

2023 Annual Activity Report

Founding year: institutional development, human-rights advocacy, documentation and community participation.

About this report

This report presents a concise institutional account of SRL Swiss activities during the reporting year. It focuses on human-rights documentation, research, advocacy, institutional engagement, public information and community participation. Financial figures are not included in this edition.

Where an activity has a public page, report or submission on the SRL Swiss website, a reference is provided at the end of this report. Other activities are described from the Association's internal annual activity records.

Year in Review

SRL Swiss began its activities in Geneva in January 2023. During its founding year, the Association established its institutional presence and focused on human-rights documentation, rule-of-law advocacy, public information and social participation in Switzerland.

The year combined institutional communications concerning human-rights issues in Türkiye with information and community-oriented activities in Switzerland.

Human Rights Advocacy and Institutional Communications

SRL Swiss reviewed Amnesty International's 2022/23 assessment of Türkiye and communicated its observations to Amnesty International. Later in the year, following the Grand Chamber judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in *Yüksel Yalçınkaya v. Türkiye*, the Association sent follow-up communications concerning the judgment and its relevance to fair-trial guarantees, legality and freedom of association.

These communications form the clearest publicly documented institutional advocacy activity from SRL Swiss's first year.

Case Documentation and Research

The Association's internal 2023 activity record also records case-documentation work concerning reported human-rights violations and an assessment related to election security in Türkiye. In public reporting, SRL Swiss sought to avoid unnecessary disclosure of identifying information concerning affected individuals.

Information, Participation and Solidarity in Switzerland

SRL Swiss carried out information activities intended to support people adapting to life in Switzerland. Internal activity records include an information seminar on Swiss citizenship, contacts concerning practical integration issues and a solidarity initiative for children affected by the earthquake in Türkiye.

These community activities were not all published as separate website articles during the year and are therefore distinguished from the public references listed below.

Institutional Development and Governance

SRL Swiss launched and developed its website and social-media channels as public communication tools. The Association's governance framework was organised around the General Assembly, Board of Directors and an oversight function, with operational responsibilities distributed among board members.

The Association financed its activities primarily through member contributions and voluntary support and used available resources for human-rights, reporting, information and solidarity work.

Looking Ahead

The first year established the basic institutional and communication infrastructure for a broader programme of human-rights reporting, international engagement and community participation in the following years.

Selected Public References

The following SRL Swiss web pages provide a public documentary trail for selected activities described above.

SRL Swiss - Submissions archive - Includes the 8 May 2023 Amnesty International submission, the 30 October 2023 follow-up to Amnesty International Türkiye, and the 1 December 2023 submission to Amnesty International headquarters.

<https://srlswiss.com/submissions/>

SRL Swiss - About Us - Public institutional page stating that SRL Swiss began its activities in Geneva in January 2023.

<https://srlswiss.com/about-us/>

SRL Swiss - Home - Current public overview of the Association, its human-rights mission and areas of work.

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Documentary note: Public references are links to material published by SRL Swiss and provide a trace of selected activities. They are not an independent audit or third-party verification. Activities without a public link are described from the Association's internal annual activity record.

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