

Mission Statement SBA Legal Tax & Accounting Chapter

The Swiss Biotech Association represents the interests of the Swiss biotech industry. To support its members, the association works to secure favorable framework conditions and facilitate access to talents, novel technologies and financial resources. It aims at developing favorable and competitive framework conditions, creating awareness of the biotech industry's needs and interests with policy makers, and advocating a competitive legal and tax system alongside lean and pragmatic regulations.

The SBA Legal Tax & Accounting Chapter (Chapter) aims to support these goals and be a center of competence and exchange for Swiss legal tax and accounting issues and developments relevant for Swiss biotech companies and the activities of the Swiss Biotech Association itself. The members of the SBA Legal Tax & Accounting Chapter regularly discuss and carry on exchanges on the relevant topics.

In particular, the following activities may be further evaluated:

- The Chapter can support the SBA in lobbying for the biotech companies in technical questions related to law, tax and accounting questions relevant for biotech companies.
- The Chapter may foster new legal forms of investments (e.g. model SAFE agreement, dynamic founder allocation).
- The Chapter may provide a discussion forum for new M&A deal structures, and assess them from both an accounting and tax perspective.
- The Chapter may lobby for clear and start-up friendly legal, tax and rules (e.g. valuation of start-up firms) and be on alert to any adverse impact that inappropriate legislation could have on innovation and competitiveness.
- The Chapter may comment on best practices for specific areas.
- The Chapter shall contribute with short messages to the SBA-newsletter or reports on legal, tax matters or accounting matters.
- The Chapter may organize one panel at the yearly SBA-event.
- The Chapter aims to provide of network for the sharing of experiences and ideas amongst the Swiss legal tax and accounting community supporting biotech.

We are always happy to hear of new suggestions on topics / events / materials of interest to our members.

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