V. ORGANISATION

The Board of Trustees, chaired by former Geneva State Councillor Charles Beer, is responsible for the Swiss Arts Council’s strategy and governance. The head office, under Director Philippe Bischof, and its 121 staff in Switzerland and abroad ensure that the Foundation’s activities and objectives are pursued and implemented as efficiently and effectively as possible. Pro Helvetia is able to rely on the advice of its Committee of Experts, juries and independent experts.

Board of Trustees

In the reporting year (2022), the Board of Trustees reviewed its members’ vested interests, with the aim of avoiding potential conflicts of interest. The information is publicly accessible at WWW.ADMIN.CH.

The nine members of the Board of Trustees represent the diversity of the cultural sector, the operational requirements of the Foundation and the language regions of Switzerland.

Executive Committee

The director manages the head office and chairs the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is responsible for implementing Pro Helvetia’s strategies and funding activities.

The sectors as well as the divisions and offices abroad process funding applications, develop support concepts and measures and are responsible for dissemination and promotion. They advise event organisers, artists and cultural practitioners and implement their own initiatives.

Committee of Experts

The Committee of Experts consists of 13 members, each possessing different and special expertise. The Committee assesses multi-year performance agreements and funding requests for amounts over CHF 50,000, which are not assessed by a jury.

Juries

Pro Helvetia may appoint juries to assess funding requests and projects.

External experts

External experts advise the head office on specialised affairs as required.