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baloti and Electis join hands to empower residents in Switzerland without voting rights through a simplified but secure voting process.

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baloti opted to use Electis as the online voting engine to gear up their platform for people living in Switzerland without voting rights. The web application allows to experience Swiss direct democracy through mockup referendum votes available in ten languages.

Baloti and Electis are supported by the Prototype Fund, Switzerland, and Tezos Foundation, respectively.

Joint statement by Uwe Serdült & Thomaskutty Sebastian, key initiators of baloti: We would like to empower foreign residents in Switzerland about Swiss referendum democracy through the baloti voting plaform, thereby making them ready to cast their vote when they become Swiss citizens. We hope this initiative can have an impact on the currently low turnout among naturalized Swiss and build a more participatory future. We are strongly convinced that we can't get a better partner than Electis, as we share common principles of nonprofit, open source, and participatory democracy.

Joint statement by Gilles Mentré and Franck Nouyrigat, co-founders of Electis: We are strongly committed to make this project a great success. We couldn't find a partner more in line with our philosophy than baloti. Electis has developed its e-voting application to create new democratic spaces. Our open-source solution utilizes the eco-friendly Tezos blockchain to build a solution that is altogether secure, verifiable and in the hands of citizens themselves.

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ABOUT BALOTI

baloti is a voting platform whereby people without voting rights can experience Swiss direct democracy through mockup referendum votes in ten languages.







ABOUT ELECTIS

Electis is a non-profit association working on the future of e-voting. We have developed the open-source e-voting application Electis.app which utilizes the ElectionGuard and Tezos technologies. Our solution is targeted to low-stake elections and provide security, confidentiality and verifiability. Our first official users include the French city Neuilly-sur-Seine in France, the Paris-based university CRI Paris and the NGO YOUNGO (the youth constituency of the UN framework convention on climate change).

