

Independent auditor's report to Coppieters Foundation FPEU for the year ended 31 December 2018

In accordance with our service contract dated 18 November 2016 with the European Union represented by the European Parliament, we report to you as independent auditor on the performance of our audit mandate which was entrusted to Ernst & Young Réviseurs d'Entreprises scrl. This report includes our opinion on the balance sheet as at 31 December 2018, the income statement for the year ended 31 December 2018 and the disclosures (all elements together the "Annual Accounts") using the abbreviated schedule and on the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred as well as on compliance with rules and regulations applicable to funding of European political parties and European political foundations and includes as well our report on regulatory requirements. These two reports are considered as one report and are inseparable.

We have been appointed as independent auditor by the European Parliament in our contract dated 18 November 2016. Our mandate expires after the delivery of our audit opinion for the year ending 31 December 2018.

Report on the audit of the Annual Accounts and the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred

Unqualified opinion

We have audited the Annual Accounts of the Coppieters Foundation FPEU (the "Entity"), that consist of the balance sheet on 31 December 2018, as well as the income statement of the year and the disclosures, which show a balance sheet total of € 243.813,24 and of which the income statement shows a positive result for the year of € 38.617,00.

In our opinion, the Annual Accounts give a true and fair view of the Entity's net equity and financial position as at 31 December 2018, and of its results for the year then ended, prepared in accordance with the financial reporting framework applicable in Belgium, using the abbreviated schedule.

We have also audited the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred for the year ended 31 December 2018 in accordance with the rules and regulations applicable to funding of European political parties and European political foundations of Coppieters Foundation FPEU.

In our opinion, the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred of the Entity for the year ended 31 December 2018 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with rules and regulations applicable to funding of European political parties and European political foundations.

Basis for the unqualified opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISA"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Our responsibilities for the audit of the Annual Accounts and the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred" section of our report.

We have complied with all ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit, including those with respect of independence.

We have obtained from the Members of the Board and the officials of the Entity the explanations and information necessary for the performance of our audit and we believe that the audit evidence we

have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

We draw attention to the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred. This schedule is prepared to assist the Entity to meet the requirements of the European Parliament. As a result, the schedule may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Matters

On 29 March 2017, the United Kingdom invoked Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and notified its intention to withdraw from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM). At present, negotiations on the withdrawal arrangements are ongoing.

The Entity has not made any disclosure of its assessment of the impact of Brexit in its Annual Accounts.

We have considered the uncertainties related to the potential effects of Brexit and the assumptions made by the Entity in this respect on its operations and financial situation.

Responsibilities of the Members of the Board for the preparation of the Annual Accounts and the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred

The Members of the Board are responsible for the preparation of the Annual Accounts that give a true and fair view in accordance with the reporting framework applicable in Belgium and the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control which the Members of the Board determines to be necessary to enable the preparation of the Annual Accounts and the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Members of the Board are responsible towards the European Parliament for the use of the grant awarded and must comply with the provisions of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 and the underlying acts.

As part of the preparation of the Annual Accounts, the Members of the Board are

responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, and provide, if applicable, information on matters impacting going concern. The Members of the Board should prepare the Annual Accounts using the going concern basis of accounting, unless the Members of the Board either intend to liquidate the Entity or to cease business operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the Annual Accounts and the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance whether the Annual Accounts and the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to express an opinion on these Annual Accounts and Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the ISA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and 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 Annual Accounts and the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred.

Furthermore, with respect to the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred, it is our responsibility to express an opinion on the compliance with the rules and regulations applicable to funding of European political parties and European political foundations.

As part of an audit, in accordance with ISA, we exercise professional judgment and we maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also perform the following tasks:

- ▶ Identification and assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Annual Accounts and the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred, whether due to fraud or error, the planning and execution of audit procedures to respond to these risks and obtain audit evidence which is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting material misstatements is larger when these misstatements are due to fraud, since fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional

omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;

- ▶ Obtaining insight in the system of internal controls that are relevant for the audit and with the objective to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control;
- ▶ Evaluating the selected and applied accounting policies, and evaluating the reasonability of the accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Members of the Board as well as the underlying information given by the Members of the Board;
- ▶ Conclude on the appropriateness of the Members of the Board's use of the going-concern basis of accounting, and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to event or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity'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 Annual Accounts or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going-concern;

- ▶ Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the Annual Accounts and the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred, and evaluating whether these Annual Accounts and the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred reflect a true and fair view of the underlying transactions and events.

We communicate with the Members of the Board 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.

Report on regulatory requirements

Responsibilities of the Members of the Board

The Members of the Board are responsible for the compliance by the Entity with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium, its articles of association, the legal and regulatory requirements regarding bookkeeping and the provisions of the European Parliament's grant decision, Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 and the underlying acts.

Responsibilities of the auditor

Our audit work included specific procedures to gather sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to verify, in all material respects, that the financial provisions and obligations of the grant award decision, Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 and the underlying acts have been met.

Independence matters

We have not performed any services that are not compatible with the audit of the Annual Accounts and the Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred and we have remained

independent of the Entity during the course of our mandate.


