



Senior Expert
Corps



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Retired experts do a good job around the world in participating in the professional development work. They contribute to the creation of employment and income in developing countries and Eastern Europe.

Transferring Knowledge and Practical Experience

Retired Experts as Volunteers

The Senior Expert Corps is a service of Swisscontact, the Swiss Foundation for Technical Cooperation. Swisscontact was founded in 1959 by personalities from the Swiss private sector and Swiss universities. The primary goal of Swisscontact is to support enterprises and entrepreneurs with social responsibility, who create sustainable jobs and income.

Over 600 experts, from craftsmen and hotel managers to the marketing specialists – all qualified practitioners – offer their

know-how as volunteers. They are prepared to share their comprehensive skills and knowledge where it is required. Their experience abroad, language abilities, and a lifetime of professional experience, help them to quickly adapt to new living and working conditions.

The Service

«Help Others to Help Themselves»

Volunteers from Swisscontact Senior Expert Corps advise entrepreneurs in the solution of clearly described problems. Small and medium enterprises, training centres and other institutions can profit from the services offered by the Senior Expert Corps. All those who need to help themselves can request support from Swiss volunteers.

Our experts provide rapid and pragmatic support. Their strength is in consulting and the transfer of knowledge in a wide

variety of areas ranging from quality improvement, marketing and management to staff development. They not only strive to solve technical and business problems, but also to contribute to sustainable development by training and qualifying local employees.



«Jobs could be created thanks to new types of bread.»

Franz Wepfer, Senior Expert

The Profile

Friendly and Market-Oriented

The retired experts, who carry out over 150 assignments each year, are assisted by the Swisscontact office in Zurich and locally by ten country representatives or the Swisscontact project offices.

Their high degree of motivation and financial independence enables senior experts to provide their services as volunteers without remuneration. The Senior Expert Corps thus provides a meaningful service,

in the process of supporting Switzerland's cooperation with developing and Eastern European countries. In their work, the priorities of Swiss federal law regarding development cooperation as well as Swisscontact policy are taken into consideration.



«The problem could be solved in common.»

Kurt Pfister, Senior Expert



«Training is helping others to help themselves.» Sina Stiffler, Senior Expert

The Conditions

Inexpensive and Fair

A Swiss senior expert's assignment lasts from few weeks up to three months. The customer bears his share of the costs; this comprises all expenses incurred on site. The remaining costs are covered by Swisscontact, as long as the assignment meets

specific criteria. The experts work as volunteers without remuneration, and receive only a modest amount of pocket money to cover personal expenses.



«My experience as a hotel specialist was very much appreciated.»

Kathi Turkier, Senior Expert

Interested? If so, contact one of the Senior Expert Corps country representatives, or the Swisscontact office in your country, or the head office in Zurich, and you will receive further information. After thorough problem analysis and detailed discussions, we try to find an adequate senior expert who could solve your problem.



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