

Annual Report 2015

European Co-operation in Anthroposophical
Curative Education and Social Therapy
at Zeist
The Netherlands

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

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1. GENERAL

1.1 Foundation

The association has been founded at the 26th of march 1992 and bears the name European Co-operation in Anthroposophical Curative Education and Social Therapy (Europees Samenwerkingsverband voor Antroposofische Heilpedagogie en Sociaal- therapie).

1.2 Governing body

As at 31 December 2015 the governing body of the association is composed as follows:

Mrs. B. Cussac(Fr) : president
Mr. B. H. H. Heldt(NL) :vice-president
Mr. T. Kraus(DE) :secretary
Mrs. A. Naeyaert(B) :treasurer
Mrs. A. Thier (B) :member
Mr. F. Ortega(ES) :member
Mr. M. Dackweiler(DE) :member, representative of the German Anthropoi Bundesverband
Mr. B. Vanmechelen(B) :member, representative of the Council for curative education and social therapy, Dornach

1.3 Registration Chamber of Commerce

The association is registered at the Chamber of Commerce at Utrecht under number V482201 and is established under Dutch Law

1.4 Purpose

Article 3

1. The association has as its purpose the promotion of the interests and needs of people with special needs within Europe. The ideas and impulses of anthroposophical curative education and social therapy, as developed and upheld by the International Council for Curative Education and Social Therapy within the Medical Section of the School of Spiritual Science in Dornach, Switzerland, are the essential basis for this work.
2. The association will in particular devote itself to the realisation of this task by way of the following goals:
 - a. The right of people with special needs to live in our society and the provision of specific assistance for the individual.
 - b. Freedom of movement throughout Europe for people with special needs, including access to and financial support for any necessary social and therapeutic help.
 - c. Freedom to initiate, form and found establishments for education, training, work, social experience, and the care and encouragement of people with special needs as well as the financing and maintenance of such establishments.
 - d. Freedom to initiate the formation of training courses for the staff of such establishments and recognition of the said training; the financing and maintenance of these course facilities as well as freedom of movement for staff throughout Europe.

e. Public-relations activities for the purposes mentioned above, co-operation with other associations, regional and government agencies and with European and international organisations.

f. The support of research in the field of anthroposophical curative education and social therapy as well as maintaining its essential framework and requirements.

g. The promotion of institutions and projects to benefit people with special needs.

3. The association will pursue, without exception, the non-profit-making scientific and charitable aims as set out in the articles of association. The association is not active on its own behalf and does not give any priority to its own interests.

The funds of the association may only be used for the purposes laid out in the articles of association. Membership of the association does not entitle members to access to the funds of the association. No one may benefit from the funds of the association if this is not to further the purposes of the association, except for an appropriate honorarium if required.

1.5 Article 24

In a letter dated September 28th, 2006, with reference number 20302, the *European Co-operation in Anthroposophical Curative Education and Social Therapy* is considered to be an institution for the general benefit. This is in line with Article 24 paragraph 4 of the Inheritance Act in the Netherlands.

1.6 Voluntary work:

ECCE can only succeed if its regular and Committee members give their energy and time to work on behalf of the curative education and social therapy movement. There is a professional office to support them, It is good to realise on how much voluntary work ECCE is based on in 2015 for almost 24 years.

Activities	Amount of time
1 representing ECCE at European and national congresses;	12 days
2 preparing and attending meetings with other European NGOs in the field of education, care, support, schooling and work for children and adults with learning disabilities and psychiatric problems and with the European Disability Forum, of which ECCE is a (full) member;	10 days
3 preparing and attending meetings of the International Council for Curative Education and Social Therapy within the Medical Section of the School of Spiritual Science in Dornach (CH) and meetings of ELIANT in Brussels;	10 days
4 guiding EU-projects like the Leonardo da Vinci project CESTE-NET;	--
5 preparing the General Meeting; preparing and attending Committee meetings and working group meetings;	47 days
6 writing and editing policy papers, PR-documents, brochures and contribution to the newsletter ECCE-Link;	17 days
7 giving lectures;	--
8 drawing up and controlling the budgets;	7 days
9 conforming financial reports with the auditor;	2 days
10 translations (though some translations by external translators are paid);	2 days
Total amount of time	107 days

On behalf of the Committee ECCE,
Bernard Heldt, vice president

2. ANNUAL REPORT 2015

General

ECCE held its General Meeting around the 6th *living-in-the-encounter* congress 'Creating Social Art', May 6-9 2015 in Brussels. ECCE choose as motto for the upcoming years: 'Building bridges'. Creating social art can be seen as a way to build bridges between ECCE members as service providers, parents organisations and involved persons in different countries in Europe. Social art is also the way to educate children in need of special care and to guide adults in an inclusive society, which is the essence of anthroposophical curative education and social therapy since 1924, although there are different culture-bound ways to do so. This was an urgent theme in 2015 as well; the concept of 'inclusion' permeates more and more discussions about persons with disabilities in European society. Inclusion actually means a paradigm change in society, a culture change. It has to do with the attitude and morality of people in a diverse society. Persons with a disability make us aware of human values, which cannot be neglected.

