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Schwarzenburg – The Ideal Place for Your Event



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Head of the Seminar Center

Dear guests,

Whether for conferences, seminars, or other events, Schwarzenburg offers the perfect setting for your occasion. Situated in a peaceful and easily accessible location, we provide a comprehensive, modern infrastructure.

The FTCS Training Centre hosts initial and continuing training courses for civil protection organizations. Beyond these core activities, the center is also open to external clients: numerous federal and cantonal offices, companies, and associations appreciate its convenient location, modern seminar rooms, and functionally furnished single and double rooms.

For culinary enjoyment, our restaurant INTERMEZZO offers a varied menu and attentive service. On the following pages, you will find the latest information and impressions about the FTCS.

Do you have questions, or are you planning an event? We would be happy to advise you personally and put together a customized and attractive offer for you.

The entire seminar center team looks forward to your visit!



Just Half an Hour from Bern

The FTCS Seminar Centre, operated by the Federal Office for Civil Protection (FOCP), is located just outside the village of Schwarzenburg – in a quiet location, nestled in the picturesque countryside at 792 meters above sea level, between Bern, Fribourg, and Thun.

The modern training infrastructure includes two school buildings, a central building with a restaurant, an auditorium, and an accommodation building. The center is fully accessible for wheelchair users. Sustainability was a key consideration in the site's design—a biotope forms the ecological heart of the grounds and provides a habitat for diverse local flora and fauna.

Getting Here – Easily Accessible by Car or Public Transport

Mit dem Auto

- From Zurich/Basel: Take the A1 motorway to Bern, then continue on the A12 towards Fribourg. Exit at Flamatt, then drive via Ueberstorf, Albligen, and Lanzenhäusern to Schwarzenburg. The access road to the FTCS is signposted.

- From Interlaken: Take the A6 motorway towards Bern, exit Thun-Nord, then drive via Seftigen, Mühlethurnen, and Riggisberg to Schwarzenburg. The center is signposted.
- From Geneva/Lausanne: Take the A1 motorway towards Bern; before Bern, take the A12 towards Fribourg. Exit at Flamatt, then follow Ueberstorf, Albligen, and Lanzenhäusern to Schwarzenburg. The center is signposted.

By public transport

Schwarzenburg is directly accessible by train. From the railway station, a well-marked footpath leads to the FTCS in about 20 minutes.

Shuttle service between the train station and FTCS

From Monday to Friday, we offer a shuttle service on request during opening hours between Schwarzenburg train station and the FTCS.





Auditorium and Plenary Halls

The FTCS features three modern and well-equipped halls of different sizes, suitable for assemblies, plenary sessions, and other events.

The auditorium is the centerpiece of the facility. With a surface area of 370 m², it accommodates up to 300 people. Equipped with simultaneous translation booths, the auditorium is ideal for large-scale events with multilingual audiences requiring a professional setting.

Auditorium and Plenary Halls – Equipment

- Free internet access
- Standard seminar seating
- Mobile pinboards
- Flip chart
- Projector (dual projection)
- Multimedia system with microphones and speakers
- Visualizer
- Lectern
- Microphones
- BURAUT VBS connection
- Wi-Fi: gov-direct and gov-public

Auditorium

- Translation booths
- Simultaneous translation possible in two languages



Number of seats available with standard seating

	Seats	m ²
Auditorium	max. 299	370
Plenary Hall A	96	230
Plenary Hall B	56	160

24 Training Rooms

Flexible Use

The FTCS offers a total of 24 modern training rooms, suitable for a wide variety of event formats.

The rooms vary in size and are ideal for courses, seminars, or group work with 8 to 20 participants. Thanks to their modern infrastructure and flexible furnishings, they provide excellent conditions for hands-on learning and productive collaboration.

