

# THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ORGANISATIONS IN SWITZERLAND

2014–2019

## HIGHLIGHTS

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# Key results

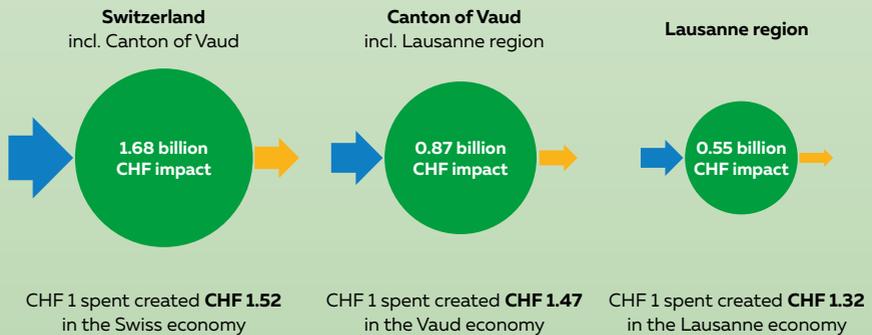
Between 2014 and 2019, the International Sport Organisations (ISOs) and their visitors spent, together, an average of CHF 1.10 billion within Switzerland each year (compared to an average yearly spending of CHF 0.70 billion between 2008 and 2013) (Bousigue & Stricker 2015). This spending generated CHF 0.58 billion of additional impact on the Swiss economy, creating an average yearly economic impact of **CHF 1.68 billion for Switzerland** (CHF 1.07 billion between 2008 and 2013), **CHF 0.87 billion for the Canton of Vaud** (CHF 0.55 billion between 2008 and 2013) and **CHF 0.55 billion for the Lausanne region** (CHF 0.25 billion between 2008 and 2013). Every CHF 1 spent in Switzerland by international sport organisations created CHF 1.52 in the Swiss economy, which equals to a 52% in added value.

## Yearly average economic impact

● outside revenue

● outside expenditure (leakage)

● net impact



## The authors

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The IOC and its financially supported ISOs generated CHF 1.38 billion of the average yearly economic impact in Switzerland. As a not-for-profit association, the IOC financially supports the organisation of the Olympic Games and the development of sport worldwide by redistributing its revenues. This includes a yearly average of CHF 157 million given to ISOs and other sports-related organisations in Switzerland.

## Business tourism

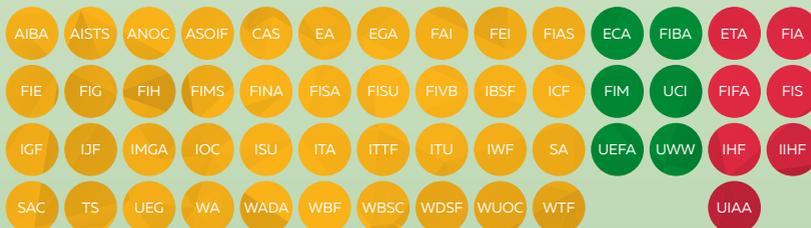


## Direct employment



## 53 international sports organisations

● Lausanne region ● Canton of Vaud ● Switzerland



## The experts

"We have deliberately adopted a very cautious methodology and made particularly conservative assumptions in measuring the economic impact. Results are therefore conservative figures and the likely impact is much larger than what is reported.

This report shows that the impact of ISOs on the Swiss economy is significant and extensive. These findings are informative to both policy-makers and the public, helping them recognise the positive contribution of such organisations on increasing the prosperity of their nation."



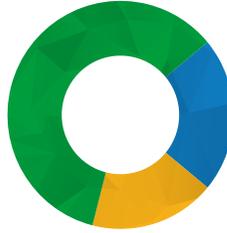
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## Other highlights

The induced impact is responsible for the majority of the overall yearly economic impact of ISOs, consistent with prior study.



**60%** induced impact  
CHF 1 billion

**22%** direct impact  
CHF 0.38 billion

**18%** indirect impact  
CHF 0.30 billion

The IOC and its financially supported ISOs account for most of the overall average yearly economic impact. The IOC and FIFA are responsible for most of this impact, while UEFA represents most of the impact created by ISOs that are not financially supported by the IOC.