Building bridges, strengthen partnerships between anthroposophical organisations in Europe

People in the Curative Education and Social Therapy movement are increasingly involved in time-consuming technical and administrative tasks rather than in personal interaction with individual human beings. At the same time, there is a lot of goodwill and best practice examples, new concepts and enthusiasm. The question that can be raised is how to revitalize and enable an optimistic future for organisations and involved people?

ECCE works for the improvement of the situation of persons in need of special care and supports associations of parents and anthroposophical organisations in Europe. Being aware of the actual changes, it is its task to face these challenges and support finding solutions. Therefore ECCE starts a campaign among all members to create mutual support within our European network. Mutual exchange and support are a crucial action to face the challenges of our time.

ECCE encourages its members to deepen and engage in exchange and cooperation. This is a fruitful and hopeful contribution for the social network and can truly impact and strengthen the worldwide movement of anthroposophical Curative Education and Social Therapy.

ECCE's campaign fosters new links and partnerships among its members and aims to achieve deeper awareness of each other and enable mutual support for social renewal. ECCE will establish a platform in the website and in the ECCE-Link to publish reports and open the dialogue about good-practice examples and experiences.

Inclusive society

In the Curative Education movement awareness about the concept of inclusion, *avant-la-lettre* (before the word 'inclusion' was invented!) is already more than 90 years old. In the beginning of the 1st lecture of the Curative Education Course, Steiner underlines that one should realize that '*... in some corner of the life of the soul of every human being lies a quality, or tendency, that would commonly be called abnormal.*' (June 25th 1924). One day later, June 26th 1924, he states that '*nowadays culture*' (1924) does not make it possible to bring into practice the insights of curative education, so the teachers who '*have these thoughts have to find the entrance into life as far as it goes, as far as possible.*'

The Council of Curative Education and Social Therapy in Dornach (CH) gave interesting modern insights of the way children with learning disabilities (children with special needs) can be supported to participate in society. '*Efficacy with yourself works on others. Essentially, you are always free and responsible for your own actions. Ultimately, it all comes down to the relationship between one's 'I' and the child*' as stated Prof. Rüdiger Grimm, secretary of the Council.

The essence of the anthroposophical approach is authenticity and the unconditional inner cosmic-religious attitude as well as awareness of the spiritual being of the person with special needs and the open-minded attitude to observe phenomena.

Co-operation with other European NGO's

It is impossible to achieve something in Europe without cooperation. It is important to find partners and to support each other.

Committee members of ECCE have regular meetings with the secretary general of the **European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)**, the director of **Inclusion Europe (IE)** and the director of the **European Disability Forum (EDF)**.

Committee members of ECCE network on (annual) meetings of these organisations to make well-known the ideas and ways of working of curative education and social therapy.

ECCE frequented the **EDF Annual General Assembly held on 30-31 May 2015 in Warsaw (P)**.

Mrs. Adrienne Thier, on behalf of ECCE, stood up for persons with special needs and a high level of support. She became member of the e-mail group on the needs of persons with disabilities who need a high level of support and people with psycho-social disabilities, chairing by Donata Vivanti, vice-president of the EDF board. This group has become an advisory group. 20 years ago, there had been a standing working group on people with complex dependency needs in which ECCE was represented as well. But unfortunately this group has been discontinued. ECCE sincerely hopes this advisory group will succeed in making visible this group of persons with severe disabilities.

22-23 October in Salzburg, Austria an EASPD conference took place about **Inclusive Education**, a way of teaching for all children and youngsters without and with a disability. A real impressive theme which is one of the foundations of inclusion, as meant in the UN CRPD.

On behalf of ECCE Mr. Bernard Heldt participates in EASPD conferences and is a member of the Policy Impact Group (PIG). The PIG follows EU policy, studies and debates with MEP's about the methods of measuring the progress towards inclusive society.

