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Cultural Heritage Management in a decentralised system: structure and organisation in Switzerland

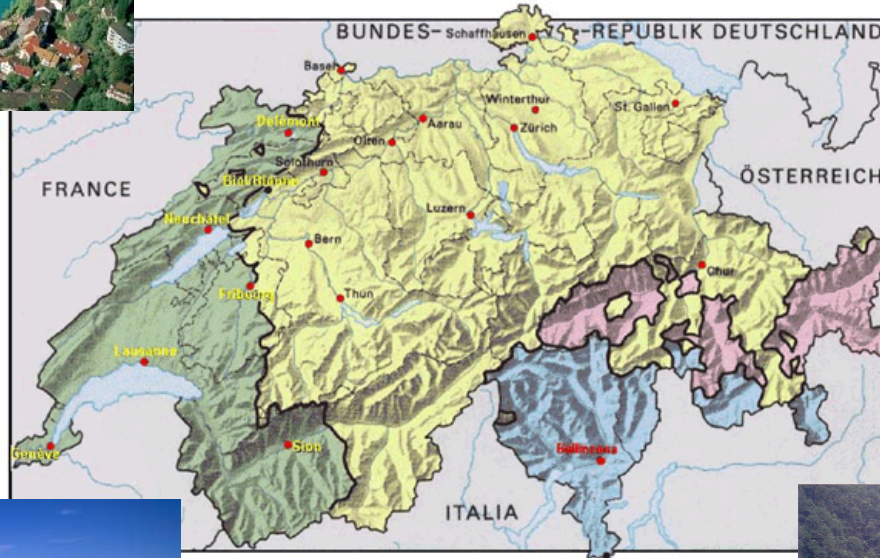
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Switzerland's cultural diversity



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|  Allemand
German |  Italien
Italian |
|  Français
French |  Romanche
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Federal structure: Confederation



“Confoederatio Helvetica” (CH):

- 41'284 km², 7.4 mio inhabitants
- Separated powers: politics, justice, religion
- Politics:
Government: 7 ministers (1 president)
Parliament: 2 chambers
- The Confederation has authority in all areas where the cantons and communities are not in charge (foreign and security policy, customs, national defence, elaboration of nationally applicable legislation).

Federal structure: cantons



26 cantons:

- Different sizes:
Appenzell i. R.: 14'996 inhabitants
Zurich: 1.3 mio inhabitants
- Large autonomy (own constitution, government, parliament, court and legislation)
- Tasks which are not expressly attributed to the Confederation fall to the cantons.

Federal structure: communities



2715 communities:

Degree of autonomy determined by canton

Cultural heritage management: competent authorities

Art. 78 of the Federal Constitution : Protection of natural and cultural heritage:

The cantons are in charge of the protection of natural and cultural heritage.

- There are **26** competent authorities dealing with cultural heritage issues.
- There are **26** different systems concerning the management of cultural heritage.

The two main systems are :

- 1° The canton establishes an inventory of protected monuments (two levels of importance: local, cantonal)
- 2° The canton establishes an inventory of monuments likely to be protected (two levels of importance: local, cantonal)

Cultural heritage management: competent authorities

Art. 78 of the Federal Constitution : Protection of natural and cultural heritage:

In the fulfilment of its tasks, the Confederation is obliged to respect the issues of protection of natural and cultural heritage.

The Confederation can financially support efforts undertaken to protect natural and cultural heritage and can acquire or secure items of national interest contractually or by expropriation.

Concrete tasks of the Confederation

Funding

1° Combined funding (with a participation of the cantons):

- preservation, conservation and restoration of properties of all levels of classification (local, cantonal, national)
- archaeological measures

2° Funding of research, formation and public relations



Concrete tasks of the Confederation

Consulting:

The competent cantonal authority can ask for the advice of a federal expert at any time.

Inventorying:

- KGS: Federal Inventory of cultural properties
- ISOS: Federal Inventory of Swiss Heritage Sites
- BLN: Federal Inventory of Landscapes and Natural Monuments of National Importance
- IVS: Inventory of Historic Routes



Inventory of cultural properties (KGS)

Inventaire suisse des biens culturels d'importance nationale

(Projet pour l'audition: 21.11.2008)

Commune	Objet	Edifices		Collections	Collections				Cas spéciaux	
		Objet simple	Objet multiple		Musée	Archive	Bibliothèque	Archéologie	x	y
Delémont	Chapelle du Vorbourg avec ex-voto		X						593.920	247.641
	Château des princes-évêques	X							592.768	245.886
	Eglise St-Marcel	X							592.814	245.974
	Fontaine Notre-Dame	X							592.837	246.046
	Musée Jurassien d'art et d'histoire et Tour Rouge		X	X					592'700	245'961
	Rotonde pour locomotives, remises	X							594.000	245.850
ISBS petite ville / bourg										
Fahy	Ferme Bout-Dessous No 18	X							563.339	252.001
	Maison d'habitation Bout-Dessous No 19	X							563.319	251.981
	ISBS village									
Glovelier	Ferme La Djainie	X							582'000	242'000
	Saint-Bras, abri préhistorique						X			
Le Bémont (JU)	Ferme la Bosse	X							568.200	235.500

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Inventory of Landscapes and Natural Monuments (BLN)



Inventory of Historic Routes (IVS)



Cultural heritage management: a common task

Cultural heritage remains a common task: The cantons need the Confederation, the Confederation needs the cantons.

Advantages:

- Maintains Switzerland's rich cultural diversity
- Encourages intense cooperation and exchange of knowledge
- Brings cantonal and federal priorities together
- Balances the different cantonal economic and technical capacities
- Compensates possible lacks in cantonal policies

Disadvantages:

- Relatively laborious and slow system
- No direct action (even if in exceptional cases the Confederation can intervene to rescue a cultural property)

Questions