Other communications

- ▶ Without prejudice to certain formal aspects of minor importance, the accounting records were maintained in accordance with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium;
- ▶ The costs declared were actually incurred;
- ▶ The statement of revenue is exhaustive;
- ▶ The financial documents submitted by the entity to Parliament are consistent with the financial provisions of the Funding Decision;
- ▶ The obligations arising from Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, in particular from Article 20 thereof have been met;
- ▶ The obligations arising from the Funding Decision, in particular from Article II.9 and Article II.19 thereof, have been met;
- ▶ The contributions in kind have actually been provided to the entity and have been valued in compliance with the applicable rules;
- ▶ Any surplus of Union funding was carried over to the next financial year and has been used in the first quarter of the financial year, pursuant to Article 125(6) of the Financial Regulation;

- ▶ Any surplus of own resources was transferred to the reserve;
- ▶ We were not yet provided with the financial statements prepared in accordance with the international accounting standards defined in article 2 of regulation (EC) No 1606/2002. The financial statements prepared in accordance to the international accounting standards will be subject to a separate audit opinion.

Diegem, 26 April 2019

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Annual Accounts

Administration: 2 - Centre Maurits Coppieters CMC
 Date: 26 avril 2019 par Geoffrey Engels
 Bilan / Compte de résultat

Options d'affichage
 Bilan: Type
 Exercice comptable
 Comparer avec
 Plan comptable

Bilan / Balance - Résultat Afficher Les deux Niveau Développé(s)
 2018 Période 1 - 4 Toutes les écritures
 Précédent: Exercice comptable Écart Écart (%)
 1 - Plan comptable

	2018		2017	
	Nouveau solde (Débit)	Nouveau solde (Crédit)	Nouveau solde (Débit)	Nouveau solde (Crédit)
Bilan				
Actifs				
Immobilisations				
Immobilisations incorporelles				
214000 - Informatics costs	27.948,15		28.843,55	
214900 - Depreciation informatics costs		13.522,67		22.473,17
Total: Immobilisations incorporelles	14.425,48		6.370,38	
Immobilisations corporelles				
Mobilier et matériel roulant				
241000 - Furniture and Desk Equipment	41.354,85		41.354,85	
241910 - Depreciation Furniture and Desk Equipment		35.404,50		28.089,71
Total: Mobilier et matériel roulant	5.950,35		13.265,14	
Total: Immobilisations corporelles	5.950,35		13.265,14	
Total: Immobilisations	20.375,83		19.635,52	
Actifs circulants				
Créances clients à 1 an au plus				
Créances commerciales				
400000 - Clients	31.953,77		14.866,01	
404000 - Produits à recevoir	0,00		6.372,84	
404100 - Op te stellen creditnota's	0,00		3.637,36	
408000 - Suppliers (debit)	1.700,73		12.331,63	
Total: Créances commerciales	33.654,50		37.207,84	
Autres créances				
416900 - Other debtors	2.470,80			
Total: Autres créances	2.470,80		0,00	
Total: Créances clients à 1 an au plus	36.125,30		37.207,84	
Valeurs disponibles				
550000 - KBC -39	60.347,99		36.823,43	
550200 - KBC -30 - Saving account	124.163,05		21,81	
570000 - Caisse - espèces	1.270,49		555,49	
580100 - Visa		0,00		64,05
Total: Valeurs disponibles	185.781,53		37.336,68	
Comptes de régularisation - Actif				
490000 - Charges à reporter	1.530,58		1.889,38	
Total: Comptes de régularisation - Actif	1.530,58		1.889,38	
Total: Actifs circulants	223.437,41		76.413,90	
Total: Actifs	243.813,24		96.049,42	
Passif				
Fonds social				
IV. Fonds affectés				
130000 - Fonds affectés pour investissements		58.845,85		20.228,85
131000 - Fonds affectés pour passif social		12.383,87		12.383,87
Total: IV. Fonds affectés		71.229,72		32.612,72
Total: Fonds social		71.229,72		32.612,72

Dettes				
Dettes à plus d'un an				
Autres dettes				
179200 - Cautionnements reçus en numéraire (dettes diverses)		500,00		500,00
Total: Autres dettes		500,00		500,00
Total: Dettes à plus d'un an		500,00		500,00
Dettes à un an au plus				
433001 - Visa		1.036,14	0,00	
441000 - Effets à payer	0,00			6.072,84
489000 - Autres dettes diverses: productives d'intérêts		91.184,08		589,53
C. Trade debts				
440000 - Fournisseurs		39.471,07		6.477,29
444000 - Factures à recevoir		20.757,52		33.352,20
Total: C. Trade debts		60.228,59		39.829,49
E. Taxes, salaries and social security				
451700 - Btw regularisation		4.319,11		3.803,37
454000 - Office National Sécurité Sociale		0,00	2.389,59	
455000 - Rémunérations	0,00			46,37
456000 - Pécules de vacances		15.315,60		14.984,69
Total: E. Taxes, salaries and social security		19.634,71		16.444,84
Total: Dettes à un an au plus		172.083,52		62.936,70
Total: Dettes		172.583,52		63.436,70
Total: Passif		243.813,24		96.049,42
Résultat				
Résultat (Année sélectionnée / Période)		0,00	0,00	
Total: Résultat		0,00	0,00	
Total: Bilan	243.813,24	243.813,24	96.049,42	96.049,42
Compte de résultat				
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Ventes et prestations				
Chiffre d'affaires				
705500 - Non Eligible income		446,42		
Total: Chiffre d'affaires		446,42		
Cotisations, dons, legs et subsides				
European parliament grant				
733000 - Subvention of the European parliament		388.702,46		365.038,31
Total: European parliament grant		388.702,46		365.038,31
Membership fees				
733010 - Membership fees		16.605,66		17.970,00
Total: Membership fees		16.605,66		17.970,00
Total: Cotisations, dons, legs et subsides		405.308,12		383.008,31
Autres produits d'exploitation				
745000 - Contributions in Kind				25.713,51
Other own resources				
707100 - Rent income: bureau 1		6.000,00		6.000,00
707200 - Rent income: bureau 2				2.400,00
733040 - Participation fees		9.940,00		8.028,00
733060 - Other income		95,00		180,00
733070 - Project contribution		82.048,20		30.552,08
754000 - Différences de change gains				20,10
757010 - Ecart de paiement sur achats		57,69		3,07
Total: Other own resources		98.140,89		47.183,25
Total: Autres produits d'exploitation		98.140,89		72.896,76
Total: Ventes et prestations		503.895,43		455.905,07
Total: Compte de résultat		503.895,43		455.905,07
Staff costs				
617000 - Personnel intérimaire et mises à la disposition de l'associé. salaires	22.623,72			

