



## Keynote speeches



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## Panel discussion | Moderation: Fredy Müller, Managing Director FSS



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**Roland Borer**  
Former National Councillor (SVP, SO), entrepreneur

## Invitation to the 13th SSF Security Talk

### "Switzerland in the conflict between international and neutrality law and the re-export of armaments".

Dear members, interested parties and guests,

We are pleased to invite you to the 13th SSF Security Talk on the highly topical subject of "Switzerland in the conflict of international and neutrality law and the re-export of armaments".

While the discussions in parliament on the re-export of war materiel to Ukraine have reached an impasse, the pressure on Switzerland from abroad continues to increase: the USA, Europe and NATO are increasingly demanding that Switzerland approves the transfer of armaments.

The controversy surrounding the re-export of Swiss defence equipment not only damages Switzerland's international reputation, but also directly jeopardises the security-relevant technology and industry base (STIB) and thus Switzerland as an industrial location. Foreign companies have already announced that they will take measures to become independent of the Swiss defence industry.

- How can Switzerland extricate itself from this self-inflicted dilemma between neutrality law and the internationally demanded solidarity with Ukraine?
- And how can a realistic and long-term understanding of neutrality be found that is applicable not only to the war in Ukraine, but also to other warlike threats?

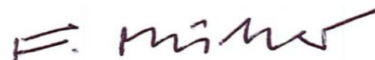
Experts will discuss these important questions at the 13th FSS Security Talk, to which you are cordially invited.

We look forward to your participation!

With kind regards



**Hans-Jürg Käser**  
President  
SWISS SECURITY FORUM (SSF)



**Fredy Müller**  
Managing Director  
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## Programme

17:30	<b>Arrival of the guests</b>	
18:00	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Roland Borer</b> , former National Councillor (SVP, SO) & entrepreneur
	<b>Foundations and development of the Confederation's arms control policy</b>	<b>Simon Plüss</b> , Minister, Deputy Head of Bilateral Economic Advisory Services, Head of Department Arms Control and Arms Control Policy, Head of Department Sanctions ad interim, SECO
	<b>Swiss neutrality in a historical and geopolitical context</b>	<b>Prof. Dr Christoph Frei</b> , Political scientist and professor of international relations, University of St. Gallen
19:00	<b>Panel discussion and Q&amp;A session</b>	
	Panel guests:	<b>Prof. Dr Christoph Frei</b> , University of St. Gallen <b>Mauro Tuena</b> , President SPC-N, National Councillor (SVP,ZH) <b>Dr Stefan Brupbacher</b> , Director Swissmem <b>Roland Borer</b> , former National Councillor (SVP, SO) & entrepreneur
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20:00 **Apéritif**

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