

European *Values* Study 

Annual Report 2017

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Financial statement 2017

Balance on 31 December

Assets	2017	2016	Liabilities	2017	2016
	EUR	EUR		EUR	EUR
Liquid assets			Own properties:		
-Business account	280.018	16.935	Earmarked funds:		
-Deposits	112.600	112.600	publications, surveys, workshops	392.618	129.535
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Statement of income and expenses

	2017	2016
	Realized	Realized
	EUR	EUR
Income		
Fees	18.100	17.201
Donations	339.000	0
Contribution central EVS activities	49.587	0
Interest	0	225
	<u>406.687</u>	<u>17.426</u>
Expenses		
Travel expenses	6.498	9.065
Dissemination	0	10.298
Surveys	101.425	0
Money transfers and bank charges	212	169
Central activities	34.470	28
	<u>142.605</u>	<u>19.559</u>
Result	<u>196.395</u>	<u>-2.133</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 in 2017 concerned a substantial contribution to the fieldwork in several countries, the Translation Management Tool, and meetings of the board with Porticus representatives, meetings and activities of the various EVS bodies to execute the surveys in 2017 and 2018, and a workshop in Athens, Greece.

The EVS Executive Committee has suggested to spend part of the fees received from the full partners on dissemination, valorisation and publicity activities. One of these activities was to enhance the attractiveness of the EVS website. We continued the contract for website maintenance by DC Communications in Bucharest 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, 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.

The EVS Executive Committee, and EVS Methodology Group organized several meetings supported financially by the Foundation, and the Foundation contributed to travel expenses of Ruud Luijkx, chair of the EVS Methodology Group, to take part in meetings organized in the SERISS project.

EVS board activities

Paul de Graaf and Loek Halman went to Amsterdam on 13 February 2017 to meet with drs. Slot to discuss further promotional activities of the EVS project and to prepare for an expert meeting to be organized later in 2017.

On 17 February, an operational team meeting was organized in Tilburg.

The EVS Board met on 2 March in Tilburg to ratify the financial report of 2016 and to discuss the progress of the data collection and evaluate the funding activities.

Loek Halman attended the Odissei meeting on 19 April in Rotterdam. In ODISSEI, all Dutch longitudinal data collection projects join forces to secure funding activities and share work load.

In close collaboration with the Department of Psychology of the University of Athens, an international workshop was organized from 3 until 7 May.

The University of Athens contributed financially to the workshop. All EVS partners were invited and a large number of our partners were able to attend the meeting.

Part of the meeting was with the Council of National Program Directors of EVS in which we presented and discussed the budget, annual fees, partnership renewal, the Foundation's funding activities, the Internal and external Communication and the Master Questionnaire.

The workshop itself concerned the introduction and explanation of various pre- and after fieldwork activities such as the fieldwork checklist, national classifications, sampling strategies, various modes of

data collection, the translation process (e.g., Translation Management Tool), interviewer selection and training.

Paul de Graaf and Loek Halman attended the Expert meeting on 11 May, organized by and at Porticus in Amsterdam. Together with Inge Sieben they presented the EVS project.

A second EVS Board meeting was organized on 15 June to discuss the funding activities.

Paul de Graaf and Loek Halman met at Porticus in Amsterdam with drs. Slot to get informed and discuss a so called EVS mapping study with Lian Heinhuis and Joachim Krapels.

On 30 August we met with Vera Lomazzi who replaces Malina Voicu as secretary to the EVS Executive Committee. Malina left GESIS and hence also the EVS project earlier in 2017.

Funding applications

Recommended by our Committee of Recommendation we approached the following agencies to support the EVS project in their countries:

The Atlantic Philanthropies (Ireland) Limited

Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre

King Baudouin Foundation

Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian

Apart from the Portuguese Foundation, our requests for funding have been denied, unfortunately. Our Portuguese partner is still negotiating with the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.

The EVS Foundation received money from the Bulgarian government for the survey in Bulgaria. A significant part of the money has been transferred to the Bulgarian national program director upon the start of the data collection; the second instalment will be paid as soon as the data has been approved by the EVS Methodology Group.

Statement of assets and liabilities

Income

The income is confined to the received interest and the donations from the full partners. Further, the EVS Foundation received a substantial contribution from Porticus to support fieldwork in Central and Eastern European countries. Also the Bulgarian government contributed to finance the Bulgarian survey.

Expenses

The expenses have to do with the organization of EVS activities in the various EVS bodies, valorisation and dissemination activities, surveys and publications. In 2017, the first tranches of the fieldwork in Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Belarus are paid from the Porticus donation.

Further expenditures concern mainly travel costs for the meetings of the EVS bodies, EVS Executive Committee, and EVS Methodology Group. The countries' fees have been used to pay part of the travel expenses of some members of the aforementioned bodies.

In 2017, a workshop was organized in Athens, in close collaboration with the University of Athens. See the report of the EVS board's activities.

In 2018, funds will also be used to coordinate activities for the fieldwork, e.g., translation, pre-classifications, checking sampling schemes in various countries, monitoring fieldwork procedures, computation of national weights, survey data cleaning, harmonization and integration. These activities take place at Gesis in Cologne and the department of Sociology at Tilburg University.

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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 2017 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, April 2018

Loek Halman

Secretary *EVS* Foundation