

Foreign investment control: a self-defeating policy objective

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At a glance

Governmental supervision for foreign direct investments would be counter-productive for Switzerland's economic competitiveness.

Foreign investment is a key success factor for Switzerland's open and internationally strongly interconnected economy. Therefore, Swiss business opposes governmental investment supervision, as it is currently demanded by some politicians. Hence the country would follow protectionist tendencies - without any objective necessity to do so. Switzerland already has tailor-made measures in place to effectively protect companies and institutions that are essential to national security. Business activity in Switzerland should be strengthened by good political framework conditions and not by imposing controls on foreign investors.

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