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Income statement, contributions to international organisations (in million CHF), cost and performance accounting (in million CHF) and personnel indicators – 2024

Income statement

Income statement in million CHF	Actual – 2023	Budgeted – 2024	Actual – 2024	Deviation from the budgeted amount for 2024 (absolute)	Deviation from the budgeted amount for 2024 (relative)
MeteoSwiss	108.9	111.6	107.8	-3.8	0.0
Expenditure/expenses	137.5	139.3	136.7	-2.7	-1.9
Functional expenditure (overall budget)	112.6	114.7	113.3	-1.4	-1.2
<i>with an impact on financing</i>	98.1	100.3	98.0	-2.3	-2.3
<i>with no impact on financing</i>	2.3	3.3	3.1	-0.2	-4.9
<i>internal service charges</i>	12.2	11.1	12.2	1.1	9.9
of which personnel expenditure	61.8	62.2	63.5	1.3	2.1
of which IT	20.6	20.9	23.0	2.0	9.8
<i>with an impact on financing</i>	17.5	18.6	19.7	1.2	6.2
<i>internal service charges</i>	3.1	2.3	3.2	0.9	38.1
of which consultancy and commissioned research	4.6	4.1	3.9	-0.2	-4.5
Transfer expenditure	24.9	24.6	23.3	-1.3	-5.3
Revenue and investment income	-28.6	-27.8	-28.9	-1.1	4.0
Functional revenue (overall budget)	-28.6	-27.8	-28.9	-1.1	4.0

Expenditure

Around 80% of expenses incurred by MeteoSwiss relate to the provision of weather and climate services (data collection, information processing, expert services). In terms of operating expenses, the increase in costs was primarily due to the RZPlus programme (fail-safe computing power and transformation of IT) and various projects (Drought, MORE, NCCS-Impacts). The remaining 20% or so relate to transfer expenses and are largely committed (mandatory contributions to international organisations). Transfer expenses were down from the previous year, mainly because the contribution to the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT) was lower. In order to stay within MeteoSwiss's budget, various hardware orders were postponed, resulting in a reduction in investment expenses compared with the previous year.

Revenue

MeteoSwiss generates revenue by providing meteorological services to customers both within and outside the Swiss federal administration, e.g. by preparing weather data for customers requiring information about aviation weather conditions. It also receives third-party funding from research projects. The rise in revenue is predominantly due to existing projects as well as new, counter-financed projects.

Contributions to international organisations (in million CHF)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
WMO	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.6	2.7	2.5	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.6
EUMETSAT	9.8	8.4	7.9	8.5	14.3	15.6	18.8	21.4	20.2	18.9	17.0	18.2	16.9	15.4
WRC	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
EZMW	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4
European Cooperation (EUMETNET, ECOMET)	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Meteorological cooperation (WRC, European Cooperation, EUMETNET, ECOMET)	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.9
Total	15.2	13.8	13.1	13.9	20.1	22.1	25.3	25.3	27.5	26.6	24.6	26.0	23.0	23.3

WMO	World Meteorological Organization (Geneva, Switzerland)
EUMETSAT	European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (Darmstadt, Germany)
WRC	World Radiation Centre (Davos, Switzerland)
ECMWF	European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (Reading, United Kingdom)
EUMETNET	Network of European Meteorological Services (Brussels, Belgium)
ECOMET	European Cooperation in Meteorology (Brussels, Belgium)

Expenditure credit outside the overall budget refers to mandatory contributions made by Switzerland to international organisations and institutions in accordance with Switzerland's obligations under international law.

Cost and performance accounting (in million CHF)

	Actual – 2023		Budgeted – 2024		Actual – 2024	
	Earnings	Expenses	Earnings	Expenses	Earnings	Expenses
Weather and climate data (PG 1)	3.5	26.8	3.8	26.7	3.9	26.4
Weather- and climate-related information and expert services (PG 2)	25.1	85.8	24.0	88.0	25.0	86.9
Total	28.6	112.6	27.8	114.7	28.9	113.3
Revenue-to-cost ratio		25.4%		24.2%		25.5%

At 25.5%, the revenue-to-cost ratio for the project groups (including customer and third-party-funded projects) is above the budgeted ratio of 24.2%.

Personnel indicators

Personnel structure

	Number of employees
Women – full-time	37
Women – part-time	107
Women – total	144
Men – full-time	159
Men – part-time	120
Men – total	279
Fixed-term contract	56
Open-ended contract	367
Total number of employees	423

Mother tongue

	Number of employees
German	270
French	89
Italian	35
Romanic	0
English	5
Other	16
No information	8

Education/training

	Number of employees
University	276
University of applied sciences	30
Higher professional education	38
Federal Baccalaureate	22
Vocational education	50
No vocational education	6 (apprentices)
No information/Other	1

Age structure

	Number of employees
Under 20	4
20 to 29	36
30 to 39	95
40 to 49	112
50 to 59	130
60 to 65	46