620200 - Rémunérations et avantages sociaux : Employés	97.615,81	90.434,84
620210 - Provision pécule de vacances	330,91	7.521,44
Total: salariés	97.946,72	97.956,28
Contributions		
621000 - Cotisations patronales d'assurances sociales	22.975,19	22.934,81
Total: Contributions	22.975,19	22.934,81
staff mission expenses		
623400 - Staff mission expenses	3.229,01	760,37
Total: staff mission expenses	3.229,01	760,37
other personnel costs		
613240 - Fees Social Bureau	1.717,13	1.463,91
613260 - Fees Ticket Restaurant	380,13	348,48
623000 - Autres frais de personnel	360,00	360,00
623100 - Medical services	242,41	289,16
623200 - Meal tickets	3.192,42	3.344,44
623300 - Insurance Employees	1.525,32	971,41
Total: other personnel costs	7.417,41	6.777,40
Total: Staff costs	154.192,05	128.428,86
Infrastructure and operating costs		
office rental charges and maintenance costs		
610000 - Rent building	32.674,03	28.517,15
610100 - Rent Office Equipment	2.794,49	2.133,08
611000 - Maintenance costs	2.161,41	1.500,00
612300 - Electricity and heating	1.019,96	1.474,51
Total: office rental charges and maintenance costs	38.649,89	33.624,74
Depreciation of movable and immovable property		
630100 - Immobilisations incorporelles : Amortissements	4.868,37	1.692,61
630200 - Amortissements immobilisations corporelles	7.314,79	8.031,98
660100 - Amortissements et Réductions valeur exceptionnel. immobilisations, incorporelles	749,53	
Total: Depreciation of movable and immovable property	12.932,69	9.724,59
stationary and office supplies		
612500 - Office Equipment	5.399,37	2.750,62
Total: stationary and office supplies	5.399,37	2.750,62
postal and telecommunication		
612100 - Telephone	2.161,40	1.500,00
612110 - GSM	738,45	131,29
612200 - Postage	2.485,32	3.097,56
Total: postal and telecommunication	5.385,17	4.728,85
Printing, translation and reproduction		
613230 - Fees Translators	3.163,13	14.127,87
Total: Printing, translation and reproduction	3.163,13	14.127,87
Other infrastructure costs		
613500 - Insurances	362,34	395,74
Total: Other infrastructure costs	362,34	395,74
Total: Infrastructure and operating costs	65.892,59	65.352,41
Administrative expenditure		
Documentation costs (newspapers, press agencies,...)		
612530 - Subscriptions, magazines, papers	229,90	727,40
Total: Documentation costs (newspapers, press agencies,...)	229,90	727,40
Costs of studies and research		
615150 - Studies	3.750,00	7.223,35
Total: Costs of studies and research	3.750,00	7.223,35
Legal costs		

615210 - Legal Publication	258,70	969,36	
Total: Legal costs	258,70	969,36	
Accounting and auditing costs			
613210 - Fees Audit	0,00	14.004,00	
613220 - Fees Accountant	22.627,00		
Total: Accounting and auditing costs	22.627,00	14.004,00	
Miscellaneous administrative costs			
613200 - Fees Other	6.692,67	1.452,00	
613250 - Fees Lawyer	3.675,32		
613270 - Fees Notary	2.167,50		
650000 - Intérêts, commissions et frais afférents aux dettes	53,44	93,41	
650400 - Bank Charges	740,41	884,77	
654000 - Différences de change pertes		1,68	
657010 - Écarts de paiement sur ventes	24,87	0,01	
Total: Miscellaneous administrative costs	13.354,21	2.431,87	
Total: Administrative expenditure	40.219,81	25.355,98	
Meeting and representation costs			
Costs for meetings of the center			
615110 - General Assembly	30.849,60	15.834,03	
615120 - Bureau Meeting	24.368,02	12.716,39	
Total: Costs for meetings of the center	55.217,62	28.550,42	
Other meeting-related costs			
615140 - Other Meeting costs	6.475,59	13.108,66	
Total: Other meeting-related costs	6.475,59	13.108,66	
Total: Meeting and representation costs	61.693,21	41.659,08	
information publication			
Publication Cost			
615200 - Information and publication costs	31.548,66	42.061,49	
Total: Publication Cost	31.548,66	42.061,49	
Creation and operation of Internet Sites			
612520 - Informatics Costs	6.538,12	4.187,44	
Total: Creation and operation of Internet Sites	6.538,12	4.187,44	
Publicity Costs			
615230 - Advertising		9.796,13	
Total: Publicity Costs		9.796,13	
Communications equipment (gadgets, business cards)			
615240 - Communications equipment		1.524,60	
Total: Communications equipment (gadgets, business cards)		1.524,60	
Seminars and exhibitions			
615130 - Conferences	103.212,57	95.157,51	
Total: Seminars and exhibitions	103.212,57	95.157,51	
Total: information publication	141.299,35	152.727,17	
costs related to contributions in kind			
Contributions in kind			
616000 - Expenditure relating to Contribution In Kind		25.713,51	
Total: Contributions in kind		25.713,51	
Total: costs related to contributions in kind		25.713,51	
Non Eligible			
642000 - Moins-values réalisées créances commerciales	1.535,00	500,00	
Coût des ventes et des prestations			
616010 - Non eligible cost	446,42		
Total: Coût des ventes et des prestations	446,42		
Total: Non Eligible	1.981,42	500,00	
Allocation of own resources to the specific reserve account			
689000 - Overboeking naar de reserves	38.617,00	16.168,06	
Total: Allocation of own resources to the specific reserve account	38.617,00	16.168,06	
Résultat			
Total: Compte de résultat	503.895,43	503.895,43	455.905,07

