

Too much is too much – we don't want a Switzerland of 10 million people!

The fact is that Switzerland is a small country! It is also a fact that more and more people cannot be squeezed into a country of this size.

But this is exactly what has been happening since 2007: since the introduction of the free movement of persons with the EU, we have opened up our borders to more than 450 million people from the EU without being able to control how many would come to Switzerland. Over the past 13 years, one million people, or an extra 75,000 people annually, have already come to our country. And every year, a further 50,000 people – as many people as live in the town of Biel – are coming from the EU alone. It is no wonder that our small country is bursting at the seams! We can put a stop to this by voting YES to the limitation initiative.

With a YES ...

1. ... cheap foreign workers from the EU will no longer replace Swiss employees

Today, most foreign EU workers are cheaper and force out Swiss employees if they are unwilling to accept stagnating or even falling wages.

2. ... Switzerland will not be concreted over any further

Due to the one million new immigrants, an area equivalent to the size of 57,000 football fields has had to be concreted over for new flats, schools and roads over the past 13 years.

3. ... we will no longer get bogged down in traffic and be faced with congested trains

The immigration of one million people in just 13 years is too much for our infrastructures – they are at the point of collapse despite investments totalling billions: since 2007, there has been an increase of 541'000 cars on our roads. However, one million immigrants also mean an additional 454'000 new apartments.

4. ... living will become cheaper again

Due to the massive level of immigration, the demand for flats has increased to such a massive extent that many Swiss citizens are no longer able to pay the rising rents and are therefore being forced to accept long commutes to work.

5. ... Swiss children will be able to learn something in school again

Since in many classes 50 per cent or more of children are now foreign-language speakers and many of them also come from educationally disadvantaged families, the education of our children suffers. A study conducted by the Max Planck Institute for Human Development reveals that performance at school is significantly lower where there is a migrant share of as little as 20 per cent.

6. ... we will see an end to the arrival of even more poorly qualified individuals

The free movement of persons primarily brings poorly qualified individuals to Switzerland. Some 80 per cent of foreign EU workers are cheap labourers.

7. ... Swiss companies will be able to recruit the required highly qualified personnel

Without the free movement of persons, Swiss companies will be able to recruit highly qualified employees from around the world in a more targeted manner in line with their specialist knowledge. And they will be able to do so without being misled by the criterion of the free movement of persons.

8. ... we will be protecting the social security system from being plundered by EU nationals

At present, 6 out of every 10 welfare recipients are foreigners. Foreign nationals from the EU are more likely to be unemployed than Swiss citizens and more frequently receive supplementary benefits and more money from the unemployment insurance fund than they have paid in. Over the long term, they are also increasing the hole in the old-age and survivors' insurance (OASI) fund.

9. ... elderly people, women and men will be able to feel safe here once more

A great deal of violence and many criminal offences, such as rapes, are primarily committed by foreigners.

10. ... the people of Switzerland will no longer feel like outsiders in their own country

Our Swiss values are increasingly being replaced by imported values due to the mass immigration.

11. ... the people of Switzerland will finally be able to determine once more who comes into our country

The majority of Swiss citizens want to determine for themselves who comes into our country. This was demonstrated by the passing of the deportation initiative in 2010 and the mass immigration initiative in 2014. Neither constitutional mandate was implemented due to the free movement of persons with the EU. We can put this right on 27 September 2020.