



## Business Audit Commission Report 2022: Summary of relevant audit findings:

The HEKS/EPER Business Audit Committee (Geschäftsprüfungskommission, GPK) is a five-member body which examines the activities of HEKS/EPER with a critical outside view and reports observations and makes recommendations to the management and the Board of Trustees.

In 2022 the Business Audit Committee met for nine visits and meetings with delegates from the branch offices Berne, Aargau/Solothurn and Romandie as well as the Communication & Mobilization and Directorate Divisions. In addition to the main topic of "donations" chosen in 2022, the Business Audit Committee was interested in the functioning, specific challenges, and project work of the offices.

The Committee is pleased with the progress made in the merging of HEKS/EPER and Bread for All in the first year after the merger and the professional work done as a merged organisation. This first year as a merged Business Audit Committee is a year of learning and getting to know each other.

From the Business Audit Committee findings and recommendations of the reporting year 2022 (a total of nine findings and recommendations), three are summarised below:

- **Balanced visibility of foreign and Swiss activities** in the public

Review and improve the visibility of regional projects in Switzerland on the HEKS/EPER website and other publication organs. This should also raise the profile of HEKS/EPER Swiss themes.

- **Targeted promotion of innovation**, especially in the Swiss sector

Examination of the increased promotion of innovation and better publicity of the existing innovation fund in the Swiss sector. This fund, which in the opinion of the Business Audit Committee should be increased, should enable the offices to launch new projects with a certain degree of financial security, especially "niche activities".

- **More comprehensive information for the Business Audit Committee from the governing bodies** for a better understanding of the operational and strategic business.

In order for the Business Audit Committee to be informed more meaningfully and in a more timely manner about the diverse activities at the operational and strategic level, the Committee should receive unsolicited and extensive access to minutes and basic documents.

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