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Final Statement of eligible expenditure actually incurred


ESTIMATED BUDGET 2018

Costs		
Reimbursable costs	Budget	Actual
A.1: Personnel costs	167.999,47	154.192,00
1. Salaries	135.499,47	120.570,44
2. Contributions		22.975,19
3. Professional training	5.000,00	
4. Staff missions expenses	11.500,00	3.229,01
5. Other personnel costs	16.000,00	7.417,41
A.2: Infrastructure and operating costs	78.788,00	39.892,59
1. Rent, charges and maintenance costs	22.000,00	32.649,89
2. Costs relating to installation, operation and maintenance of equipment	4.000,00	
3. Depreciation of movable and immovable property	6.000,00	12.932,89
4. Stationery and office supplies	4.800,00	3.399,37
5. Postal and telecommunications charges	5.280,00	5.385,17
6. Printing, translation and reproduction costs	36.708,00	3.103,13
7. Other infrastructure costs		362,34
A.3: Administrative costs	74.850,00	40.219,81
1. Documentation costs (newspapers, press agencies, databases)	6.000,00	229,90
2. Costs of studies and research	52.800,00	1.750,00
3. Legal costs	500,00	258,70
4. Accounting and audit costs	13.000,00	22.627,00
5. Support to third parties		
6. Miscellaneous administrative costs	2.550,00	13.354,21
A.4: Meetings and representation costs	55.210,00	61.693,21
1. Costs of meetings	32.450,00	55.217,62
2. Participation in seminars and conferences	7.900,00	
3. Representation costs	4.000,00	
4. Costs of invitations	2.860,00	
5. Other meeting-related costs	8.000,00	6.475,59
A.5: Information and publication costs	187.724,57	141.299,35
1. Publication costs	47.800,00	31.548,64
2. Creation and operation of Internet sites	14.000,00	6.538,12
3. Publicity costs	20.970,00	
4. Communications equipment (gadgets)	6.200,00	
5. Seminar and exhibitions	49.642,00	103.212,57
6. Other information-related costs	49.112,57	
A.6: Allocation to "Provision to cover eligible costs of the first quarter of year N"		0
A. TOTAL ELIGIBLE COSTS	564.572,47	457.297,01
Ineligible costs		
1. Provisions		
2. Exchange losses		
3. Doubtful claims on third parties		1.533,00
4. Contributions in kind		
5. Others (sub-revenue non eligible)		6.446,45
B. TOTAL INELIGIBLE COSTS	0	7981,42
C. TOTAL COSTS	564.572,47	465.278,43

Accrued reserve

32.612,72

Revenue		
	Budget	Actual
D.1. Dissolution of "Provision to cover eligible costs of the first quarter of year N"	n/a	
D.2. European Parliament funding	479.886,54	388.702,40
D.3. Membership fees	14.320,00	16.605,66
1.1 from member foundations	14.320,00	16.605,66
1.2 from individual members		
D.4. Donations		
D.5. Other own resources	70.263,80	98.387,21
Special contributions (ad-hoc per project)	28.072,57	82.048,20
Participation Fees	42.342,57	9.940,00
Sub rental office space		6.000,00
Dook sales		95,00
Income to cover non eligible expenses		446,42
Pay. Diff.		57,69
D.6. Interest from pre-financing	0	0
D.7. Contributions in kind		
D. TOTAL REVENUE	564.572,47	503.895,43
E. Profit/loss (D-C)	0,00	-38.617,00
F. Allocation of own resources to the reserve account		38.617,00
G. Profit/loss for verifying compliance with the no-profit rule (E-F)		0,00





ACTIVITY REPORT

2018 – 2019 to date

Brussels, 20th of February 2019

COPPIETERS FOUNDATION

Maurits Coppieters was a prominent Fleming and European politician: one of the founders of the European Free Alliance (EFA) and its first representative in the European Parliament.

Coppieters Foundation is a think tank focusing on European affairs. It develops new ideas and produces knowledge on the management of cultural and linguistic diversity, collective and minority rights, multi-level governance, decentralization, state and constitutional reform, statehood processes, self-determination, migration, peace studies and the protection of human rights in Europe.

