

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020
FOR
EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

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EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. 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

Objectives and aims

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 last conference was in 2019 and held in Zagreb. (<https://www.europeansurveyresearch.org/conferences/overview>).

The next conference will be held in 2021, as an online event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (<https://www.europeansurveyresearch.org/conferences/ESRA2021>).

ESRA also contributes to the organisation of smaller-scale conferences in years when its biennial conference does not take place. In 2020, it was a sponsor of the BigSurv20 conference, which was held in online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ESRA also 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 2020 ESRA have published 3 standard issues of the journal Survey Research Methods, containing 17 high-quality, peer-reviewed articles. Additionally, two special issues were published. The first contained commentaries, design proposals, research initiatives and research adaptations all related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The second special issue contained 4 peer-reviewed articles focusing on measurement equivalence.

As well as this, work took place to begin to organise the 2021 ESRA conference, which will be held online. (<https://www.europeansurveyresearch.org/conferences/ESRA2021>)

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.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves. 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.

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
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Hampshire
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Trustees

G Durrant
DR C Roberts
Dr A Cernat
Dr T Yan
Dr A Scherpenzeel
Dr U Kohler
Dr S Eckman
Dr V Lomazzi
Dr K Thomas
Dr T Smith
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Dr M Haan
Dr S Douhou

Independent Examiner

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COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The charity commenced its charitable activities on 2nd November 2012.

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27th May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr E Gilbert - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
EUROPEAN SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION**

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of European Survey Research Association (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust 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.

Mark Partridge
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27th May 2021

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		458	23,330
Charitable activities			
Charitable activity		-	214,204
Total		<u>458</u>	<u>237,534</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activity		25,313	203,791
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(24,855)</u>	<u>33,743</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		267,380	234,602
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>242,525</u></u>	<u><u>268,345</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31ST DECEMBER 2020

		2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS	Notes		
Debtors	4	14,234	14,012
Cash at bank		233,291	258,288
		<u>247,525</u>	<u>272,300</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	-	(3,955)
		<u>247,525</u>	<u>268,345</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>247,525</u>	<u>268,345</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		247,525	268,345
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	6	(5,000)	(965)
		<u>242,525</u>	<u>267,380</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>242,525</u>	<u>267,380</u>
FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted funds		242,525	267,380
		<u>242,525</u>	<u>267,380</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>242,525</u>	<u>267,380</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27th May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

E Gilbert - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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 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)', 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.

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, however there are material uncertainties in respect of COVID-19 and the trustees have taken into consideration the existing and potential effects of coronavirus on the activities of the charity in the future.

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2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	23,330
Charitable activities	
Charitable activity	214,204
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Total	237,534
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Charitable activity	203,791
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NET INCOME	33,743
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	234,602
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>268,345</u>

4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>14,234</u>	<u>14,012</u>

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5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	1,920
Other creditors	-	2,035
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,955</u>

6. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	5,000	965
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>965</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/20	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	267,380	(24,855)	242,525
	<u>267,380</u>	<u>(24,855)</u>	<u>242,525</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>267,380</u>	<u>(24,855)</u>	<u>242,525</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	458	(25,313)	(24,855)
	<u>458</u>	<u>(25,313)</u>	<u>(24,855)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>458</u>	<u>(25,313)</u>	<u>(24,855)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/19	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/19
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	234,602	32,778	267,380
	<u>234,602</u>	<u>32,778</u>	<u>267,380</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>234,602</u>	<u>32,778</u>	<u>267,380</u>

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	237,534	(204,756)	32,778
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,534</u>	<u>(204,756)</u>	<u>32,778</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	234,602	7,923	242,525
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>234,602</u>	<u>7,923</u>	<u>242,525</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	237,992	(230,069)	7,923
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,992</u>	<u>(230,069)</u>	<u>7,923</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2020.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Subscriptions	458	23,330
Charitable activities		
Educational conference income	-	214,204
Total incoming resources	458	237,534
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Articles and publications	11,402	12,801
Website costs	6,970	8,140
Bank and merchant account fees	882	7,966
Exchange rate	(205)	3,330
Travel	350	4,846
Educational conference costs	-	107,054
Professional fees	696	2,884
Consultancy fees	-	1,224
Administration	3,218	2,150
Return of seed funding	-	25,876
Profit share for 2018	-	15,928
Travel & stay grant	-	5,524
	23,313	197,723
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	2,000	6,068
Total resources expended	25,313	203,791
Net (expenditure)/income	(24,855)	33,743

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements