

Federal Council publishes new Digital Switzerland strategy

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On 6 September 2018 the Federal Council announced (in [German](#), [French](#), [Italian](#) and [English](#)) that it had adopted a new Digital Switzerland strategy for the next two years. The new strategy replaces the 2016 Digital Switzerland strategy and, like its predecessor, aims to prioritise the government's efforts in the digital realm.

Under the new strategy, the Federal Council places a stronger focus on initiatives relating to artificial intelligence and smart cities, smart villages and smart regions. Digitalisation within the administration will also take a central role. The strategy addresses additional topics, ranging from digitalisation in the transport and energy sectors to e-government and cyber risks.

The latest Digital Switzerland strategy was accompanied by a revised action plan, which will be updated on an annual basis. The action plan lists:

- the current topics and subcategories (eg, SmartRail 4.0);
- the status of the undertaken actions (eg, ongoing projects); and
- the timeline (eg, Q4 2022).

In parallel, the Federal Council has called for all interested parties to contribute to the further development of the Digital Switzerland strategy (an approach the council has called the 'digital dialogue') via a web platform available in [German](#), [French](#) and [Italian](#).

Through all of these measures, the Federal Council aims to establish a social and technological landscape which will be favourable to Switzerland's ongoing digitalisation.

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