«How to vote – in easy language»

A project from insieme Switzerland

with the Swiss government

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  - Umbrella Organization of 50 regional associations
  - Divers offers for people with I/DD
  - Advocacy for and with people with I/DD and their families
  - Sensibilization and information for the public

Political rights for everyone

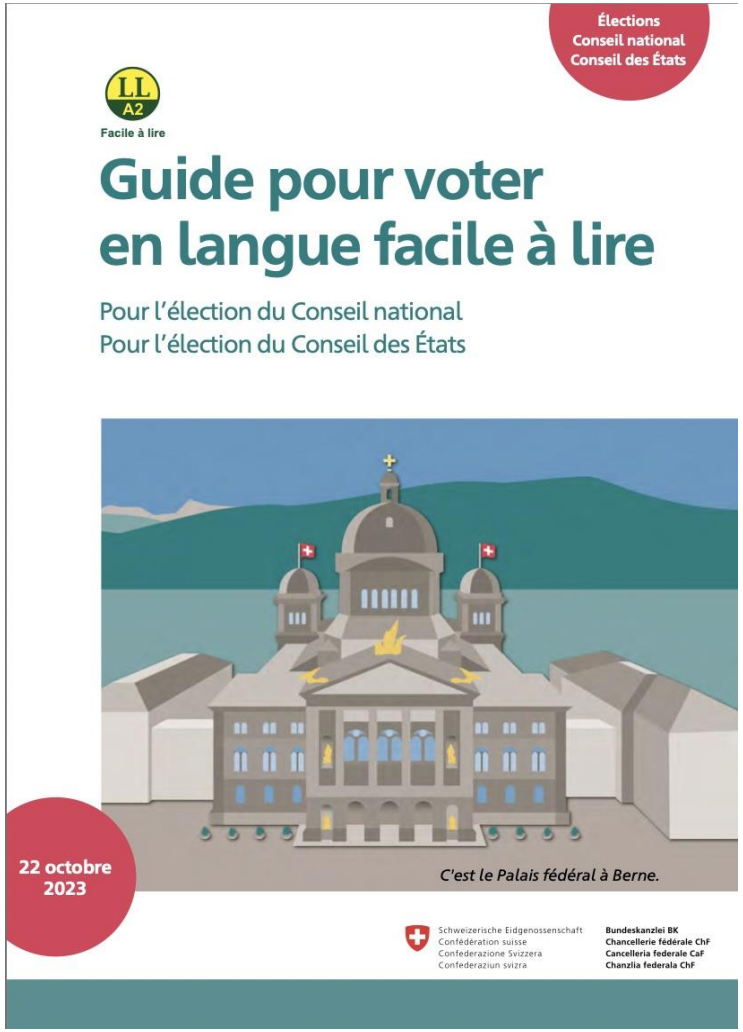
- Focus topic: Political rights
  - To the date: People with full guardianship lose their political rights → no access / no participation
  - Rule is based in the Constitution
  - But: The government is preparing a public vote to change to Constitution

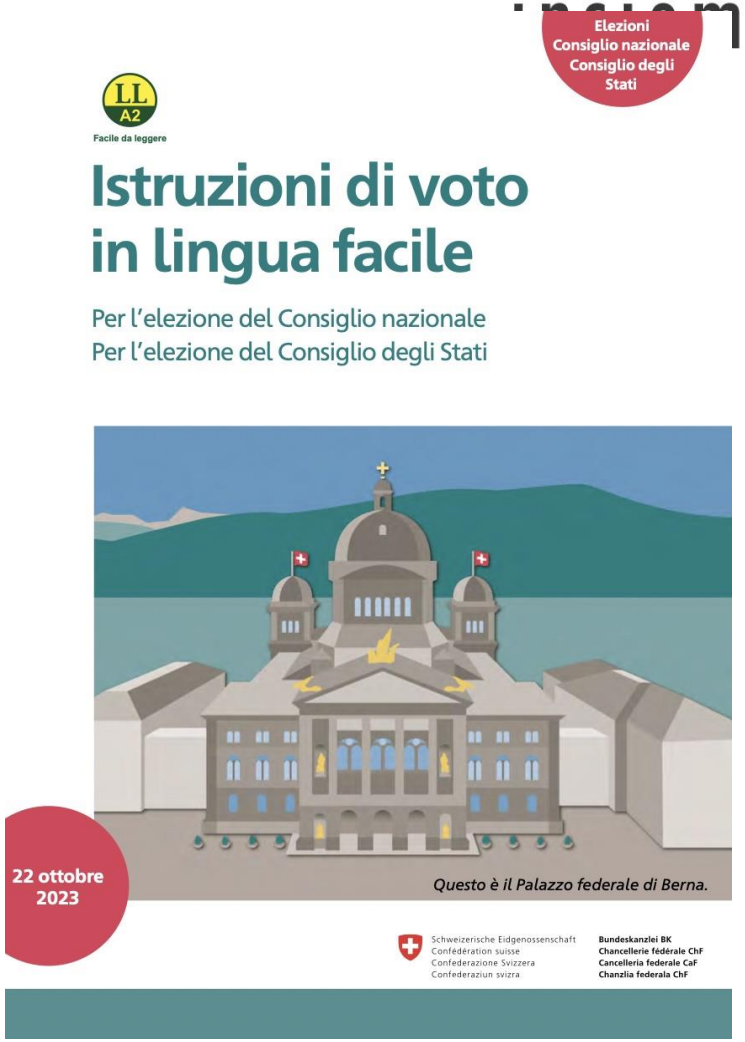
No accessible information

- Switzerland votes a lot!
  - 4 votes a year
  - For federal, cantonal und communal level and questions
  - Every 4 years: Election of the national parliament
- Lack of accessible information
  - First “How to vote – in easy language” done by insieme in 2019
  - Second one in 2023 in collaboration
    - Government (Federal Chancellery of Switzerland)
    - Capito Zurich
    - insieme Switzerland
  - To the day: Lack of accessible information for vote and many cantonal / communal elections
  - No accessible information leads to no access / no participation

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Advantages of working on the federal level

- Information is valid for all of Switzerland
- It can be reused every 4 years
- Just one project needed
- Advantage for an election
  - Preparation time: Project can be planned ahead
  - People with I/DD can be easier included

Collaboration with the Chancellery

- "Clear rules"
  - Capito Zurich: Responsible for easy language
  - insieme Switzerland: Responsible for coordination and including the users (working group with people with I/DD)
  - Federal Chancellery: Responsible for correct information (from a law perspective)

Collaboration with the Chancellery

- Challenges
  - The lawyers of the Chancellery wanted to change to text after final proof-reading
  - So even though we had clear rules, it was not clear what is more important: Is the information accessible for people with I/DD or does it need to be absolutely clear from the law perspective?
  - Question: Can a text be easy to understand and clear in the juristic perspective at the same time?

Final product

- Can be downloaded here:
  - https://insieme.ch/fr/produit/guide-pour-voter-en-langue-facile-2023/
- Was available on the website www.ch.ch
  - Second most downloaded document: 15'000 times
- Was distributed to all Institutions for people with I/DD, to all insieme members, local associations, partner organizations
  - 20'000 printed pamphlets were distributed and ordered