

## Who are the central actors in Switzerland's network of water forums?

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A study by Eawag environmental social scientists has identified a total of 23 forums in Switzerland concerned with water-related issues, such as the Swiss Water Management Association (SWV), Water Agenda 21, the Swiss Water Association (VSA) and the Swiss Gas and Water Industry Association (SVGW). On average, more than half of the members of these forums come from the private sector, a third from public administration, and around ten per cent from the scientific community. However, as most of the private actors only participate in a small number of forums, they occupy a peripheral position within the network. In contrast, cantonal and federal administration actors play a central role, frequently participating in a number of different forums and interacting with a variety of actors. They can thus play a strong coordinating role. The most active player is the Federal Office for the Environment, which participates in 17 water forums. Eawag is also highly active, with a total of 14 memberships.

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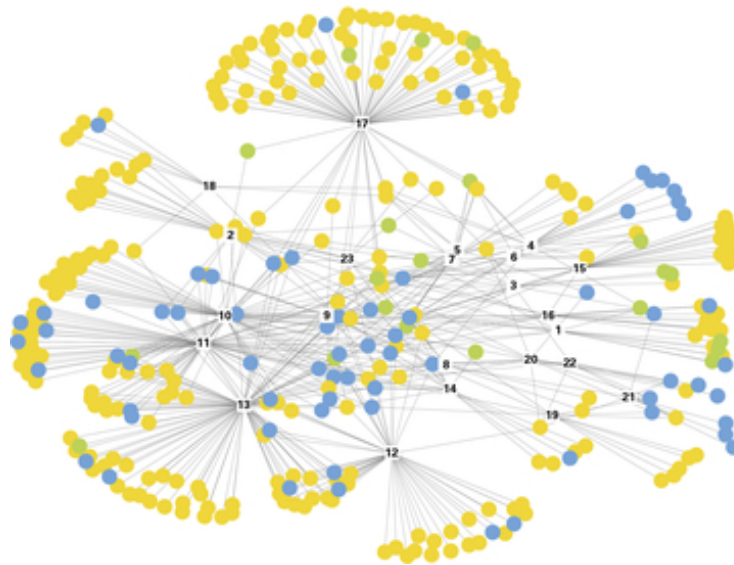
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### Water forums

● Private sector ● Public administration ● Scientific community



**Water forums**

- 1 Swiss Hydrological and Limnological Society
- 2 Swiss Hydrogeological Society
- 3 Swiss Hydrological Commission
- 4 Water Agenda 21 (WA21)
- 5 WA21 Working Group, Water Basin Management
- 6 WA21 Working Group, Hydropower
- 7 WA21 Working Group, River Restoration
- 8 Swiss Water Association (VSA)
- 9 VSA Platform, Micropollutants
- 10 VSA Competence Centre, Water Bodies
- 11 VSA Competence Centre, Wastewater Treatment
- 12 VSA Competence Centre, Sewer Systems
- 13 VSA Competence Centre, Urban Drainage
- 14 VSA Competence Centre, Industry and Trade
- 15 Swiss Water Management Association (SWV)
- 16 SWV Committee for Flood Protection and Water Management
- 17 Swiss Water Partnership
- 18 Infrawatt
- 19 Swiss Gas and Water Industry Association (SVGW)
- 20 SVGW Main Committee, Water
- 21 SVGW Subcommittee, Water Quality and Treatment
- 22 SVGW Subcommittee, Extraction/Storage/Distribution
- 23 Swiss Society for Bioengineering Working Group, Lakeshores

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