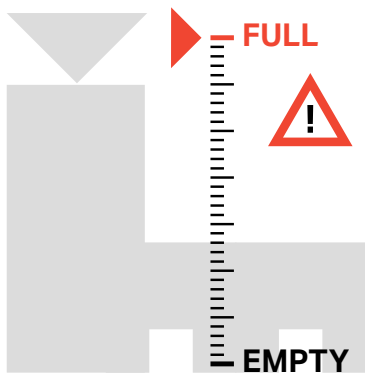
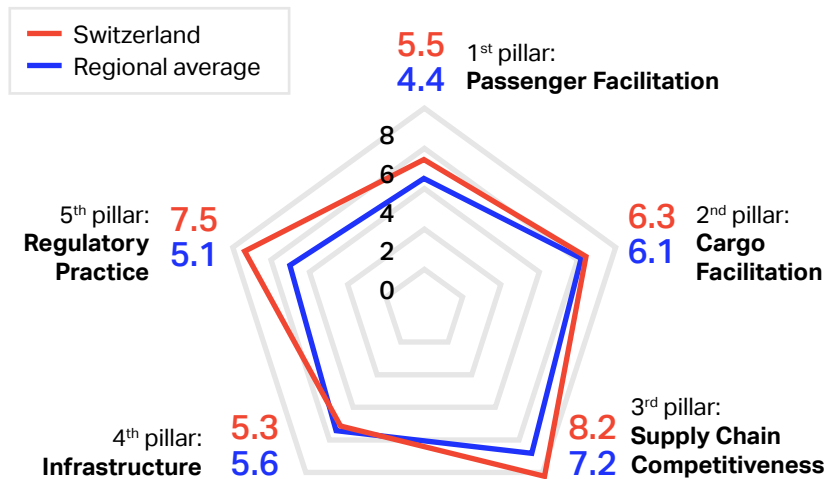


How Competitive is Air Transport in Switzerland?

Aviation supports 207,000 jobs and CHF 26.8 billion in economic activity in Switzerland

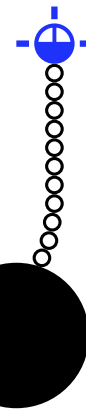
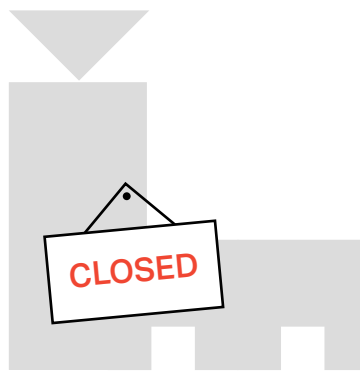
Increasing that contribution depends upon a **competitive air transport industry**.

This chart shows **Switzerland exceeds** the European average for the competitiveness of its regulations, supply chain, and passenger facilitation. But options to improve competitiveness exist.



Switzerland has **low runway infrastructure capacity**, putting its position as a competitive aviation hub at risk.

Zurich has the **most restricted operating hours** of any hub, compromising its effectiveness.



Switzerland has the **6th highest level of airport and passenger charges and taxes in Europe**, hampering economic benefits of air connectivity.

Recommendations

1. Move forward with cost-efficient expansion of Zurich and Geneva airports.
2. No further time restrictions on operations at Zurich airport.
3. Avoid additional environmental taxes, instead focus on implementing CORSIA carbon offsetting scheme.

If these improvements are made, air transport could deliver even greater benefits to Switzerland by 2037.

Forecast for departing passenger traffic, GDP and employment

