Configuring SMS for two-factor authentication

The use of an app on the smartphone is the first method that is proposed, but it is not mandatory, and it is also possible to use other methods, such as sending an SMS to a mobile number. To set up the alternative method, continue as follows.

**Setup Wizard (from PC or Laptop)**
Access the following link with your username(at)usi.ch credentials: [https://aka.ms/mfasetup](https://aka.ms/mfasetup)

![Sign in page]

After the first login with the USI account, a message will appear asking for more information.

**More information required**
Your organisation needs more information to keep your account secure

**Use a different account**
Learn more

Select “I want to set up a different method”.

![Keep your account secure]

![Microsoft Authenticator]

I want to set up a different method
Select 'Phone' in the selection list and click "Confirm".

Enter your mobile number and select "Text me a code" and confirm the selection by clicking on "Next".

Enter the verification code sent via SMS to the mobile number you just added and click "Next".
If the verification code has been successfully validated, a confirmation message appears. Proceed by clicking "Next".

Complete the configuration by clicking on “Done”.

Stay Signed In?
When you log in to your USI account, the following pop-up may appear asking if you want to “Stay registered?”. If you select Yes, account access will remain active until you explicitly disconnect from the account on that device/browser. If you access your account through Outlook on the web, this means that closing the browser will not interrupt the session and will not allow you to log out of the account. It is not recommended to select this option when accessing the USI account on machines shared with other users, as it could increase the risk of other users accessing the account.