The **International Council for Curative Education and Social Therapy** is aware of the importance of the network set up by ECCE at the European level. The UN Convention gives a very good basis for the international work. Freedom of choice, freedom for people with a learning disability to live the way they choose, community building and living together are important issues to work at.

The Disability Intergroup

The Disability Intergroup (DIG) of the European Parliament is an informal grouping of disability-friendly Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) from all nationalities and all political groups who are interested in promoting the rights of persons with disabilities at the European Parliament as well as at national level. The Disability Intergroup is one of the oldest Intergroups of the European Parliament; it was established in 1980. ECCE participates in the DIG since 1995.

The Disability Intergroup is a very important group to ensure that the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) is implemented by and within the European Parliament and across Europe. On behalf of ECCE Mrs. Adrienne Thier participates in the DIG.

Key priorities for the next period

2015 was a critical year for the European Parliament and all EU institutions. The UN CRPD Committee examined the progress that the EU has made since it ratified the UN CRPD. It is the first time that any human rights body examines and makes recommendations to a regional organisation. ECCE hopes that the Disability Intergroup will actively contribute to all stages of the dialogue between the UN CRPD Committee and the EU including through report and plenary debate. The UN CRPD in its article 4.3 calls on State Parties to actively involve persons with disabilities through their representative organisations. To this end, ECCE adopted in 2014 the supporting membership for persons with a disability at a reduced membership fee.

Congresses 'Living in the encounter'

Although the congresses '*Living in the encounter*' don't fall under the responsibility of ECCE, ECCE follows and supports them as much as possible, because they are just in the centre of ECCE objectives. They are organised by a free initiative group, for and with people with learning disabilities. See www.in-der-begegnung-leben.eu .

6th European Living-in-the-encounter congress 'Creating Social Art', May 6th–9th 2015 in Brussels housed in a beautiful hall in 'Art Nouveau' style right in the centre. The BOZAR is an international cultural centre where famous international artists perform. Therefore the right place and time to receive about 600 'social artists' from different parts of the world! Traditional art was presented everywhere in the schedule: Music, different concerts, a very contemporary theatre performance and a folkdance evening. Approximately 30 different workshops and various excursions to the most famous sights of the city were offered.

This congress happened at that date when many European cities celebrated the 70th anniversary day of the end of World War II. Therefore it was a very special moment when delegates from Russia were presenting their hometown Yekaterinburg, by singing and inviting to the first World Congress in 2017 there. More information you will find on the website www.ontmoetenisleven.be.

First Living-in-the-encounter Congress for people in need of special care in Armenia

1-3 October 2015, NGO Mayri in Yerevan (Armenia) hosted the first Congress for people with disabilities. Mayri is an art centre for the integration of children and adolescents with disabilities. Many encounters, workshops and excursions to the most interesting Armenian monasteries were offered as well as cultural contributions. The congress was attended by young people from 9 non-governmental organizations as well as different individuals.

Declaration about Congress of Persons with Disabilities in Yekaterinenburg (RU) 2017

Together with Nordiska Forbundet and Russian NGO's, ECCE undersigned a declaration in favour of the Living-in-the-encounter World congress 'Making values visible' to be held September 2017.

ELIANT

Alliance ELIANT is a non-governmental organization (NGO) for civil society, founded by European NGO's in the area of applied anthroposophy (among which ECCE) in 2006. May 2011 more than 1 million signatures and the Memorandum had been handed over to the European Commission (Action ELIANT, May 2011). In accordance with its Charter, it has defined the following aims:

- support the products and lifestyle of applied anthroposophy in the Europe of the future;
- become an information platform for all citizens, institutions, initiatives and companies interested in the diversity and cultural development of Europe;
- show active commitment to the protection of fundamental human rights, social self determination, to cultural diversity and thus to more quality of life in Europe.

ECCE represents about 30.000 European citizens with special needs. Most of these citizens cannot stand up for their rights and are dependent on others. ECCE emphasizes that viewing persons with disabilities as full and equal members of society is presently the core theme in society. This is underlined by the UNCRPD.

The ELIANT core members meet twice a year. In 2015 the celebration of 10 years ELIANT and 5 years 1 million signatures has been prepared. The progress of the 14 Memorandum action points were discussed. The website www.eliant.eu has been renewed. For support, Alliance ELIANT wants to establish a circle of friends consisting of private donors, besides funds.

Committee issues

- Rules and regulations

The cooperation with the International Council has been structured in 2015. To secure good communication with the Council, Mr. Bart Vanmechelen will represent the Council in the ECCE Committee and General Meetings from 2015. To underline the importance of a good relationship with the Council, the General Meeting approved a relevant article in the Rules and Regulations.

