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Prof. Dr. iur., Member of the Board of Directors of Schindler Holding AG and Professor for Private and Business Law at the University of Zurich. Member of the Expert Panel for Corporate Governance. Author of the report, «Corporate Governance in Switzerland».

«Foundations are faced with challenges similar to those faced by companies – and yet, they are nonetheless different. The «Swiss Foundation Code» seeks to achieve the same for foundations that the «Swiss Code of Best Practice» achieved for companies: proper checks and balances as well as transparency.»



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«The Foundation Code will send out lasting signals to the Swiss Foundation milieu.»



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«This honed and pragmatic body of foundation regulations includes 22 recommendations and is the first ever code for grant-making foundations in Europe. It was not compiled as an emergency response, nor under pressure, but rather is based on the self-realization by leading Swiss foundations that the specific activities of grant-making foundations require generally-valid strategic directions.»



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«The Swiss Foundation Code will strengthen the liberal foundation legislation in Switzerland and will continue to enhance the attractiveness of Switzerland as a location for foundations.»



Robert Purtschert

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«The Swiss Code represents a significant building block in the expansion of management knowledge in an important area of the public sector.»



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Prof. Dr. oec., Ordinary Professor of Organizational Behavior at the University of St. Gallen, Director of the Institute for Management, IfB-HSG. Author of numerous publications in the area of general management and change management.

«The Swiss Foundation Code is a valuable reflection guide, with whose help those responsible for a foundation can critically scrutinize the quality of their own foundation activity, and with these answers, can improve in a goal-oriented fashion. I am convinced that the Code will contribute to enhancing the reputation of the foundation sector and will lead to lasting progress by grant-making foundations in their efforts to justify their privileged status.»



Roger Schmid

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«With the first Code for Grant-making Foundations, SwissFoundations sends a lasting message to the foundation environment and thus takes a leadership position in the upcoming discussions.»