

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR  
EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION  
  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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## EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The advancement of education for the public benefit in the subject of survey research in particular but not exclusively by holding conferences, producing journals and other educational materials and by such other means as the trustees may determine.

The journal is edited by Ulrich Kohler of the University of Potsdam, Germany. The editor is supported by a multi-national panel of Associate Editors: <https://ojs.ub.uni-konstanz.de/srm/about/editorialTeam>

ESRA's peer-reviewed journal aims to be a high-quality scientific publication that will be of interest to researchers in all disciplines involved in the design, implementation and analysis of surveys. The URL of the journal is: <https://ojs.ub.uni-konstanz.de/srm/>

ESRA organises an international conference every two years. The most recent conference was held in 2023 in Milan, Italy. (<https://www.europeansurveyresearch.org/conference/milan-2023>).

The conference was held over five days, with c.900 attendees registered. The next conference will be held in 2025.

ESRA also contributes to the organisation of smaller-scale conferences, workshops and courses in years when its biennial conference does not take place.

ESRA also sponsor survey-research related events and training courses.

ESRA run an online mailing list - ESRAnet. This is an email discussion list where members can connect with colleagues to seek advice, share experiences and get the latest news about survey research in Europe. All ESRA members are automatically subscribed to ESRAnet on joining the association.

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### Charitable activities

During 2023 ESRA have published 4 issues of the journal Survey Research Methods, containing 28 high-quality, peer-reviewed articles.

The most recent conference was held across five days in 2023 in Milan, Italy.

(<https://www.europeansurveyresearch.org/conference/milan-2023>).

Around 900 attendees participated.

ESRAnet continues to be a valuable source of information and support for ESRA members.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Principal funding sources

The principal sources of funding during years when there is no conference is the annual membership fee. During years when there is a conference, the principal sources of funding are membership fees, registration fees and sponsorship.

##### Reserves policy

The trustees are committed to maintaining reserves that will cover at least one year's operating costs as well as covering potential cashflow requirements during years where there is a conference.

At 31 December 2023, the charity held £295,070 in reserves which is in line with the reserves policy as it can cover at least one year's operating costs.

## EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT****Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution, and constitutes an association.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are appointed by the president, taking into account their skills and expertise.

**Organisational structure**

Charity is managed by a Committee and reports to a General Assembly of the members of the Association.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS****Registered Charity number**

1150506

**Principal address**

University of Southampton  
Southampton  
Hampshire  
SO17 1BJ

**Trustees**

Dr U Kohler		Dr A Moretti	<i>appointed 19/07/2023</i>
Dr V Lomazzi	<i>(President)</i>	Dr C Cornesse	<i>appointed 19/07/2023</i>
Dr T Smith		Dr R Bautista	<i>appointed 19/07/2023</i>
Professor S Steinmetz		Dr T Buskirk	<i>appointed 19/07/2023</i>
Dr V Toepoel		Dr P C Alvarez	<i>appointed 19/07/2023</i>
Dr E Gilbert	<i>(Treasurer)</i>	Dr M Hu	<i>appointed 19/07/2023</i>
Dr A Gaia	<i>(Secretary)</i>	Dr A Schoua-Glusberg	<i>appointed 19/07/2023</i>
Dr O Mazlovskaya		Dr T Yan	<i>resigned 19/07/2023</i>
Dr D Seddig	<i>(Conference Chair)</i>	Dr A Kirchner	<i>resigned 19/07/2023</i>
Dr M Bergmann		Dr M Haan	<i>resigned 19/07/2023</i>
Dr A Wenz		Dr S Douhou	<i>resigned 19/07/2023</i>
		Professor R Fitzgerald	<i>resigned 19/07/2023</i>

**Independent Examiner**

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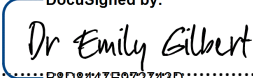
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COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The charity commenced its charitable activities on 2 November 2012.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..11 April 2024..... and signed on its behalf by:

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Dr E Gilbert - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of European Survey Research Association**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the European Survey Research Association (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Nicholas Jones FCCA  
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Dated: 11 April 2024.....

## EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Totals 2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>			
Donations and legacies		1,651	890
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activity		294,914	5,537
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>296,565.33</b>	<b>6,426.86</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activity		213,693	37,008
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>82,872</b>	<b>(30,581)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		212,198	242,779
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>295,070</b>	<b>212,198</b>

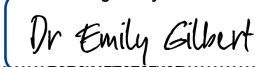
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## EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>			
Debtors	4	14,165	14,352
Cash at bank		282,731	199,106
		<b>296,895</b>	<b>213,458</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>296,895</b>	<b>213,458</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Creditors	5	505	-
Accruals and deferred income	6	1,320	1,260
		<b>1,825</b>	<b>1,260</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES</b>		<b>295,070</b>	<b>212,198</b>
<b>FUNDS:</b>			
Unrestricted funds	7	295,070	212,198
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>295,070</b>	<b>212,198</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 April 2024.....  
and were signed on its behalf by:

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 Dr E Gilbert - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



**EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Subscription income is recognised on receipt.

Sponsorship income is recognised in the year that the sponsored event took place.

Educational conference fees are recognised at the point the conference took place.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Foreign currencies**

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

**Going concern**

The charity has prepared these accounts on a going concern basis.

## EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**2. TRUSTEES'S REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Trustees's expenses**

During the year 3 trustees (2022 - 3) were reimbursed for accommodation and consumables of £548 (2022 - £1,343).

**3. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Totals</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>		
Donations and legacies	890	10,532
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Charitable activity	5,537	36,267
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>6,427</b>	<b>46,799</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Charitable activity	37,008	46,545
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>(30,581)</b>	<b>254</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>		
Total funds brought forward	242,779	242,525
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>212,198</b>	<b>242,779</b>
<b>4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	14,165	14,352
<b>5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	505	-
<b>6. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals and deferred income	1,320	1,260

## EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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## 7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31/12/2023 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General fund	212,198	296,565	(213,693)	295,070
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>212,198</b>	<b>296,565</b>	<b>(213,693)</b>	<b>295,070</b>

## COMPARATIVE MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31/12/2022 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General fund	242,779	6,427	(37,008)	212,198
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>242,779</b>	<b>6,427</b>	<b>(37,008)</b>	<b>212,198</b>

## 8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022 - £Nil).

## EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Subscriptions	1,651	890
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Educational conference income	269,254	-
Sponsorship income	25,661	5,537
	<u>294,914</u>	<u>5,537</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>296,565</u>	<u>6,427</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Articles and publications	12,561	12,008
Computer costs	547	490
Website costs	21,272	7,979
Bank charges	10,342	745
Exchange rate	187	(444)
Educational conference costs	158,687	1,343
Sponsorship costs	-	2,320
Consultancy fees	1,835	5,101
Professional fees	619	879
	<u>206,050</u>	<u>30,422</u>
<b>Support Costs</b>		
Accounting and legal fees	1,320	1,460
Management fees	6,324	5,126
	<u>7,644</u>	<u>6,586</u>
<b>Total resources expanded</b>	<u>213,693</u>	<u>37,008</u>
<b>Net income/ (expenditure)</b>	<u>82,872</u>	<u>(30,581)</u>