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## Press Release

### **Sara Szabo elected Executive Secretary of the Federal Administrative Court**

**On 20 June 2023, the Plenary Court of the Federal Administrative Court elected Sara Szabo, 45, as the new Executive Secretary.**

Economist Sara Szabo has her family roots in Belgium and Hungary. She studied economics and international relations at Corvinus University in Budapest and holds an MAS in Digital Transformation from the ZHAW School of Management and Law. Sara Szabo lives in St. Gallen with her husband and two children.

The new Executive Secretary already knows the Federal Administrative Court (FAC) having previously worked at the Court for five and a half years. She first joined the Court in 2013 as a project manager in the General Secretariat before taking over as Head of Human Resources at the end of 2016. She also acted as Executive Secretary ad interim for several months. In summer 2019, Sara Szabo left the Court to take up employment with MeteoSchweiz and later Balgrist University Hospital, in both cases as Head of HR. Before she joined the FAC, Sara Szabo was employed with a number of companies and diplomatic missions in Belgium, Hungary and Germany. It is expected that Sara Szabo will take up her new position as Executive Secretary of the FAC on 1 November 2023.

The General Secretariat provides the necessary infrastructure for day-to-day operations at the FAC and assists the Divisions with a large number of scientific and administrative support services. It oversees five departments: Finance and Services, Human Resources, IT & Transformation, Legal Services and Scientific Services. The General Secretariat also comprises central staff units: FCPC supervision, data protection, information security and public relations office, staff & assistants (including language services), communication, and the central registry and scanning centre. The General Secretariat employs a staff of some 80 people.

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**About the Federal Administrative Court**

Located in St. Gallen, the Federal Administrative Court (FAC) was established in 2007.

With its staff of 351 employees (296.1 FTE) and its 73 judges (65.1 FTE) it is the largest federal court in Switzerland. The Federal Administrative Court has jurisdiction to hear appeals against decisions rendered by Swiss federal administrative authorities. In specific matters, the FAC may grant review on decisions rendered by cantonal authorities.

Recourse actions are also reviewed by the Court. The FAC is composed of six divisions. It renders an average of 6,500 judgments every year.