

European *Values* Study 

Annual Report 2015

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Financial statement 2015

Balance on 31 December

Assets	2015	2014	Liabilities	2015	2014
	EUR	EUR		EUR	EUR
Liquid assets			Own properties:		
-Business account	19.293	14.041	Earmarked funds:		
-Deposits	112.374	111.768	publications, workshops	131.667	125.809
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Statement of assets and liabilities

	2015	2014
	Realized	Realized
	EUR	EUR
Assets		
Donations	21.805	14.400
Miscellaneous	150	0
Interest	606	1.025
	<u>22.561</u>	<u>15.425</u>
Liabilities		
Travel expenses	5.944	6.818
Dissemination	10.390	0
Money transfers and bankcosts	155	143
Miscellaneous	214	3.889
	<u>16.703</u>	<u>12.023</u>
Result	<u>5.858</u>	<u>4.574</u>

Report of the EVS board

The resources of the Foundation are used to support activities on behalf of the European *Values* Study. The main activities supported concerned meetings of the various EVS bodies to prepare for the new wave of surveys in 2017, meetings with representatives from the World Values Surveys, and a workshop in Vienna, Austria.

EVS board

We regret the decease of Jan Kerkhofs, one of the Founding fathers of the European *Values* Study, and for a long time a well-respected member of the EVS Board. He died at the age of 92. Loek Halman went to the funeral of Jan Kerkhofs in Leuven on 22 December.

The EVS Board met in November and discussed the progress made with regard to the main EVS activities in the various EVS bodies. Also was discussed the necessity and urgency of attracting new Board members in order to raise funds for the 2017 surveys in Eastern European countries. As in 2008, it seems highly unlikely that the partners in that part of Europe will be able to secure funding the surveys in their countries. The efforts of the Foundation will be in particular directed to tackling that financial problem.

Paul de Graaf and Loek Halman have visited several potential Board members, but so far none of them has accepted it. Paul de Graaf en Loek Halman went to The Hague to meet with Ben Knapen to explore his willingness to take part in the EVS board. They also met with Philip Eijlander several times, Gabe van der Zee, Lans Bovenberg, Ernst Hirsch Ballin, Willem Drees, Willem van Genugten, Emile Aarts and Koen Becking to discuss potential members of the EVS Board. We continue our search for new members and in particular a new chair of the Board of the Foundation. Several suggestions will be further explored.

On 16 November, Paul de Graaf and Loek Halman visited Porticus in Amsterdam to explore funding the 2017 surveys in European countries. They met with drs. Diederik Slot and the meeting can be considered promising.

The EVS Executive Committee has suggested to spend part of the fees received from the full partners on dissemination, valorization and publicity activities. One of these activities were to enhance the attractiveness of the EVS website. As a consequence, a new webdesign of the EVS website, the transfer of hosting the website from Tilburg University to Gesis in Cologne, and the appointment of a valorization officer at the University of Milan were initiated and successfully implemented.

The new webdesign was realized on the advice of and supervised by DC Communications in Bucharest in Romania. Also, DC Communications assisted in the smooth transfer of the website host from Tilburg University to Gesis in Cologne.

The University of Milan (UCSC) appointed Vera Lomazzi to monthly update the EVS Website and its social networks with scientific inputs regarding the study of values across Europe, under the supervision of professor Giancarlo Rovati, member of EVS Theory Group. UCSC composes news, facts and scientific inputs regarding the study of values across Europe for the EVS website. These will be posted on the website by the secretary of the EVS Executive Committee.

The Board has further supported activities from the EVS Executive Committee, the EVS Theory Group and EVS Methodology Group. Tilburg participants were financially supported in their travel expenses to

attend the meetings of these EVS bodies. Also the meetings of the EVS-WVS liaison committee, in which three members of the EVS Executive Committee, try to achieve a closer collaboration and cooperation of EVS with WVS in the 2017 wave, were supported financially. The liaison committee met twice in 2015, both times in London; 13 February 2015; 20 July.

The EVS EC, TG and MG organized the following meetings:

16-17 April in Tilburg;

10-11 September in Cologne;

28-31 October: EVS workshop and EVS EC, MG, and TG meetings in Vienna.

The workshop in Vienna was organized by the University of Vienna, which also contributed financially to the workshop. All EVS partners were invited and a large number of our partners were able to attend the meeting. There were meetings of the Council of EVS program directors (chaired by Loek Halman), and meetings of the EVS EC (chaired by Loek Halman), EVS TG (chaired by David Voas) and EVS MG (chaired by Ruud Luijkx). The several EVS bodies discussed the content of the questionnaire and the EVS Methodology Group further discussed the preparations of the fieldwork requirements and rules and regulations for the next wave in 2017, and we informed the partners about the progress made.

Loek Halman attended the ESRA conference where EVS sessions were organized and papers presented. Further progress with regard to the 2017 surveys was discussed with EVS representatives present at ESRA conference on Iceland and the draft of the questionnaire was further developed.

Statement of assets and liabilities

Assets

The assets are confined to the received interest and of course the donations from the full partners.

Still to receive benefits

Apart from the interest and partner donations, no other assets are foreseen in the short term. The Board aimed at collecting money for the surveys and related activities in 2015, but these efforts were not successful. In 2016, the Board aims again to get supplementary funding for the data collection in 2017, because it is very likely that in quite some countries, especially in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, it will be difficult to secure funding. A successful data collection will need funding to collect data in these countries.

Liabilities

The expenses have to do with the organization of EVS, valorization and dissemination activities and publications. Expenditures concern mainly travel costs for the meetings of the EVS bodies, EVS Executive Committee, EVS Theory Group and EVS Methodology Group. From the countries' fees, part of the travel expenses of some members of the bodies have been reimbursed. In 2015 a workshop was organized in Vienna, in close collaboration with the University of Vienna. See the report of the EVS board's activities. Further, some expenses were made for the EVS boards meeting and meetings with potential EVS board members.

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General

The Foundation European *Values* Study Group has been established in 1981 and aims at supporting the empirical study on human values. Human values are defined as attitudes and value judgments in societies and within certain cultural areas.

The Foundation aims at reaching this goal by organizing surveys among the populations and analyzing the gathered data and supporting publications of the results. More information is provided on the *EVS* website: www.europeanvaluesstudy.eu.

Board of the Foundation

In 2015 the board consisted of the following members:

Prof. dr. P.M. de Graaf (chairman; Tilburg University, Tilburg, The Netherlands)

Dr. L.C.J.M. Halman (secretary; Tilburg University, Tilburg, The Netherlands)

Mr. R. van Leeuwaarde (member; Tilburg University, Tilburg, The Netherlands)

Committee of Recommendation:

Prof.dr. José Luis del Val (University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain)

Prof.dr. Peter Farago (FORS, Lausanne, Switzerland)

Prof.dr. Ioan Marginean (Romanian Academy of Science, Bucharest, Romania)

Prof.dr. York Sure-Vetter (GESIS, Mannheim, Germany)

Tilburg, February 2016

Loek Halman

Secretary *EVS* Foundation