It is a non-profit organization recognised as a European Political Foundation by the European Parliament and founded in 2007.

STRUCTURE

Bureau

The Bureau gathers 4 times a year to manage annual projects, prepare the General Assembly and coordinate the activities. The current Bureau was elected at the 8th General Assembly of the foundation in Katowice (Silesia) on the 1st of April, 2017. It is now composed of 11 members from 8 different EU member states:

- PRESIDENT: Xabier Macías
- SECRETARY: Günther Dauwen
- TREASURER: Iñaki Irazabalbeitia
- VICE-PRESIDENT: Josep Vall
- VICE-PRESIDENT: Antonia Luciani
- VICE-PRESIDENT: Alan Sandry
- Sharon Webb
- Alix Horsch
- Antonello Nasone
- Marianna Bekiari

This Bureau's 3-years term expires in 2020 when new elections are foreseen. Outgoing members of the bureau are nominated as Honorary Members:

- Fabianna Giovannini (Bureau member until 2011)
- Pavle Filipov (Bureau member from until 2011)
- Syd Morgan (Bureau member from until 2011)
- Isabel Nonell (Bureau member until 2011)

Advisory Scientific Council

The Advisory Scientific Council evaluates past projects and prepares the roadmap of upcoming projects. It also assesses the scientific quality of all publications and provides advice on the content of conferences. Members of the Advisory Scientific Council have a scientific profile and cover different disciplines. It is now composed of:

- Alan Sandry – Adviser in the field of Political Science (Member since 2008)
- Carmen Gallego – Adviser in the field of Anthropology (Member since 2012)
- Josep Huguet – Adviser in the fields of Contemporary History and Public Governance (Member since 2012)
- Daniel Turp – Adviser in the fields of International Law and Self-determination (Member since 2013)
- María do Carme García Negro – Adviser in the field of Applied Economics (Member since 2017)

Members

Coppieters currently has 11 full and 5 associated members. They compose the General Assembly, and gather on a yearly basis to discuss the main strategic working lines of the foundation.

Full members

- ADEO – Associacion pel Desvelopament de l'Escrich Occitan
- Alkartasuna Fundazioa
- Arritti
- Ezkerraberi Fundazioa
- Fundació Emili Darder
- Fundación Galiza Sempre
- Fundació Josep Irla
- Fundació Nexe
- Home of Macedonian Culture
- Le Peuple Breton
- Welsh Nationalism Foundation

Associated members

- CIEMEN
- Free State of Rijeka Association
- Hungarian National Council of Transylvania
- Istituto di Studi e Ricerche Camillo
- Kurdish Institute of Brussels



PUBLICATIONS

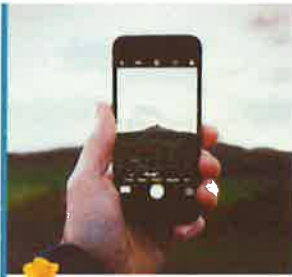


The Future of Sustainable Energy

By the Coppieters Foundation

The future of sustainable energy

We currently possess sufficient knowledge about the technological and economic dimensions of renewable energy, however, in many situations, the sociopolitical climate hinders the actual implementation of this transition. Lack of financial resources and limited public acceptance are other factors that can obstruct a full transition. This study looks at the political obstacles to the transition to renewable energy that are relevant in the context of the European Union by analyzing case studies of different regions by examining the transparency and efficiency of the implementation process and any barriers faced by authorities. The regions examined in these case studies are Friesland, Yorkshire, Flanders, Silesia and Galicia.



Stateless nations & media landscapes

By the Coppieters Foundation

Stateless nations and media landscapes

This book provides a theoretical road-map for social and political movements for setting up their own communication agendas. The task of minority media is to reclaim a geographic and symbolic space for the disadvantaged language community by using minority languages, asserting national or cultural identities, maintaining and sharing social practices, and interpreting or amplifying political priorities. As this book shows, developing a communications agenda for a national minority or stateless nation is a collective act of cultural and political resistance, because it can challenge prejudices and stereotypes, as well resist central powers and state-nationalist ideologies, that are embedded in language and disseminated by media, and later, reproduced by consumers themselves in their daily lives.



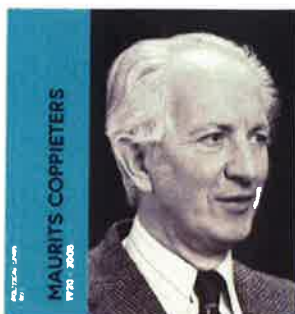
Minority women in politics

By the Coppieters Foundation

Minority women in politics

UNPO and Coppieters Foundation expose the intersection between minority rights and gender equality, focusing in particular on women's need for proper political participation and representation. The research identifies qualitative and quantitative differences in representation, analyses factors that produce better levels of representation in some places but not in others and describes historical and recent developments in different parts of Europe. It draws conclusions by identifying factors that impact women's political participation and representation, mapping commonalities and differences across Europe, as well as listing policy recommendations to further women's effective political equality.

POLICY PAPERS



Political lives 1# Maurits Coppieters

'Political Lives' is a series of biographies of remarkable politicians, scholars and activists that helped shape our societies throughout the XX century. The first issue is devoted to Maurits Coppieters, a politician who gained recognition in the post-war Flemish movement. A teacher by training and a youth leader at heart, for most of his life Coppieters was active in Flemish national politics and was deeply involved in the social and cultural life of the Flemish community, where the recurring themes of his work were social justice and pacifism.



