

European *Values* Study 

Annual Report 2018

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## 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 2018 concerned a substantial contribution to the fieldwork in several countries, the Central Activities, meetings of the various EVS bodies , and a workshop in Cologne, Germany.

The fees received from the full partners are spent on dissemination, valorisation and publicity activities. One of these activities was to enhance the attractiveness of the EVS website. In 2018 the contract for website maintenance by DC Communications in Bucharest was continued, but the communication officer moved from the Catholic University in Milan (UCSC) to Gesis. Therefore the contract with Milan University was terminated. Vera Lomazzi, who has been appointed secretary to the EVS Executive Committee and EVS Council is updating the EVS Website regularly and she provides the EVS social networks with scientific inputs regarding the study of values across Europe.

The Board received contributions from several partners for central activities in Cologne and Tilburg regarding standard classifications, sampling guidance, monitoring fieldwork procedures, computation of national weights, survey data cleaning, harmonization and integration.

The received partners' fees also enabled the Foundation to support meetings and activities from the EVS Executive Committee, and EVS Methodology Group which organized several meetings 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.

### *Activities financially supported in 2018*

On January 25, a meeting was organized in Cologne of some members of the EVS Executive Committee to discuss future scenarios of EVS and to prepare the EVS workshop in March 2018.

The EVS workshop on 15-16 March, in Cologne, was on Data Processing, myEVS Charmstats, Dissemination options. 54 participants attended the workshop.

On August 23, 2018, a meeting was organized in Tilburg with Gesis about dissemination activities and a Skype meeting was organized with David Mair, from the Joint Research Centre – the Commission's science and knowledge service of the European Commission in Brussels to explore future joint activities regarding European publicity.

On October 11, an EVS-ESS meeting was organized in Tilburg with Rory Fitzgerald, Eric Harrison from ESS headquarters, Angelica Scheuer (Gesis Mannheim) and Joost Kappelhof (SCP) to explore possibilities of collaboration/cooperation and the joint Sustain application

From the fees EVS sponsored (bronze package) the ESRA conference in Zagreb.

#### *EVS board activities*

On 17 July the EVS Board met in Tilburg to discuss the progress of the data collection and evaluate the funding activities.

#### *Funding applications*

The Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian informed us that they would support the Portuguese data collection.

No further funding efforts have been made.

## Statement of income and expense

### *Income*

The income is confined to the donations from the full partners.

### *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 2018, the fieldwork in several Eastern European countries were paid from the Porticus donation received in 2017. 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 2018 a workshop was organized in Cologne, in close collaboration with GESIS - Leibniz-Institut für Sozialwissenschaften in Cologne. See the report of the EVS board's activities.

In 2018, the fees and countries' contributions to central activities were used to coordinate activities for the fieldwork, e.g., 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 analysing 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 2018 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)

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

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