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Swiss Labour Force Survey in 1st quarter 2017: labour supply

### **1st quarter 2017: 0.6% increase in the number of employed persons. The unemployment rate based on the ILO definition settles at 5.3%**

Neuchâtel, 19.05.2017 (FSO) – The number of employed persons in Switzerland rose by 0.6% between the 1st quarters of 2016 and 2017. During the same period, the unemployment rate as defined by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) remained stable at 5.3%. The EU's unemployment rate fell from 9.2 % to 8.4 %. These are some of the results of the Swiss Labour Force Survey conducted by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO). The results of the SLFS 2010-2016 have been revised and coincide with this press release.

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