

Hannah's Insights

Crumbling Alliances: How Outdated Bilaterals Undermine Switzerland's Growth Prospects

by Hannah Wise, our external editor



The breakdown of the framework agreement with Europe in 2021 has left Switzerland facing tough challenges. As new European laws affecting machinery exports loom, the effects are felt nationwide, particularly in Ticino and Jura, where machinery exports contribute to over 20% of total exports. Forced to seek alternative solutions, some businesses consider establishing production capacity within the EU single market, impacting Switzerland's growth potential and overall prosperity. Avenir Suisse sheds light on the problem, revealing the risks of outdated bilateral agreements.

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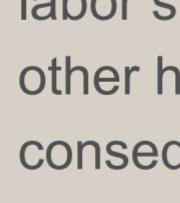
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It's not every day that you receive a visit from a politician who once led a G7 nation. Although her tenure as Prime Minister was short-lived, Liz Truss made a significant impact on the global stage, particularly during her time as the Foreign Minister of the United Kingdom. During her brief visit to Switzerland, she did not miss the opportunity to visit our think tank and engage in a detailed and fruitful conversation with our researchers, discussing the challenges and opportunities of liberalism. Marc Lehmann asked Liz Truss what she gained from the exchange at Avenir Suisse.

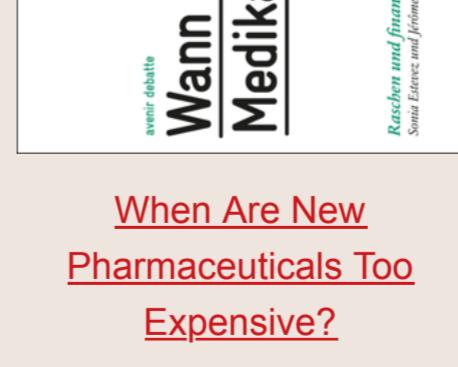
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How much immigration does Switzerland need and want? There are different angles to this question. On the one hand, there is a labor shortage that will worsen owing to demographic aging. On the other hand, there also needs to be a discussion about the consequences of a Swiss population of 9 million. Further discussions on immigration levels and long-term strategies are necessary to address demographic shifts and ensure a sustainable workforce.

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