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Urs Schönholzer to become new SNB delegate for regional economic relations for Eastern Switzerland

With effect from 1 January 2014, Urs Schönholzer will take on the function of Swiss National Bank delegate for regional economic relations for the Eastern Switzerland region. He is assuming this function from Jean-Pierre Jetzer, who is retiring at the end of March 2014. Urs Schönholzer has a Master's degree in Political Sciences from the University of St. Gallen and a Masters in Communications Management from USI Università della Svizzera italiana. Until the end of this year, he will be working as the co-proprietor and partner of a company in St Gallen which provides consulting services on business cycle and locational issues. Formerly, he was Head of Communications and Member of the Executive at the St Gallen-Appenzell Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The SNB's delegates for regional economic relations (of which there are eight) represent the SNB in the regions of Switzerland. They are constantly in touch with companies from different industries and provide the Governing Board with information about the economic situation. They also have the task of briefing their regions about the SNB's policies.