« I would really die in Switzerland, because in this country, everything happens fifty years later than anywhere else ”
Albert Einstein
Art. 114 « Killing on request »

Everyone, even inspired by an honorable motivation, for instance by mercy, who would have killed a person, despite a serious and constant demand of this individual, will be punished by prison.

Art. 115 « Assisted suicide »

Incitement to, and suicide assistance

Everyone, moved by an egoistic motivation, who would have incited a person to commit suicide, or who have assisted this individual to commit suicide, will be, if the suicid has been performed or attempted, will be punished by prison.

Swiss Penal Code

non egoistic : permitted by law
Authorization of passive euthanasia
Authorization of indirect active euthanasia

However: active direct euthanasia is prohibited
According to the Directives of the SAMS*, commentaries, para. 1.4.

«Actions undertaken aimed at terminating the life (...) of dying and severe suffering persons must be punished according to the article 114 of the Swiss Penal Code, even when these actions are wanted repeatedly by a competent patient »

*Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences
## Attitude of Swiss army recruits from Tessin to pain and euthanasia

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frequency of dying assistance

Faisst K, Bull Méd Suisses 2003; 84:1
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Faisst K, Bull Méd Suisses 2003; 84:13