Political lives 2# Lluís Companys

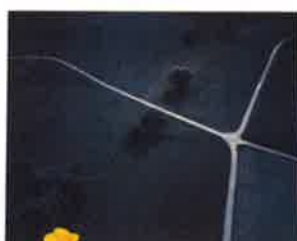
'Political Lives' is a series of biographies of remarkable politicians, scholars and activists that helped shape our societies throughout the XX century. The second issue of the collection is devoted to Lluís Companys, the only democratically elected president to be executed during the Second World War. He worked as a journalist, labour lawyer, union organiser, town councillor and member of parliament (MP) before becoming the president of Catalonia. He survived imprisonment and exile in occupied France, where he was arrested and deported to Franco's Spain. Franco was so concerned that Companys's prestige would turn him into a Catalan national martyr, that he and his regime did their utmost to keep his execution secret for nearly four decades.



For a European Agency for Multilingualism

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Unity and diversity are foundational values of the European Union. Languages play a fundamental role in this concept of unity and diversity. Language is one of the most powerful components of identity for many human communities. It is a component of identity that is pluralist. This policy paper considers the creation of a European Agency for Multilingualism (EAM), which would be tasked with ensuring linguistic diversity in Europe and promoting language learning, so every European could speak at least three languages fluently and easily, as the Europe 2020 Strategy suggests. The paper concludes that the EAM must act to optimise the financial potential of languages, channel the knowledge of languages to the benefit of productivity and the economic development of the Member States and the whole of the European Union.



Digesting Brexit in Northern Ireland

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This is the text of a speech delivered at the Coppieters Foundation dinner debate in April 2018 in Landshut by Dr Anthony Soares, the Deputy Director at the Centre for Cross Border Studies (CCBS). Dr Soares expresses concerns over the many unknowns and uncertainties around the negotiations over the UK's withdrawal from and future relationship with the European Union. He looks at how it may impact on our ability to undertake cross-border cooperation and regional development, what it could mean for the mobility of a range of citizens and how we may in future trade with each other. He addresses this and other issues, like the impact of brexit in The Good Friday peace agreement in this paper.



Mainstreaming a minority rights-based approach to refugee and migrant communities in Europe

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The author of report argues that a minority rights based approach helps to forge cohesive societies. The University of Sussex academic says that although the scale of the current situation and the specific groups of people arriving at Europe's borders may be new, the challenges facing European states are not; those same challenges have been present for centuries. Dr. Berry suggests that we can build on this experience, and learn to recognise diversity as a strength, rather than a threat.



Flexicurity as a labour policy: a comparative analysis (ongoing)

Fundació Josep Irla and Coppieters Foundation joined forces to discuss the impact of precarious work at an event in December, 2018. The two organisations also presented the study "Flexicurity as a labour policy: A comparative analysis", produced by Professor Montse Solé. The work reflects on the concept of flexicurity, which combines flexibility for the company and the security for the worker. By analyzing and comparing Denmark, Norway, Finland and the Netherlands as case studies, it extracts lessons learned for Catalonia, taking into account the economic and social and structures of each country.

EVENTS

Dinner debate on the Minority SafePack Initiative – 11/1/2018 – Brussels

Loránt Vincze, the President of FUEN – Federal Union of European Nationalities – delivered a keynote speech at the first edition of this year's series of dinner debates organised by the Coppieters Foundation.

More: <https://www.ideasforeurope.eu/news/diversity-shouldnt-be-only-a-nice-slogan-lorant-vincze-fuen-warns-european-commission-11-january-2018/>



Dinner debate on Brexit and its impact on the Good Friday Agreement – 13/04/2018 - Brussels

Dr Anthony Soares was the keynote speaker at the Coppieters Dinner Debate, which took place in conjunction with the #Coppieters18 General Assembly. He outlined specific challenges and opportunities for both the UK and the EU after the Brexit vote, paying special attention to the impact of Brexit on Northern Ireland and the Good Friday Agreement.

More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/event/dinner-debate-on-brexit-and-its-impact-on-the-good-friday-agreement-coppieters18>



Rights of peoples in Europe – 19/04/2018, 07/07/2018, 25/07/2018, 05/10/2018 – Santiago de Compostela

"Rights of Peoples in Europe" is a series of 4 events to debate the following topics:

- Sovereignty in a multilevel world.
- Decentralisation and devolution.
- How to advance in the protection and promotion of diverse identities.

More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/event/rights-of-peoples-in-europe>



Transforming tourism from a regional perspective: challenges; visions, ways forward – 03/05/2018 – Donostia

This conference assessed tourism policy and planning by critically (re)examining tourism development models and (re)considering how the focus on sustainability might shape future tourism planning and policy making.

More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/event/transforming-tourism-from-a-regional-perspective-challenges-visions-ways-forward>



Workshop on participatory democracy – 11 & 12/05/2018 – València

This workshop aims has a double objective; firstly, to demonstrate that political claims for more regional autonomy, decentralisation and devolution are widespread in Europe, and secondly, to discuss potential decentralisation models using the Spanish constitutional arrangement as a case study.

