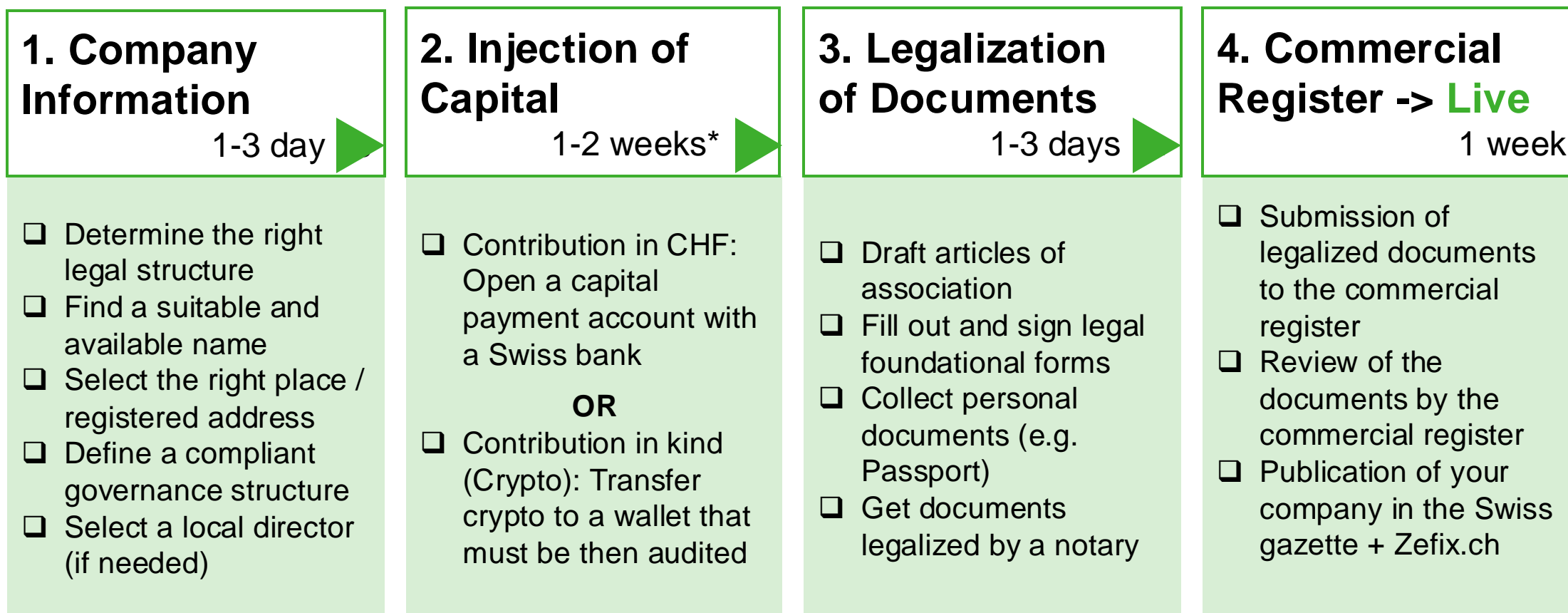


Company Incorporation in Switzerland

Incorporation Process Overview



* Depends on the activities of the company (e.g. high risk etc.) and the bank chosen

Selecting the Right Legal Structure For Your Business

Key Differences	LTD (AG / SA)	LLC (GmbH / SàRL)
Minimal capital requirement	CHF 100'000. Min 50K must be paid in.	CHF 20'000. Must be fully paid in.
Anonymity & activities of shareholders	Shareholders are in principle anonymous outside the company. They may have no implication in the company.	Shareholders (associates) are publicly disclosed in the commercial register. Associates are involved in the company.
Transfer of shares	Anonymous. Change only mentioned in the non-public shareholder register of the company.	Must be generally approved by the general assembly. Changes are disclosed in the commercial register. Not recommended for domiciliary company.
Shareholder obligation(s)	In principle, only an obligation to pay up their initial contribution .	The articles of association may set out additional obligations for the associates.
Tokenization of shares	Possible.	Not possible.
Credibility in the Swiss market	Higher than that of an LLC.	Lower than that of a LTD.
Investment purpose	Suitable for third-party investments or if the shareholders are not involved in the business.	Not (or less) suitable for third-party investments.

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Key Similarities	LTD (AG / SA)	LLC (GmbH / Srl)
Legal status	Both companies are corporate legal entities.	
Commercial register	Both companies are required to be registered in the Commercial Register.	
Responsibility of the shareholders / associates	In principle, no personal liability of the equity holder provided that the shares have been fully paid up.	
Company name	Free to choose any available name, if no restrictions under public law apply (e.g., terms like 'Bank').	
Shareholders	Natural person and/or a legal entity.	
Substance	At least 1 board member or director (sole signatory) must be domiciled in Switzerland.	
Accounting	Requirement to maintain accounts and submit financial statements in compliance with the Code of Obligations.	
Statutory auditors	Same regime. Opting out / Restricted audit / Ordinary audit depending on number of employees, balance sheet total and turnover.	

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