

Making Migration and Integration Policies Future Ready

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Cornelia Lüthy has been Vice Director of the State Secretariat for Migration SEM since 2016 and is a member of the Board of Management. Her areas of responsibility include entry/border regulations, naturalization, residence and work permits, the Free Movement of People with the EU and integration policy.

During her time at the SEM, she developed and implemented the Swiss Integration Agenda. The launch of the so-called Integration Pre-apprenticeship, in which temporarily admitted people get an opportunity for a one-year, practice-oriented training, also took place during her time at the SEM.

She is co-chair of the Joint Committee on Free Movement of People with the European Union and leads the Swiss Delegation in the Joint Committee. Since the Brexit vote, she has successfully negotiated two agreements with the United Kingdom.

Cornelia Lüthy is a doctor of law and completed an Executive Master of Public Administration at the London School of Economics, where she is also involved as a guest lecturer. Before joining the SEM, Cornelia Lüthy worked at the Federal Office of Justice, as a lawyer in various law firms and at the Directorate of Education in the Canton of Zurich.

She relies on a holistic approach in which all partners are involved at an early stage and are applied to their own responsibility. She is convinced that in an administration unit only evidence-based action can be sustainable and credible.