

ABOUT

As the CEO of Swissnex in San Francisco, Emilia Pasquier supports Swiss innovators, startups, artists, and academia in exploring or entering the US market by connecting them to key players in the San Francisco Bay Area. Emilia focuses on strengthening Switzerland's position as a world-leading hotspot of innovation. In 2023, she was recognized for her work and received the Digital Shaper Award.

Before joining Swissnex in September 2022, Emilia served as the Policy Advisor to the Swiss President (2018, 2023) and Minister of Home Affairs, Alain Berset. During these four years, she focused on foreign affairs, economic policies, and culture, managing international relations.

Previously, Emilia was the Managing Director of "foraus – the Swiss Think Tank for Foreign Policy" for four years, following her time as Deputy Secretary General at the International Chamber of Commerce Switzerland and Focal Point for the UN Global Compact Switzerland. From 2011 to 2013, she worked as a research assistant and author at Année Politique Suisse, specializing in Swiss foreign policy and social groups.

Emilia holds a Master's degree in Political and Economic Philosophy from the University of Bern and has been a visiting student at University College Dublin and New York University.

Emilia in the media:

- "How Swiss 'unicorns' and start-ups are faring in California" - [swissinfo.ch](https://www.swissinfo.ch)
- "L'intelligence artificielle, une opportunité de renaissance pour San Francisco" - [Le Temps \(French\)](#)
- "Meet Emilia Pasquier, Swiss Innovation Ambassador at Swissnex in San Francisco" - [MerciSF](#)

Podcasts:

- "Emilia Pasquier: Alain Berset Beraterin & Swissnex SF CEO" - [Swiss Pioneers Podcast](#) (Swiss German)
- Kreativität im Zeitalter von künstlicher Intelligenz (KI) (Swiss German)
- "Rethinking Wastewater Management: Innovations in Nutrient Recycling with VunaNexus" - [Swissnex in San Francisco](#)
- "Creating Sustainable Cities: The Architects' Perspective with MacIver-Ek Chevroulet" - [Swissnex in San Francisco](#)



[Download high-res image here](#)