More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/event/iii-workshop-on-participatory-democracy>



Collusion of fundamentalism and neoliberalism: Its impact on women and minority rights. – 22/05/2018 – Brussels

The European Network of Migrant Women, the Kurdish Culture Project, and Coppieters organised a seminar at the European Parliament to critically examine the intersection between fundamentalism and the neo-liberal agenda, and its impact on the collective rights of women and minorities in Europe.

More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/event/collusion-of-fundamentalism-and-neoliberalism-its-impact-on-women-and-minority-rights>



Political lives: Coppieters & Companys – 12/07/2018 – Brussels

The official launch of a series of biographies of remarkable politicians that helped shape our societies throughout the XX century. We rediscovered the lives and deed of Maurits Coppieters, the Fleming that gives name to the Coppieters Foundation, and Lluís Companys, Catalan president in exile.

More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/event/presentation-political-lives-coppieters-companys/>



Ideas and protagonists of European independence movements – 21/07/2018 – Sardegna

This conference co-organised with the Istituto Camillo Bellieni brought innovative analysis along historical-theoretical lines about European autonomist, federalist and independence movements of stateless nations and built a European political perspective common to all movements.



More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/event/ideas-and-protagonists-of-european-independence-movements>

Book Presentation: Feminism on the Peripheries of Europe – 05/10/2018 – València

Fundació Nexè, Tirant, Generalitat Jove, and Coppieters Foundation hosted a book presentation at the University of Valencia for the recently published book "Feminism on the Peripheries of Europe".

More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/event/book-presentation-feminism-valencia>



Coppieters Awards 2018 to recognize Edmond Simeoni – 24/11/2018 - Corsica

Coppieters Foundation honoured Mr Edmond Simeoni as the 2018 recipient of the Coppieters Awards at an official award ceremony in Ajaccio/Aiacciu.

More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/coppieters-awards-2018-to-recognize-edmond-simeoni>



Book presentation: Second home buying in Europe's peripheral regions – 27/11/2018 – Lorient

A recent study by Coppieters, Arritti and Le Peuple Breton presented a recent study and brought together authors and experts to present their findings and views on the causes and consequences of the second home buying in Europe with a view to the future and possible solutions.

More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/event/book-presentation-second-home-buying-in-europes-peripheral-region>



The phantom of precarity – 19/12/2018 – Barcelona

Fundació Josep Irla and Coppieters Foundation joined forces to discuss the impact of precarious work and present the study "Flexicurity as a labour policy: A comparative analysis", produced by Professor Montse Solé.

More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/event/the-phantom-of-precarity>



TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Coppieters Academy: Gender Equality in a Changing Europe – 10 to 12/07/2018 – Brussels

This new edition of our academy introduced students to gender policy in Europe and gave them the tools to understand the different political transformations from an intersectional feminist perspective and to improve their campaigning and advocacy skills on the girls, women and LGBTQI persons and their community.

More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/event/coppieters-academy-2018-gender-equality-in-a-changing-europe/>



Summer school on national minorities and border regions – 2 to 9/09/2018 – Brussels

For the European year of cultural heritage, Coppieters organized a summer school together with ECMI on European diversity as a value, practice and a trigger for socio-political change.

More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/event/summer-school-on-national-minorities-and-border-regions>



NPDL-Coppieters Campus on planning and evaluation of language policies – 13, 14 & 15/09/2018 – Udin/Udine

Coppieters organised a series of workshops to train professionals that work within European minorities and regions and provide them with methodological and practical foundations in the area of language policy, planning and evaluation.

More: <https://ideasforeurope.eu/activity/event/npld-coppieters-campus-on-planning-and-evaluation-of-language-policies>



ADVOCACY

State of the Union – 11/05/2018 – Florence

Our Vice-President Antonia Luciani attended the State of the Union organised by the European University Institute.



FUEN conferences – 21/06/2018 and 20/12/2018 – Leeuwarden and South Tyrol

Our Treasurer Iñaki Irazabalbeitia attended two FUEN events, the first being the annual FUEN Congress in Leeuwarden, the second being a conference "Shaping our Regions", taking place in South Tyrol, where he also spoke on a panel and presented the situation of the Basque language.



First summer university on feminism – 14/09/2018 – Paris

Our Vice-President Antonia Luciani attended the First summer university on feminism, organised by the French Secretary of State for Equality between Women and Men, and used the opportunity to exchange views on the social and economic inequality between women and men, as well as to distribute our publication "Feminism on the Peripheries of Europe".



Sandrina Antunes at the EFAY General Assembly – 30/11/2018 – Venice

Sandrina Antunes was the Coppieters Foundation guest speaker at EFAY's General Assembly in Venice and delivered a speech on "The Europe of the Peoples in today's Europe: definition, threats and possible solutions."



Global office

In 2018 we expanded our advocacy efforts towards the United Nations on a global level. We requested ECOSOC observer status and started developing our international network of contacts with meetings with international players, including UN officials, NGOs, civil society and academia.



NEWS

11/01/2018: PODCAST / Workshop on 'From Needs to Rights: A Minority Rights Perspective to Europe's Refugees and Migrants'

21/01/2018: "Diversity should not only be a nice slogan" says Loránt Vincze from FUEN to warn the European Commission.

02/02/2018: "EU is based on democracy, rule of law and human rights. When you ignore self-determination, you ignore all three" says UN independent expert Alfred de Zavas.

14/02/2018: In the #CoppietersAcademy2018 we talked about "Gender equality in a changing Europe".

25/05/2018: Coppieters turns 10 in the #Coppieters18 General Assembly in Bavaria.

