Switzerland launched a taskforce to address repeat offenders among asylum seekers and migrants

The Swiss Confederation and cantons announced the creation of a pilot taskforce to address repeat offenders among asylum seekers and foreign nationals. The initiative, led by the Conference of Cantonal Justice and Police Directors and approved by the federal-canton-city asylum committee, will run for one year starting June 2025.

The taskforce will prioritize cases of repeat offenders and ensure that all available coercive measures, including administrative detention, are applied effectively.

Cases will be managed through a centralised case management system to optimize coordination between migration authorities and federal/cantonal law enforcement.

Lessons learned will feed into a national action plan to be presented in 2026 during an asylum conference involving all three levels of government.

A parallel working group is reviewing legal frameworks to facilitate detention and expulsion of repeat offenders in the asylum and migration context.

The taskforce complements existing regional roundtables that coordinate actions against criminal offenders from the asylum and migration sectors.

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