

European *Values* Study 

Annual Report 2016

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## Financial statement 2016

### *Balance on 31 December*

<b>Assets</b>	2016	2015	<b>Liabilities</b>	2016	2015
	EUR	EUR		EUR	EUR
Liquid assets			Own properties:		
-Business account	16.935	19.293	Earmarked funds:		
-Deposits	112.600	112.374	publications, workshops	129.535	131.667
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### *Statement of assets and liabilities*

	2016	2015
	Realized	Realized
	EUR	EUR
<b>Assets</b>		
Donations	17.201	21.805
Miscellaneous	0	150
Interest	225	606
	<u>17.427</u>	<u>22.561</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Travel expenses	9.065	5.944
Dissemination	10.298	10.390
Money transfers and bank charges	169	155
Miscellaneous	28	214
	<u>19.559</u>	<u>16.703</u>
<b>Result</b>	<u>-2.133</u>	<u>5.858</u>

## Report of the EVS board

The financial resources of the Foundation are used to support activities on behalf of the European *Values* Study project. The main activities supported by the Foundation concerned several 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 Warsaw, Poland.

### EVS board

The EVS Board met in January 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 Eastern Europe will be able to secure funding the surveys in their countries. The efforts of the Foundation will be in particular directed to solving that financial problem.

In 2016, the Board changed its strategy in installing a larger board and in attracting a new active chairman. Instead it installed a Committee of Recommendation with a number of influential political and scientific persons.

The Board met in Utrecht with drs. Markus van Leeuwen from NWO, the Dutch Sciences Foundation, to discuss the funding of the EVS survey in the Netherlands. At that moment there was no appropriate funding instrument at NWO where we could apply in, so the recommendation was to approach the Dutch Scientific Foundation directly, which we did in letter sent in August 2016. Unfortunately, until now (mid-February 2017), NWO has not made a decision.

On June 20, the Board visited Porticus in Amsterdam to further explore funding the 2017 surveys in Eastern European countries. Paul de Graaf and Loek Halman met again with drs. Diederik Slot. The meeting was very positive. Just before Christmas, we were happy to receive confirmation that Porticus is willing to contribute € 300.000 to the project!

At the recommendation of professor Ernst Hirsch-Ballin (member of the Committee of Recommendation), the Bertelsmann Foundation was approached for financial support, but unfortunately it does not see opportunities to finance data collection.

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. We continued the contract for website maintenance and the communication officer. Supervised by professor Giancarlo Rovati from the Catholic University in Milan (UCSC), Vera Lomazzi is updating the EVS Website regularly and she provides the EVS social networks with scientific inputs regarding the study of values across Europe. UCSC composes news, facts and scientific inputs regarding the study of values across Europe for the EVS website. These are 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 as well as Alice Ramos from Portugal, who acts as vice-chair of the EVS Methodology Group, were financially supported in their travel and accommodation 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 take part, try to achieve a closer collaboration and cooperation of EVS with WVS in the 2017 wave, were supported financially. The results of the meetings of the liaison committee were very positive: EVS and WVS have agreed to cooperate in Europe and worldwide. A common questionnaire has been negotiated which will be used in all countries. In addition, it has been decided that in Europe the methodology of EVS will be used, and that WVS will not have independent surveys in Europe.

The EVS Executive Committee, Theory Group and Methodology Group organized a number of meetings:  
14-16 January in Cologne;  
11-12 March in London;  
12-16 April: EVS workshop and EVS EC, MG, and TG meetings in Warsaw, Poland.  
6-7 October in Cologne.

The workshop in Warsaw was organized in close collaboration with the University of Warsaw, 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 Michael Breen), 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, which was accepted and agreed by the EVS Council. The EVS Methodology Group further discussed the preparations of the fieldwork requirements and rules and regulations for the next wave in 2017, and informed the partners about the progress made.

## **Statement of assets and liabilities**

### Assets

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

### Still to receive benefits

Apart from the interest and partner donations, a substantial contribution from Porticus, is foreseen in 2017 for the Eastern European countries. The Board continues its efforts to get supplementary funding for the data collection in 2017, but realizes that it will be difficult to secure funding.

### Liabilities

The expenses have to do with the organization of EVS activities in the various EVS bodies, 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 these bodies have been reimbursed. In 2016 a workshop was organized in Warsaw, in close collaboration with the University of Warsaw. 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.

Expenses in 2017 will also have to do coordinating activities for the fieldwork, e.g., translation, pre-classifications, and checking sampling schemes in the various countries

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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](http://www.europeanvaluesstudy.eu).

### Board of the Foundation

In 2016 the board consisted of the following members:

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

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

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

### Committee of Recommendation:

Prof.dr. Emile Aerts, Tilburg University, rector magnificus

Prof.dr. Jan-Peter Balkenende, Erasmus University Rotterdam, former Prime-Minister

Prof.dr. Peter Farago, University of Lausanne, director FORS

Prof.dr. Ernst Hirsch Ballin, Tilburg University, former minister of Security and Justice

Dr. Ben Knapen, Senator, former state-secretary for Foreign Affairs

Prof.dr. Ioan Marginean, former president Romanian Academy of Sciences, Bucharest, Romania

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

Tilburg, February 2017

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