

## What Pro Switzerland wants to achieve (narrative)

Our independence, neutrality, openness and our defense force have made Switzerland a country where we can live in peace, freedom and safety and enjoy one of the highest standards of living and prosperity in the world. It is hardly surprising, then, that in major international studies on prosperity, life satisfaction, stability, safety, freedom, education and training, research, innovation and democracy Switzerland consistently comes out tops.

Pro Switzerland has set itself the aim of ensuring that it stays this way for the good of our country and our people, especially our younger generations. We dare not rest on our laurels – not least because all those factors that have made Switzerland such a successful country are under threat as a result of

- serious efforts by the country's political elite to surrender our independence and align ourselves with centralized supra-organizations like the EU and NATO
- the strong centralist tendencies of international organizations wanting to bring countries around the world into line with each other
- ever-increasing efforts by a small domestic minority to erode the freedoms of our citizens and to indoctrinate and dictate to them.

Pro Switzerland wants to put a stop to this! Pro Switzerland respects Swiss tradition. Pro Switzerland is not politically affiliated. It is not interested in ideologies and party political bickering, but purely and simply in the best solutions for our country and our people, for freedom, peace, independence, safety and prosperity. Pro Switzerland wants to create framework conditions and opportunities for young people in particular to thrive. This is why Pro Switzerland is independent of all political parties and is open to all those who share our aims.

Pro Switzerland's central demands to ensure our freedom, independence, peace, safety and prosperity are as follows:

- 1. Independence:** This means maintaining a friendly cooperative relationship of equals with all the nations of the world and with all international organizations such as the EU – without joining them, becoming a signatory to institutional framework agreements or being dictated to by them.
- 2. Freedom:** This means permanent, armed and integral neutrality, and as such no entering into closer alignment with or even joining NATO. Pro Switzerland believes in a strong and effective defense force.

- 3. Neutrality:** Switzerland, more than any other country in the world, has a tradition of credible neutrality spanning centuries. Credible neutrality has allowed Switzerland to help mediate in many international conflicts. The current situation illustrates all too well why the world needs a country like Switzerland that can mediate between warring and conflicting parties and offer a place to hold negotiations. Clearly, credible neutrality means that Switzerland cannot participate in sanctions or war-like activities, otherwise we lose our impartiality and our credibility as a mediator. Now more than ever, the world needs a Switzerland that is neutral and ready to act as a mediator!
- 4. Self-sufficiency:** Recent crises have, if anything, shown us two things: First, in times of crisis, it is every country for itself. Even what should be the straightforward transit of protective face masks can quickly escalate into a serious problem in a crisis. And second: Global supply chains are extremely vulnerable in times of crisis. For Switzerland, this means that we need diverse and robust supply agreements in place in key fields such as medicine, energy and food, and, over and above this, we need to become more self-sufficient in these fields by building stockpiles back up and encouraging domestic production of, for instance, vital medicines.
- 5. Openness:** Switzerland is connected with most countries in the world by way of friendly bilateral agreements. We see expanding trading partnerships and increasing economic freedom around the world as the way forward – as a way to improve the prosperity of all people. And we also want to see many more strategic partnerships being forged with the world’s top universities that will allow us to engage in student and academic exchanges and participate in international research projects.