

1 VOTE 10.02.19 - URBAN SPRAWL INITIATIVE



The urban sprawl initiative of the Young Greens demands that the total area of the existing building zones in Switzerland be frozen. Only if a building area is zoned out may a building area of the same size be zoned in at another location.

In the last 30 years, an area in Switzerland that is larger than that of Lake Geneva has been zoned and used. Bild: SRF

- Who are the initiators?
- What is the aim of the initiative?
- What are the arguments of those for and against?
- How large is the loss of green space in Switzerland?
- Which law contains provisions on building zones and landscape protection?
- What are the four production factors called?

2 BREXIT – WHAT NEXT?



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The British House of Commons (Parliament) has clearly rejected the Prime Minister's Brexit treaty with the EU. How will Britain leave the EU now? The Prime Minister successfully averted the subsequent vote of no confidence.

- What is the name of the GB head of government?
- What is the date GB withdraws from the EU?
- What does "vote of no confidence" mean?
- What are the options for the Brexit?
- Why is a subordinated Brexit bad for Europe?

3 «SHUTDOWN» IN USA



New record in the US budget dispute - the current «shutdown» of parts of the government is with over 24 days the longest in history. The displeasure of the 800,000 state employees who cannot go to work and have no wages is growing. Both the Senate and the US President show no willingness to compromise. For Trump, the wall is the only means against illegal immigration and drug smuggling. Bild: SRF

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- What does «shutdown» mean?
- Why did it come to the shutdown?
- Why does the US president refuse?

ETHICAL QUESTION

Is it ethically justifiable for the parties to pursue policies of interest at the expense of state employees?

4 LESS ECONOMIC GROWTH 2019



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According to the State Secretary for Economic Affairs Seco and the Economic Research Centre of the ETH, economic growth in 2019 will be lower than previously assumed. The main reason is the subdued consumer sentiment in Switzerland, which in turn is attributable to the fragile global economy. Wage developments are also partly responsible for this.

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- What uncertainties will depress economic growth in 2019?
- What consequences does this have for the (Swiss) economy?
- When does a real wage loss arrive?
- What do Travail Suisse represent?
- What do you call the situation when economic growth declines over two quarters?
- What factors make for good economic growth?

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FREMDWÖRTER

- ▶ vote
- ▶ compromise
- ▶ fragil

