

European *Values* Study 

Annual Report 2019

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Financial statement 2019

Balance on 31 December

Assets	2019	2018	Liabilities	2019	2018
	EUR	EUR		EUR	EUR
Liquid assets			Own properties:		
-Business account	26.125	141.953	Earmarked funds:		
			publications,		
-Deposits	112.600	112.600	surveys, workshops	138.726	254.554
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Statement of assets and liabilities

	2019	2018
	Realized	Realized
	EUR	EUR
Income		
Fees	17.405	8.800
Donations	0	0
Contribution central EVS activities	0	20.059
Interest	0	0
	17.405	28.859
Expense		
Travel expenses	3.698	3.173
Dissemination	0	6.098
Surveys	120.337	127.162
Money transfers and bank charges	198	171
Central activities	9.000	30.032
Miscellaneous	0	289
	133.233	166.924
Result	-115.828	-138.064

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 2019 concerned a substantial contribution to the fieldwork in several countries, the Central Activities, meetings of the various EVS bodies, and workshops in Ljubljana in Slovenia, and Tbilisi in Georgia.

The fees received from the full partners are spent on dissemination, valorisation and publicity activities. One of these activities was the maintenance of the EVS website. In 2019, the contract for website maintenance by DC Communications in Bucharest was ended, and the communication officer moved from the Catholic University in Milan (UCSC) to Gesis in Cologne. 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 supported the 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 of the EVS Executive Committee, the EVS Methodology Group 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 2019

On Thursday 24 January, Vera Lomazzi, Markus Quandt, Ruud Luijkx and Loek Halman had a meeting in The Hague with key persons from the European Social Survey to discuss the possible collaboration of EVS with ESS in the near future and the Sustain II application.

In February a workshop was organized by the EVS partner at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. On Thursday February 21, the EVS Assembly met to discuss the budget, annual fees, partnership renewal, the state of affairs of EVS2017, the first pre-release of the data, and the cooperation with World Values Survey (WVS). Vera Lomazzi reported on communication and past dissemination activities and Ruud Luijkx informed about the SERISS project and cooperation with the European Social Survey in Sustain II.

In parallel sessions, future EVS dissemination in the substantive stream, the methodology stream, and the EVS Briefs were discussed and those who implemented the mixed-method reflected on and discussed their experiences.

On Friday February 22 , the NPDs (or country representatives) reported briefly on the fieldwork in their country, there were sessions on Data Processing, the preparation for the second pre-release and the workflow for the new countries and improvements of the EVS2017 integrated data and documentation, and a session on Dissemination Plans and future activities.

Finally, the EVS Executive Committee organized its meeting during the meetings in Ljubljana.

On 15-17 April, Vera Lomazzi and Ruud Luijkx attended the 4th International ESS conference on *Turbulent times in Europe: Instability, insecurity and inequality* at the University of Mannheim, Germany. They organized and chaired a session on *Bridging ESS and EVS to study social attitudes, norms and values in a troubled Europe*. Further, they presented their paper *A first comparison of questions from the European Values Study and the core module of the European Social Survey*, and together with Angelica Maineri the paper *Studying the priming effect of family norms on gender roles' attitudes: An experimental design*.

On August 23, 2019, a meeting was organized in Tilburg with Gesis about dissemination activities. 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.

In October, a workshop was organized in Tbilisi by our partner dr. Merab Pachulia from GORBI, Georgian Opinion Research Business International in collaboration with State University, Tbilisi, Georgia. On the program were a meeting of the EVS EC, a plenary meeting of the EVS Council, and sessions of the three working groups. The plenary workshop had sessions on: European identity, political values and dynamics of value change; Economic insecurity and attitudes towards Welfare; Family, gender and generations; Dealing with non-response and interview falsification; Illiberal democracies and populisms; Attitudes towards migration. The workshop had two special sessions, one on Religion, national identity and pro-choice values with a key note by David Voas on *The power of nones: Why secularization matters*, and one on Measurement equivalence and validity in cross-cultural research with keynotes from Christian Welzel and Bart Meuleman.

EVS board activities

The EVS Board met on 19 December to discuss the state of the art and progress of the data collection. Among others, the extension of the EVS Board was on the agenda. Expanding the number of members and perhaps even make it more international seems desirable

especially when in the near future the collaboration with WVS and ESS will intensify and likely that the Foundation will play an important role in that process. Steps in that direction will be explored in 2020.

Statement of income and expense

Income

In 2019 there was no other income than 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 2019, the fieldwork in several Eastern European countries was paid from the Porticus donation received in 2017. Other expenditures concern mainly travel costs for the meetings of the EVS bodies, as listed above.

In 2019, the fees were further spent on activities related to 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.

Board of the Foundation

In 2019 the board consisted of the following members:

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Tilburg, February 2020

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Secretary EVS Foundation