Equipment

- Standard U-shape seating layout
- Flip chart
- Projector or screen
- Mobile pinboard
- Multimedia system with loudspeakers
- Free Internet access
- BURAUT VBS connection
- Visualizer

Number of seats available with standard seating

	Seats	m ²
Classrooms	8–20	70–100



Restaurant INTERMEZZO

Fresh, Varied, Delicious

The INTERMEZZO restaurant, operated by the Compass Group, provides fresh, high-quality food for the culinary well-being of our guests. Quality, safety, and hospitality are our top priorities.

Whether for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, we offer a varied selection of seasonal specialties, crisp salads, and balanced meals. For short breaks, snacks, sandwiches, pastries, and fresh fruit, as well as coffee, tea, and refreshing drinks, are available.

At our bar («Tankstelle»), you can end the day in a relaxed atmosphere – with a glass of wine, a beer, or a light snack.

Do you have any special requests or dietary needs? Our team will gladly meet your individual requirements – even for special occasions or snacks between meals.





Accommodation

Relax, Recharge, Feel Good

There are over 100 modern single and double rooms available directly on the FTCS premises – ideal for multi-day seminars, courses, or events.

The rooms are functionally furnished and offer all the comfort you need for a pleasant stay: free Wi-Fi, a television, and – in the single rooms – an ensuite shower and toilet.

After an intensive day of training, our accommodation creates a relaxed atmosphere in which to retreat, recharge your batteries, and recover.

Accommodation

Prices in CHF per person per night,
VAT included (without breakfast)

Single room with en-suite shower and WC	76.–
Double room with shared shower facilities and WC	32.–
Double room, with shared shower/ WC for single occupancy	48.–





Sports and Leisure

Balance, Activity, and Pure Nature

Even outside of seminars, the FTCS offers a wide range of opportunities for exercise and recreation – indoors, outdoors, and surrounded by nature.

Whether on the multi-purpose sports field, the beach volleyball court, or in the fitness room – here you will find the perfect way to unwind after a day of seminars.

Additional facilities available:

- Billiards, table tennis, foosball, and darts
- E-bikes, bicycles, and walking poles available for free use
- An outdoor fitness course close by

The beautiful pre-Alpine scenery invites you to go hiking, cycling or, simply relax in nature.



Training and Testing Facilities

Technical Expertise on Site

The FTCS not only offers space for traditional seminars, but is also home to important technical training facilities.

Among these are facilities dedicated to Polycom, the Swiss national security radio network, and the Poly-alert public warning system.

All courses related to configuration, operation, monitoring, and use of Polycom terminals are held at the FTCS.

For the public alerting system, the FTCS provides a specially equipped training room where technical training is provided in a practical, hands-on manner.



Offers and Prices

Prices are per person per day, including VAT. All rooms have free Wi-Fi access.

Plenary halls and seminar rooms

Number of rooms	Type of room	Seats	m ²	1 day in CHF	½ day in CHF
1	Auditorium	max. 299	370	640.–	445.–
1	Plenary hall A	96	230	450.–	315.–
1	Plenary hall B	56	160	315.–	220.–
30	Classrooms	8–20	70–100	120.–	70.–

For special services (e.g. technician), a rate of CHF 90 per person per hour applies.
Non-standard materials and any additional costs (e.g. copies) are charged at actual cost.

Catering

Meal package: Whether for coffee breaks, lunch, dinner, or afternoon snacks, enjoy the delicious options offered by our restaurant at an attractive all-inclusive price. The catering package also applies if some participants do not use all services, simplifying your planning and budgeting.

Individual solutions

Would you like to use only certain services or have specific requirements? We will gladly prepare a tailored catering offer perfectly adapted to your needs.

Contact: eazs@eurest.ch

COMPLETE package deal

Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Coffee and tea, as much as you wish
Soft drinks, as much as you wish
Cakes, biscuits, sweets, sandwiches etc.

Price per person and day in CHF	70.50
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Individual prices (self-service)

Breakfast	9.50
Lunch	15.–
Dinner	14.–







Reception opening hours

Monday to Friday

7:15 AM – 4:00 PM

Normally closed on

Saturdays and Sundays.

Exceptions made on request.

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