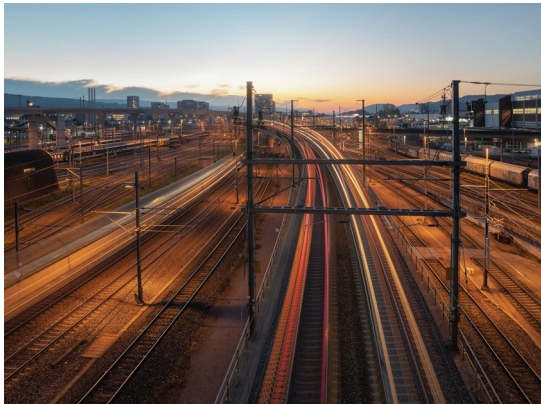


FEDERAL OFFICE OF TRANSPORT (SWITZERLAND)

## COMPARISON OF RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENDITURE SWITZERLAND - AUSTRIA



Client	Federal Office of Transport (FOT)
Processing period	2016
Contract value	CHF 86'400

In 2016, the Swiss Federal Office of Transport (FOT) commissioned R+R, in cooperation with Besch und Partner, to compare railway infrastructure expenditures in Switzerland and Austria. The analysis takes different network characteristics, modes of operation and forms of financing into account.

The budget plan for financing operations and maintenance of the Swiss railway infrastructure 2017-2020 includes total funds of 13,2 billion Swiss francs, amounting to an average of 3,3 billion francs per year. At the same time, the Austrian

Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology passed the ÖBB financing scheme 2016-2021 with a provision of 14,6 billion Euros for investment and maintenance. With the current exchange rate, this amounts to an average of 2,7 billion Swiss francs per year – less than in Switzerland.

In 2016, the FOT commissioned R+R, in partnership with Besch und Partner, to compare contents, delimitations and financing of railway infrastructure expenditures in Switzerland and Austria. The analysis covered data from 34 infrastructure operators in both countries. The evaluation showed that the numbers were fundamentally comparable, but that differences in financing strategy as well as maintenance and renewal strategy need to be considered.