

# News from the cantons

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## Basel-Stadt Court of Appeal rejects appeal made by the Canton of Geneva

The Basel-Stadt Court of Appeal has rejected an appeal made by the Canton of Geneva. Geneva contested the decision made by the Canton of Basel-Stadt in favour of Swiss Post's e-voting solution at the beginning of March 2017. Geneva's appeal opposed its exclusion from the procurement procedure. According to the Court of Appeal, Geneva's exclusion was justified. As soon as the judgment becomes final, Swiss Post will be free to introduce its e-voting solution in the Canton of Basel-Stadt.

## Glarus to procure an e-voting system in 2018

The Canton of Glarus has published a call for tenders for an e-voting system. By April 2018, a decision regarding the choice of solution and provider will be made under a tendering procedure and the solution will be implemented.

As of the beginning of 2019, e-voting will become available for the 26,000 voters in the Canton of Glarus (full electorate). The aim is to enable a higher proportion of electronic votes to be cast through a secure e-voting system in the foreseeable future. Glarus would like to implement the system for all voters in both the National Council and Council of States elections in 2019.

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### The time is right for e-voting

In an article that appeared in the Swiss IT magazine Netzwoche in October 2017, two authors consider why e-voting in Switzerland has not progressed more quickly and how it could be implemented across Switzerland faster.



### People are in favour of e-voting – despite the safety concerns

According to an e-voting study conducted by the Centre for Democracy Studies Aarau (ZDA) and co-authored by Thomas Milic, there is considerable support for electronic voting among voters.



### People must weigh up the risks of e-voting

01.12.17 | A parliamentary motion has set a goal of submitting e-voting systems to public penetration testing with a bounty. However it's a fallacy to assume that this can prove that the solution is secure. A realistic, transparent and risk assessment is more important, says Stefan Friedli, cyber-security specialist.

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