltd

Professional career

Head of IT, member of executive management and, since 1994, CEO at BSI Ltd

Relevant affiliations

1. President of the Association of Foreign Banks in Switzerland
2. Member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board of the Swiss Bankers Association
3. Member of the Foundation Board of the Swiss Finance Institute
4. Chairman of the Board of Directors of B-Source Ltd, Lugano
5. Member of the Council of the University of Lugano (USI)
6. Member of the Board of Directors of Società Editrice del Corriere del Ticino SA (newspaper publishers)
7. Vice Chairman of the Foundation Board of the Fondazione Agire, Bellinzona (Agenzia per l'innovazione regionale del Cantone Ticino) (agency for regional innovation in the canton of Ticino)
8. Vice Chairman of the FOSI Foundation Board – Fondazione per l'Orchestra della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano

Daniel Lampart: Member of the Bank Council, initial election 2007, current election 2008

Daniel Lampart, Zurich, born 1968
Member of the Bank Council
Degree in philosophy, German language & literature and economic history (lic. phil. I) at the University of Zurich
Doctorate in economics (Dr. lic. oec.) at the University of St Gallen
Executive Secretary and Chief Economist of the Swiss Federation of Trade Unions

Professional career

Research Assistant at the Swiss Institute for Business Cycle Research at ETH Zurich
Research projects, economic surveys and forecasts

Relevant affiliations

1. Member of the Tripartite Commission of the Swiss Federation on accompanying measures in connection with the free movement of persons, Berne
2. Member of the Competition Commission, Berne
3. Member of the supervisory commission for the unemployment insurance compensation fund, Berne
4. Member of the commission for economic policy, Berne

5. Member of the employment division of the Federal Office for National Economic Supply, Berne
6. Member of the Board of the funds and assets of the Federal Old Age and Survivors' Insurance (AHV), Geneva

Laura Sadis: Member of the Bank Council, initial election 2007, current election 2008

Laura Sadis, Lugano, born 1961

Member of the Bank Council

Degree in economics (lic. oec. publ.), Chartered Tax Specialist

Member of the Cantonal Government and Head of the Department of Finance and Economic Affairs of the Canton of Ticino

Political career

Member of the Municipal Council of Lugano, member and party president in the parliament of the Canton of Ticino, National Councillor

Relevant affiliations

1. Member of the Board at Ticino Turismo (Ticino tourist board)
2. Member of the Board at the United Swiss Salt Works, Pratteln
3. Chairwoman of the Guarantee Association for Economic Development in the Ticino Region, Bellinzona
4. Chairwoman of the committee of the pension fund for the employees of the Canton of Ticino, Bellinzona
5. Member of the 'Kommission für die Harmonisierung der direkten Steuern des Bundes, der Kantone und der Gemeinden KHST' (commission for the harmonisation of direct taxes levied by the Confederation, the cantons and the municipalities), Berne

Olivier Steimer: Member of the Bank Council, initial election 2009

Olivier Steimer, Epalinges, born in 1955

Member of the Bank Council

Degree in Law (Lic. iur.)

Study at the International Banking School in New York

Chairman of the Board of Banque Cantonale Vaudoise

Professional career

Member of the Executive Board of Credit Suisse Financial Services, responsible for Private Banking International, CEO Private Banking International of Credit Suisse Group

Relevant affiliations

1. Chairman of the Board of Banque Piguet & Cie Sa, Yverdon-les-Bains
2. Vice Chairman of the Board of Swiss Federal Railways, Berne
3. Member of the Board of ACE AG, Zurich
4. Chairman of the Committee of the Buildings and Constructions Office, University of Lausanne-Dorigny, Lausanne
5. President of the Board of Trustees of the Swiss Finance Institute, Zurich
6. Member of the Board of Trustees of Fondation BCU, Lausanne

7. Member of the Committee of the Board of Directors at economiesuisse, Zurich

Ernst Stocker: Member of the Bank Council, initial election 2010

Ernst Stocker, Wädenswil, born in 1955

Member of the Bank Council

Member of the Cantonal Government and Head of the Department of Economic Affairs of the Canton of Zurich

Professional and political career

Mayor of Wädenswil, Chairman of the Cantonal Council of the Canton of Zurich, Member of the Cantonal Council's Kommission für Staat und Gemeinden (commission for cantons and municipalities), Member of the Cantonal Council's management, Member of the executive committee at the Zurich cantonal division of the Swiss People's Party (SVP), Federally certified master agriculturalist

Relevant affiliations

1. President of the Stiftung GREATER ZURICH AREA Standortmarketing foundation, Zurich
2. Member of the Board at Elektrizitätswerke des Kantons Zürich, Zurich
3. Member of the Board at Axpo Holding AG, Baden
4. Member of the Board at Flughafen Zürich AG, Kloten
5. Member of the Board of Trustees of TECHNOPARK® Zurich Foundation, Zurich

Fritz Studer: Member of the Bank Council, initial election 2004, current election 2008

Fritz Studer, Meggen, born in 1943

Member of the Bank Council

Financial expert; Advanced Management Program (AMP), Harvard Business School, Boston

Professional career

President of the Executive Board at the former Swiss Volksbank, Zurich; CEO of Luzerner Kantonalbank, Chairman of the Board at Luzerner Kantonalbank

Relevant affiliations

1. Member of the Board at Sika AG, Baar
2. Member of the Board at Bertsch Zürich AG, Zurich
3. Member of the Board at the Sarna Foundation, Sarnen
4. Member of the Board at Stiftung akku Emmen, Emmenbrücke
5. Member of the Board of the Lucerne Symphony Orchestra, Lucerne

Cédric Tille: Member of the Bank Council, initial election 2011

Cédric Tille, Gland, born 1970

Member of the Bank Council

Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Professional career

Research Officer in the International Research section at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; doctorate from Princeton University; masters in economics from the University of Lausanne

Relevant affiliations

1. Member of the Strategic Committee at Palaedino Asset Management, Geneva