

# Glossary:EU-Switzerland bilateral agreement

Statistics Explained

A **bilateral agreement between the [European Union](#) and [Switzerland](#)** on cooperation in the field of statistics came into force on 1 January 2007.

The agreement enables Switzerland to access pan-European statistical data for the countries within the [European Economic Area \(EEA\)](#) , of which Switzerland is not a member, and guarantees the comparability of the statistics. As a result, Switzerland and the three other [EFTA](#) Member States are included in the [European statistical system](#) .

## Further information

- [European External Action Service - Switzerland](#)
- [Switzerland - Federal administration - Bilateral agreements Switzerland-EU](#)

## Related concepts

- [European Economic Area \(EEA\)](#)
- [European statistical system \(ESS\)](#)
- [European Union \(EU\)](#)