



# Rethinking how Switzerland uses illicit profits from foreign bribery

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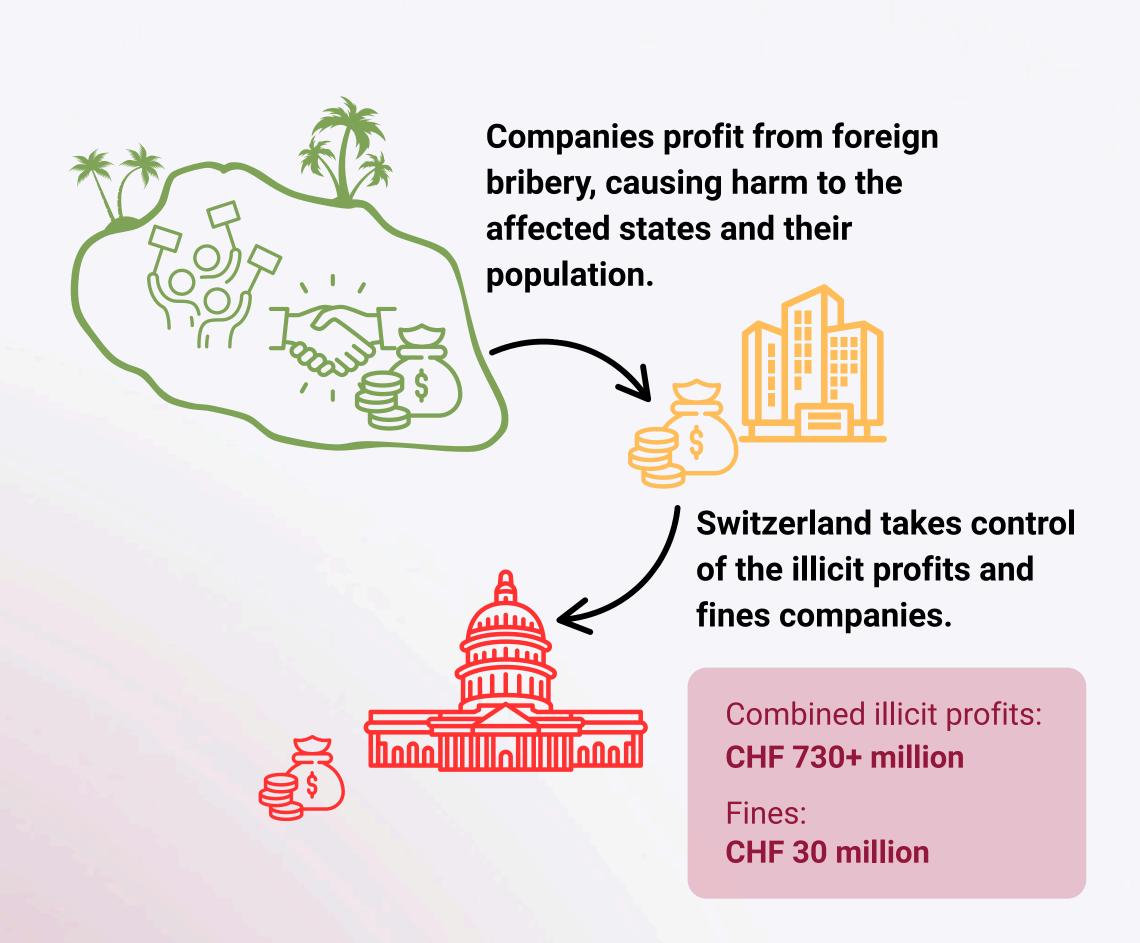
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## Only a few states actively enforce foreign bribery legislation.

Switzerland is one of them.

14 final judicial orders against
Swiss-linked companies that
engaged in foreign bribery
(2011–2024)





#### But...



Companies profit from foreign bribery, causing harm to the affected states and their population.

Profits remain in
Switzerland and are not
used to repair the harm or
address the corruption that
caused it.

Switzerland takes control of the illicit profits and fines companies.

Combined illicit profits:

CHF 730+ million

Fines:

**CHF 30 million** 



Why and how could Switzerland repurpose illicit profits from foreign bribery cases to benefit the countries and people most affected by these corrupt acts?



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Position Switzerland as an anti-corruption leader

By setting standards for the use of foreign bribery proceeds globally





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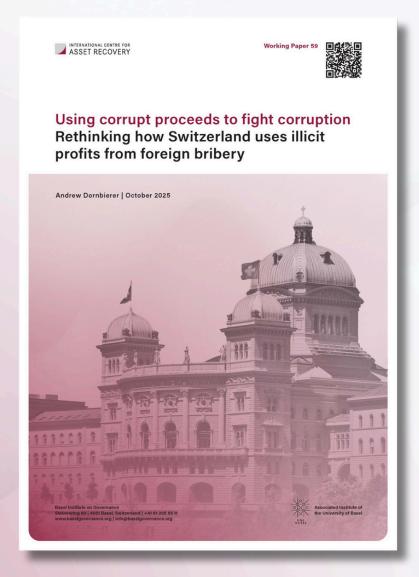
#### Repurposing fines domestically:

- to enhance foreign bribery prevention efforts
- to boost law enforcement capacities to detect corruption and illicit finance

By repurposing the illicit profits of foreign bribery cases, Switzerland will assert itself as a global leader in the fight against corruption."



#### Learn more:



### Using corrupt proceeds to fight corruption

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