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**AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
STARTED ON THE 1ST JANUARY 2020 AND
ENDED ON THE 31ST DECEMBER 2020 OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION EUROPEAN
POLICY CENTRE (EPC AISBL)**



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Objective and scope of the review

In accordance with our assignment defined below and confirmed by the Engagement letter of the 2nd of February 2021, we report to you on the audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31st of December 2020. The intended users are the members of the Board of Directors.

We have audited the financial statements of the association EUROPEAN POLICY CENTRE (EPC) for the year ended 31st of December 2020, prepared in accordance with the accounting legislation applicable in Belgium, which show a balance sheet total of € 1.630.417,30 and a profit for the year of € 508.751,42.

The Board of Directors of EPC AISBL is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the accounting legislation applicable in Belgium, and for implementing the internal control that the board of directors believes is necessary to draw up financial statements that do not contain any significant anomalies.

In accordance with our Engagement Letter, our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standard relating to the contractual audit of SME's and small (international) not-for-profit associations and foundations and the shared legally reserved tasks in SME's and small (international) not-for-profit associations and foundations.

This standard requires that we plan and perform the audit to ensure that the financial statements are free from material misstatement. We have complied with all deontological requirements relevant to the contractual audit of the financial statements in Belgium, including those related to independence as provided for in the aforementioned standard.

Our audit includes activities as provided for in the standard with regard to the contractual audit of SMEs and small (international) non-profit organizations and foundations and the shared legally reserved tasks in SMEs and small (international) non-profit organizations and foundations in order to obtain audit information about the amounts and notes included in the financial statements.

The selected activities depend on the professional judgement of the auditor, including a limited assessment of the risks of a material misstatement of the financial statements. We have designed audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of EUROPEAN POLICY CENTRE's (EPC) internal control.



Registered Auditors

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

In our opinion, in accordance with the provisions of the standard concerning the contractual audit of SMEs and small (international) non-profit organizations and foundations and the shared legally reserved tasks of SMEs and small (international) non-profit organizations and, the attached financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets and financial situation of the association EUROPEAN POLICY CENTRE (EPC) as of 31st December 2020, and of its results for the financial year then ended, in accordance with the accounting legislation applicable in Belgium.

This report is not suitable for other purposes and its distribution is limited to the intended use as provided in the Engagement letter

Zellik, February 19th, 2021

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L&S Registered Auditors

represented by

Saskia Luteijn

Partner

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended
31 December 2020**

Balance Sheets as at 31 December

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
<u>Intangible Fixed Assets</u>		
Software	226.446,83	208.559,33
Less : Depreciation	<u>-147.768,12</u>	<u>-114.719,24</u>
	78.678,71	93.840,09
<u>Tangible Fixed Assets</u>		
Furniture and Equipment	129.680,63	126.735,63
Less : Depreciation	<u>-108.095,80</u>	<u>-88.323,53</u>
	21.584,83	38.412,10
<u>Financial Fixed Assets</u>		
Deposits and Guarantees	848,23	848,23
Total Fixed Assets	<u>101.111,77</u>	<u>133.100,42</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Debtors	158.287,50	129.571,33
Other Receivables	34.278,80	53.131,57
Cash at Bank and in Hand	1.163.196,75	556.715,25
Accruals	<u>173.542,48</u>	<u>97.951,07</u>
	1.529.305,53	837.369,22
Less :		
<u>Long term Liabilities</u>		
Long Term Bank Loans	<u>0,00</u>	<u>-6.156,56</u>
	0,00	-6.156,56
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Short Term Bank Loans	-6.156,56	-9.104,12
Creditors, Taxes and Social Debts	-190.245,36	-159.503,39
Deferred Income and Accruals	<u>-747.774,94</u>	<u>-618.216,55</u>
	-944.176,86	-786.824,06
Total Equity	<u><u>686.240,44</u></u>	<u><u>177.489,02</u></u>

