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SNB to develop new banknote series

Theme of new series: 'Switzerland and its altitudes'

The SNB is to begin developing the tenth banknote series. In doing so, it is ensuring that Swiss banknotes continue to meet the latest standards with regard to functionality and security over the long term.

The theme of the new banknote series is 'Switzerland and its altitudes'. It pays homage to the country's unique topography, from the Jura and the Central Plateau to the Alps, and depicts Switzerland from its deepest valleys to its highest peaks. The new series aims to reflect the diversity of life in our country at the various altitudes.

As a first step in the process of developing the new banknotes, the SNB is launching a design competition. From today, any designer working in Switzerland may apply to take part. The competition, for which twelve designers will be selected, will start in February 2025. The draft banknote designs are expected to be presented to the public in autumn next year. The conditions for the design competition can be found in the competition regulations, which are available on the SNB's website.

The SNB supplies the economy with banknotes that meet high standards with respect to quality and security. Cash is a popular and widely used method of payment. Today, around one in three payments in Switzerland is made with cash. The SNB is convinced that cash will continue to play an important role as a payment method and store of value in the future.