



ASBL European Scout Office, Brussels

Report of the Independent Auditor to the
General Meeting of Members on the

Financial Statements 2023



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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of ASBL European Scout Office (the Association), which comprise balance sheet, statement of operations and notes for the year ended 30 September 2023.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting principles described in the notes.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the requirements of the Swiss audit profession, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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

Management's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting principles as described in the notes to the financial statements, and for such internal control as the Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern, and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SA-CH will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SA-CH, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with the Management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

KPMG SA

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Licensed Audit Expert

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Geneva, 20 February 2024

Enclosure:

- Financial statements (balance sheet, statement of operations and notes)

ASBL EUROPEAN SCOUT OFFICE, BRUSSELS

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	30.09.23	30.09.22
	EUR	EUR
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	378'002	274'889
Accounts receivable	37'489	16'324
Current account - Europe	-	-
Prepaid expenses	3'860	7'290
Total current assets	419'351	298'503
Fixed assets		
	42	542
TOTAL ASSETS	419'392	299'045
LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	17'183	6'229
Current account - Europe	124'594	46'050
Accrued expenses	33'001	8'788
Deferred income	217'724	213'258
Total current liabilities	392'502	274'325
Restricted funds		
Projects funds	1'902	4'855
Total restricted funds	1'902	4'855
Own funds		
Accumulated result	19'865	27'556
Loss/Surplus for the year	5'124	-7'691
Total own funds	24'989	19'865
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS	419'392	299'045

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements)

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	30.09.23	30.09.22
	EUR	EUR
INCOME		
Contribution from European Scout Region	110'000	210'000
Contribution from WSB Global Support Centre	-	26'238
Grants from CoE - European Youth Foundation	27'500	23'879
Grant from the European Union	100'000	7'712
Projects income	399'235	196'123
Other operational income/donation & grant/event fees	99'013	2'300
Total income	735'749	466'252
EXPENDITURE		
Personnel costs	169'909	175'640
Office premises	39'156	38'512
Professional fees	22'175	9'150
General and office expenses	4'356	2'988
Institutional expenses	16'299	27'454
Project, events expenditure	482'302	220'048
Bank charges/exchange gain - net	-1'118	-1'962
Depreciation	500	1'025
Total expenditure	733'579	472'855
Operational surplus/deficit (prior to allocation)	2'170	-6'602
CHANGES IN RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Allocation	-399'235	-196'123
Use	402'189	195'035
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	5'124	-7'691

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Note 1 - General

The World Scout Bureau (WSB) – Europe Support Centre is a regional branch of the World Scout Bureau, in conformity with Articles XVII (2) and XX (2c) of the Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

The WSB – Europe Support Centre serves as the Secretariat of the European Scout Region of WOSM, and its offices are based respectively in Brussels, Belgium and Geneva, Switzerland.

The Bureau Européen du Scoutisme ASBL (*Association Sans But Lucratif – European Scout Office*) is a non-profit organisation with the legal form of an association under Title III of Belgian law of 27 June 1921 on non-profit associations. The ASBL is registered at the Brussels commercial court since 31 March 2005, under the number 0872.864.693.

The Bureau Mondial du Scoutisme – Bureau Régional Européen (World Scout Bureau – European Regional Office) registered in Geneva, Switzerland, is a separate legal entity under Swiss law and is reported on separately.

Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles set below.

a) Foreign currency conversion

The financial records of the ASBL are maintained in EUR.

Revenue and expenses in currencies other than the EUR are converted in EUR at the exchange rate prevailing at the beginning of the month of the transaction. Year-end balances in other currencies are converted at the prevailing rates of exchange at balance sheet date.

b) Income and Expense Recognition

Income and Expense Recognition: Income and Expenses are recognised on the accrual basis and registered in the period to which they relate.

c) Grants

Restricted funds (Projects) consist of earmarked funds granted for specific project activities. These funds either cover current obligations for specific projects or activities still in progress at year-end or need to be used for implementing the same project activities in the next year subject to approval by the donor.

Note 3 – Personnel costs

The amount of EUR 169'909 (personnel costs) reflects the result after deduction of EUR 91'634 recharged on delivered projects.

(2022: EUR 175'640 with 13'860 recharged on projects and with EUR 26'238 recharged to World Scout Bureau- Global Support Centre)

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Note 4 – War in Ukraine

As of today, the impacts of the war in Ukraine and related events have no (potential) material financial impact as of September 30, 2023, and beyond: Volatility or abnormally large changes in equity or debt security prices, commodity prices, foreign currency exchange rates, and/or interest rates after September 30, 2023, would in itself not materially impact the financial situation of the ASBL.

Note 5 – Europe Region new geographical boundaries

In March 2023, the World Scout Committee (WSC) of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) took the decision to phase out the Eurasia Scout Region. The European Scout Committee was involved, together with the leadership of the Asia-Pacific and Eurasia Regions, in order to outline the best ways to support Scouting in the countries currently within the Eurasia Scout Region.

Following the decision of the WSC, the Member Organizations (MOs) of Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan joined, as of October 1st, 2023 the European Scout Region. The European Scout Committee supported this decision and took all the necessary steps to welcome additional members and extend the support to all Scouts within the new boundaries of the Region, always having our guiding principles in mind: Unity, Transparency, Continuous Improvement, Diversity and Inclusion and Youth Empowerment.

Between the time of the decision in March 2023 and September 30, 2023, the European Scout Committee, in close collaboration with relevant instances of the World Scout Bureau, aligned the key milestones and working to prepare the transition, welcome, induction and integration of the new Member Organizations. This included reviewing and clarifying any institutional and constitutional documents and policies of the Region, to align them with the new expanded boundaries.

The phase out of Eurasia Scout Region had no impact on the ASBL finance as of September 30, 2023.