28/05/2018: "Peace and reconciliation is a process that takes decades, it needs support and nurturing" says Dr. Soares about the peace in Northern Ireland and Brexit.

30/05/2018: Workshop: Coppieters and Nexa debate on innovation and democracy in València. #Demolab2018

28/06/2018: Xabier Macias, President of the Coppieters Foundation, gives the "thanks to the dignity; strength and courage of our imprisoned friends" and says that "this 'internal affair' is now a European problem" in the #10th anniversary speech.

29/06/2018: Professor Andriotis champions the notion of degrowth in the field of tourism to promote local economies and communities.

05/07/2018: "Put solidarity back at the heart of the European project "was the point of view of Antonia Luciani, Vice President of the Coppieters Foundation, at the 2018 State of the Union in Florence.

20/08/2018: "If we are going to push back against the far right, what is really needed is solidarity on multiple fronts," says Maryam Namazie.

27/08/2018: Ana Miranda, who was on board the emergency tow vessel Open Arms, has called for action to save refugee lives.

28/08/2018: Is there a future for stateless nations? Antonello Nasone reflects on the current crisis and a possible future.

29/08/2018: "Migrant and minority women are falling between the cracks in laws, social support and analysis," says Anna Zobnin.

24/10/18: Coppieters 2017 accounts audited...and approved!

31/10/2018: Pilar Kaltzada reflects on why diversity in media matters.

31/10/2018: Call for 2019 project proposals now open!

06/11/2018: "The EU's inaction toward Catalonia leaves minorities unprotected" says Mikael Bodlore.

09/11/2018: MEPs Jill Evans and Julie Ward hosted an event at the European Parliament called "Promoting safe and inclusive education".

05/12/2018: Nominations open for Coppieters Awards 2019.

12/12/2018: "The absence of Europe" in so many forefronts may well contribute to boost European skepticism says Sandrina Antunes

AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIAL

Coppieters Foundation produced many audio-visual clips.

They are available in our Vimeo channel: <https://vimeo.com/ideasforeurope/>.



COPPIETERS ACADEMY

This video was made to promote the 3-day summer school. The 2018 edition is on gender equality.

You can read more about it here: <https://www.ideasforeurope.eu/news/academy-gender-equality/>



DINNER DEBATE: THE MINORITY SAFEPACK INITIATIVE

Loránt Vincze, the President of FUEN (Federal Union of European Nationalities), delivered a keynote speech to explain the state of play of the European Minority Safepack Initiative.



INTERVIEW: UN INDEPENDENT EXPERT ALFRED DE ZAYAS

Interview with UN Independent Expert on the Promotion of a Democratic Order, Alfred-Maurice de Zayas, on self-determination, international law, the EU and Catalonia.



EVENT: CURRENT CHALLENGES FOR MINORITY LANGUAGES IN TODAY'S DIVERSE SOCIETIES

The video includes extracts and interviews from Coppieters-NPLD conference on "The current challenges for minority languages in today's complex societies".



DINNER DEBATE: BREXIT AND THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT

Dr Anthony Soares was the keynote speaker at the dinner debate on the impact of Brexit on Northern Ireland and the Good Friday Agreement. He outlined specific challenges and opportunities for both the UK and the EU after the Brexit vote.



STATEMENT: EU ACTION NEEDED TO SUPPORT MIGRANTS

Ana Miranda called for EU action to prevent the criminalisation of NGOs engaged in search and rescue work in the Mediterranean at the "Rights of Peoples" event, organised by Coppieters, Fundación Moncho Reboiras and Fundación Galiza Sempre.



EVENT: IDEAS AND PROTAGONISTS OF EUROPEAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS

On 21 July 2018, the Istituto di Studi e Ricerche Camillo Bellieni and Coppieters Foundation held the event "Ideas and protagonists of European independence movements" in Sardinia.



INTERVIEW: CATALONIA'S REFERNDUM

Mikael Bodlore, author of the "Atlas of Stateless Nations in Europe - Minority peoples in search for recognition", spoke about how the EU's reaction to the Catalan self-determination referendum leaves European minorities even more unprotected.

ONLINE INITIATIVES

DILINAME

The aim of DILINAME is to provide its visitors with documents of relevance, whether historical or current, for the creation, development, philosophy and contribution of socio-political proposals coming from the various movements that defend the rights of stateless nations that form part of Coppieters.

DILINAME contains a digital library of national movements in Europe, more specifically Coppieters' members. Coppieters continued to maintain and develop this project in 2016. More: <http://diliname.eu/index.php>



STATELESS NATIONS GEOPOLITICS

The Stateless Nations Geo-politics (SNG) project is aimed at creating an online tool for the analysis and study of these European national minorities that do not have an independent state for their self-government. The SNG project wants to contribute with basic statistical data to the geo-political analysis of these European national communities that do not have their own sovereign state although they face the same challenges of today's world as independent states do. In 2016, Coppieters sustained the website and supported its ongoing expansion. More: <http://statelessnations.eu/>



MERCHANDISE

In 2018, we produced:

- Paper bags with our logo, distributed to participants of our events.
- USBs with our logo on a bamboo shell, distributed to participants of our events as a gift.
- A book with 200 quotes by prominent historical political figures that represented the values and ideas for Coppieters Foundation.
- A leaflet on the 10 achievements that Coppieters Foundation has achieved in its first 10 years of functioning.

