

The economic impact of the Swiss Second Homes Act



The main aim of the Swiss Second Homes Act, which came into effect in 2016, is to limit the construction of second homes in certain municipalities. Working on behalf of the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Rütter Sococo, a subsidiary of EBP, examined the law's economic impact. In particular, we focused on its impact on tourism, the regional economy, and tax revenue, as well as on the various adaptation processes and innovations triggered by the Second Homes Act. Our study results served as a basis for a report issued by the Swiss Federal Council.

Our services

- Analysis of the specific legislative measures; drafting of an impact model
- Quantitative analysis of the available statistical data (time series)
- Interviews with experts and case studies involving selected municipalities
- Evaluation of the impact on stakeholders, including costs and benefits, price development, and economic activities
- Model-based examination of the overall economic impact
- Recommendations on the need for adaptive and supplementary measures

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