- Mr. Michael Dackweiler, representative of the German Anthropoi Bundesverband, was elected to the Committee.
- Mr. Thomas Kraus, secretary of ECCE, was re-elected to the Committee.
- The Committee meetings in 2015 took place in Brussels (7-8 March); Paris, FR (27-28 June); Dornach, CH (8-9 October). Other meetings took place by skype and telephone.

- *Mrs Ann Naeyaert, Mr. Michael Dackweiler, Mr. Thomas Kraus and Mr. Bernard Heldt* attended for ECCE the Council meeting in Dornach, 11-12 October 2015.
- *Mr Bernard Heldt* attended the *ELIANT* meetings in Brussels, *EASPD* congresses and *General Assembly*. He is member of *EASPD*'s Policy Impact Group (PIG) with live and skype meetings. He attended the EDF's European Day of Persons with Disabilities. He attended a meeting of the Social Platform, 17 November in The Hague, NL.
- Mrs. Adrienne Thier attended the EDF General Assembly in Warsaw (P) and meetings of the Disability Intergroup.
- Mr. Thomas Kraus attended meetings of Inclusion Europe.
- Mrs. Ann Naeyaert attended conferences and meetings of the EDF and the European Day of Persons with Disabilities, Brussels, 7-8 December 2015.

On behalf of the Committee ECCE,
Bernard Heldt, vice president

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REVIEW REPORT

Not in draft

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FINANCIAL REPORT

(included at the pages 11 up to 18)

- Annual accounts

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1. PRINCIPLES OF BALANCE SHEET VALUATION

1.1 GENERAL

The Annual Accounts are based on historical cost.

1.2 BALANCE SHEET VALUATION

CURRENT ASSETS

Receivables, cash and liabilities

Receivables, cash and liabilities are entered at nominal value; in the valuation of receivables, a provision for in recoverability is subtracted, based on individual appreciation of the receivables.

1.3 RESULTS

GENERAL

Results are determined as the difference between income and expanses with due observance of the valuation principles mentioned above.

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2. BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	<u>2015</u> €	<u>2014</u> €
ASSETS		
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
Automations (see page 17)	<u>2.250</u>	<u>2.625</u>
RECEIVABLES		
Debtors (see page 17)	<u>11.114</u>	<u>10.880</u>
CASH ECCE *		
Cash in hand	--	--
ING Bank N.V. Account no. 65.60.961	601	2.257
ING Bank N.V. Account no. 65.60.961 rente	144	3.117
ING Bank N.V. Account no. 92.69.418	<u>60</u>	<u>496</u>
	<u>805</u>	<u>5.870</u>
ASSETS ECCE	<u><u>14.169</u></u>	<u><u>19.375</u></u>

* This concerns freely disposable money owned by the ECCE

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	€	€
LIABILITIES		
CAPITAL (see page 16)	<u>10.656</u>	<u>18.573</u>
LONG TERM LIABILITIES ECCE	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
SHORT TERM LIABILITIES ECCE		
Accounts payable (see page 16)	<u>3.513</u>	<u>802</u>
	<u>3.513</u>	<u>802</u>
LIABILITIES ECCE	<u>14.169</u>	<u>19.375</u>

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3. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	€	€
INCOME		
Contributions*	17.002	21.199
Project Theory U and Shadowreport	--	--
	<u>17.002</u>	<u>21.199</u>
EXPENSES		
Staff- and office costs	5.529	7.726
Travelling and staying costs	9.805	9.691
General management costs	6.974	3.013
Depreciation	375	--
	<u>22.683</u>	<u>20.430</u>
OPERATING RESULT	<u>-5.681</u>	<u>769</u>
Net financial result	-125	-171
Extraordinary result	-2.111	--
NET RESULT	<u><u>-7.917</u></u>	<u><u>598</u></u>

* This amount includes € 5.642 for 2015, which has not been received

4. CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR 2015

ECCE	<u>€</u>	<u>€</u>
Cash and cash equivalents ECCE as of 1 January (see page 12)		5.870
Operational cash flow		
Net income (see page 14)	<u>-7.917</u>	-7.917
Depreciation		375
Working capital		
- Debtors (see page 16 difference 2014-2015)	-235	
- Accounts payable ECCE (see page 16 difference 2014-2015)	<u>2.712</u>	
		2.477
Investment cash flow		--
Financing cash flow		
		<u>805</u>
Cash and cash equivalents ECCE as of 31 December (see page 12)		<u>805</u>
Net cash flow ECCE		<u>- 5.065</u>

This cash flow statement is in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards.

5. NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET

A S S E T S	<u>2015</u> €	<u>2014</u> €
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
Investment automations	2.625	3.000
Depreciation automation	<u>-375</u>	<u>-375</u>
Balance as at 31 December	<u>2.250</u>	<u>2.625</u>
RECEIVABLES		
DEBTORS		
2012 full member	--	1.212
2012 supporting member	--	61
2013 full member	2.913	4.015
2013 supporting member	62	62
2014 full members	2.311	5.344
2014 supporting member	186	186
2015 full members	5.208	--
2015 supporting member	<u>434</u>	<u>--</u>
Balance as at 31 December	<u>11.114</u>	<u>10.880</u>
LIABILITIES		
CAPITAL		
Balance as at 1 January	18.573	17.975
Result financial year	<u>-7.917</u>	<u>598</u>
Balance as at 31 December	<u>10.656</u>	<u>18.573</u>
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ECCE		
Auditor's costs	750	750
Declarations (office costs, travel costs and staying costs)	2.763	52
Balance as at 31 December	<u>3.513</u>	<u>802</u>

6. NOTES TO THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2015	2014
	€	€
CONTRIBUTIONS*		
- Verband für anthroposophische Heilpädagogik, Sozialtherapie und soziale Arbeit e.V. (DE)	3.000	5.363
- Michaëlis vzw (BE)	305	301
- Movement de Pédagogie Curative et la Sociothérapie Anthroposophiques (FR)	305	328
- 'Les Ravis' (FR)	301	301
- The Association of Camphill Communities for Great Britain and Ireland (UK)	1.500	1.242
- Verband für Anthroposophische Heilpädagogik und Sozialtherapie (CH)	3.000	3.402
- PlatO (AT)	500	430
- BundesElternVereinigung e.V. (DE)	--	1.962
- NVAZ (NL)	1.000	1.000
- Edith Maryon College, (NL)	800	565
- Associazione di Lingua Italiana per la Pedagogia Curativa e Socioterapia (IT)	305	301
- Spolek pro Lécebnou pedagogiku a sociální terapii v České republice, Czech Republic	305	301
- Individuellt Liv I Gemenskap, (SE)	305	301
- Parentela CH (SZ)	305	301
- Sprachrohr für Menschen in anthroposophisch orientierten Lebens-Lernstätten (AT)	305	301
- Landelijk Ouder Verbond (NL)	305	301
- Inclusion Europe (BE)	305	301
- Federatia de Pedagogie Curativa din Romania (RO)	305	301
- Federatia 'Impreuna' Pentru Promovarea Socioterapiei in Romania (RO) (formerly Casa Rozei, Romania)	305	301
- ACESTA (UK)	305	366
- Federation for anthroposophical ce&st in Spain & Portugal (ES)	305	301
- Värna (SE)	768	768
- Helsepædagogisk Sammenslutning (DK)	305	301
- Symbiosis Foundation (HU)	305	301
- SHY (FI)	500	500
- Sosialterapeutisk Forbund	500	500
- Supporting members	558	558
	<u>17.002</u>	<u>21.588</u>

* This amount includes € 5.642 (33.2%), for 2015, which has not been received.

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	€	€
PROJECT THEORY U AND SHADOWREPORT		
Costs from/to balance	--	<u>2.500</u>
	<u>--</u>	<u>2.500</u>

STAFF AND OFFICE COSTS

Secretarial costs	4.680	4.100
Postage, conference calls and publicity	450	450
Website costs	79	3.090
Regular staff and office costs	<u>3</u>	<u>86</u>
	<u>5.529</u>	<u>7.726</u>

* This entry concerns both the salaries and social charges and the office costs.

TRAVELLING AND STAYING COSTS

	<u>9.805</u>	<u>9.691</u>
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This concerns travelling and hotel expenses board members and secretary

GENERAL MANAGEMENT COSTS

Auditor's costs (including project costs and administration)	2.460	2.022
Contributions (EDF/Incl. Eur/EASPD)	2.664	991
Afterwards paid contribution 2014 EASPD	<u>1.850</u>	<u>--</u>
	<u>6.974</u>	<u>3.013</u>

NET FINANCIAL RESULT

Financial costs and interest	<u>125</u>	<u>171</u>
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EXTRAORDINARY RESULT

Uncollectible debtors *	<u>2.111</u>	<u>1.816</u>
	<u>2.111</u>	<u>1.816</u>

* Concerning contributions, from the past, which are not receivable.