**82%** IOC + IOC financially supported ISOs (42)  
CHF 1.38 billion

**18%** non IOC financially supported ISOs (11)  
CHF 0.30 billion



**CHF 57 million**

Total estimated amount of income tax paid by ISOs' employees residing in the Canton of Vaud in 2019



**CHF 1.83**

Value created by CHF 1 spent in the construction sector by ISOs in Switzerland, which equals to 83% in added value

### The impact of the international sport organisations goes beyond what is tangible



**98%** of Canton of Vaud residents are aware that the IOC has its headquarters in Lausanne.



**75%** of Swiss residents are proud that the headquarters of the IOC are based in Switzerland.



**77%** of Swiss residing in the French-speaking part of Switzerland consider it economically important to host the IOC in Lausanne.

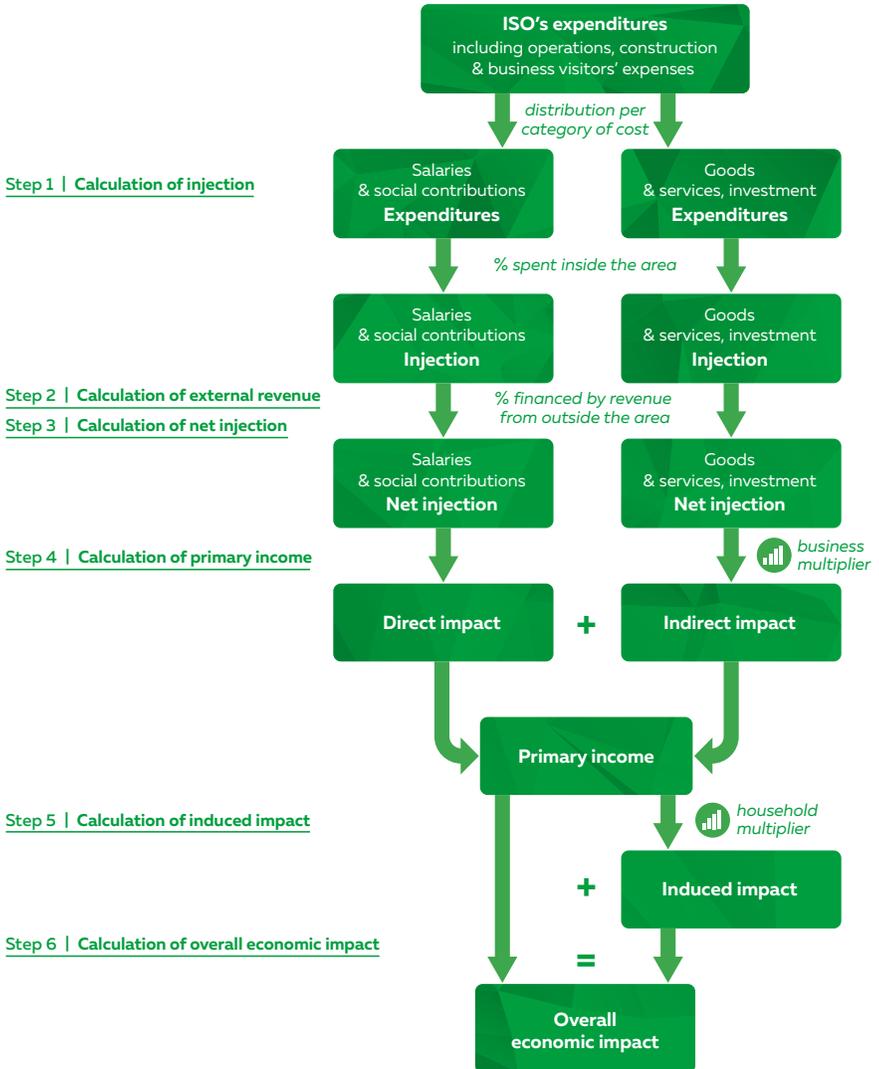


**Over 80%** of Swiss residing in the French-speaking part of Switzerland consider the title 'Olympic Capital' being important for Lausanne.

# Methodology

The study applies the method proposed by Barget (2001) and Stritt & Voillat (1998), that defines a tangible economic impact as the product of a net injection and a multiplier.

In line with prior AISTS studies (Bousigue & Stricker 2015), calculating the overall economic impact of ISOs consists of six consecutive steps:



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