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	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
<u>Income</u>		
Members' Subscriptions	711.302,17	658.112,22
Grants	1.220.764,61	1.195.000,00
Events / Projects	1.410.309,38	1.145.400,63
Other Revenue	15.000,00	476,90
Financial income	0,00	3,00
Exceptional revenues	0,00	0,00
Total Income	<u><u>3.357.376,16</u></u>	<u><u>2.998.992,75</u></u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Staff Costs (included interim costs)	583.155,82	553.640,80
Fees consultants, lawyer, accountant,...	1.712.574,16	1.560.873,08
Suppliers	15.666,06	15.498,56
Communications and IT	89.484,93	66.619,95
Press, Library and Subscriptions	17.703,44	52.007,17
Depreciations and provisions	52.821,15	53.906,86
Event Costs and Project Travel Costs	37.081,42	241.933,83
Travel and Subsistence	3.081,46	37.520,88
Equipment Rent	48.787,57	46.007,44
Office Rent and Cleaning	286.736,09	287.071,67
Financial Costs	1.532,64	1.506,35
Exceptional costs	0,00	0,00
Total Expenditure	<u><u>2.848.624,74</u></u>	<u><u>2.916.586,59</u></u>
Surplus/Deficit (-) for the year	<u><u>508.751,42</u></u>	<u><u>82.406,16</u></u>

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Assets

1. Intangible Fixed Assets

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Balance as per 1 January 2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Balance as per 31 December 2020</u>
	€	€	€
Software	208.559,33	17.887,50	226.446,83
Fixed Assets at Cost	<u>208.559,33</u>	<u>17.887,50</u>	<u>226.446,83</u>
Depreciation	-114.719,24	-33.048,88	-147.768,12
Net Book Value	<u><u>93.840,09</u></u>	<u><u>-15.161,38</u></u>	<u><u>78.678,71</u></u>

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

	€	€	€
Office Furniture and Equipment	59.111,43	0,00	59.111,43
Conference Room	8.781,32	0,00	8.781,32
Alarm system	2.498,20	0,00	2.498,20
Leasing	30.999,66	0,00	30.999,66
Renovation	25.345,02	0,00	25.345,02
Hardware	0,00	2.945,00	2.945,00
Fixed Assets at Cost	<u>126.735,63</u>	<u>2.945,00</u>	<u>129.680,63</u>
Depreciation	-88.323,53	-19.772,27	-108.095,80
Net Book Value	<u><u>38.412,10</u></u>	<u><u>-16.827,27</u></u>	<u><u>21.584,83</u></u>

3. Current Assets

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
<i>The debtors consist out of :</i>		
Members / Other Receivables	156.787,50	125.574,75
Credit Notes to be Received	1.500,00	211,43
Invoices to be Drafted	0,00	7.760,15
Depreciations on Dubious Debts	0,00	-3.975,00
	<u>158.287,50</u>	<u>129.571,33</u>
Other Receivables		
Recoverable VAT	34.278,80	53.131,57
Advance on Social Security Contributions	0,00	0,00
	<u>34.278,80</u>	<u>53.131,57</u>

4. Accruals

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
Deferred Costs	8.765,77	9.826,07
Accrued Income	164.776,71	88.125,00
	<u>173.542,48</u>	<u>97.951,07</u>

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Liabilities

5. Loans	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
Long Term Bank Loans - leasing	0,00	6.156,56
Short Term Bank Loans - leasing	6.156,56	9.104,12
	<u>6.156,56</u>	<u>15.260,68</u>

6. Creditors, Taxes and Social Debts	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€

The creditors, taxes and social debt consist out of :

Suppliers of Goods and Services	85.792,22	29.277,33
Credit Notes to be Drafted	0,00	11.000,00
Invoices to be received	11.168,40	28.494,57
Due Taxes	21.258,72	19.418,12
Due Social debts	72.026,02	71.313,37
	<u>190.245,36</u>	<u>159.503,39</u>

7. Deferred Income and accruals

Most of this item consists out of invoiced subscriptions in 2019 relating to 2020 which are on a 12 month basis as opposed to a calendar year basis and the received income for projects for 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
Members' Subscriptions	304.096,57	232.210,73
Deferred Income on Projects / SAP	354.339,02	302.867,39
Accrued Costs	89.339,35	83.138,43
	<u>747.774,94</u>	<u>618.216,55</u>

8. Proper Funds	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€

Initial funds	425,92	425,92
Prior Period Funds (+) / Forwarded Deficit (-)	147.063,10	84.656,94
Reserve for social liabilities	230.000,00	30.000,00
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-) for the Year	308.751,42	62.406,16
Proper Funds	<u>686.240,44</u>	<u>177.489,02</u>