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Forward



Pierre Jonckheer, GEF Co-President

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Susanne Rieger, GEF Co-President

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This 2014 edition of the Annual Report lists the various projects that the Green European Foundation has developed, in partnership with the national foundations. Since its inception, in 2008, GEF's General Assembly has chosen to decentralise much of its activities across the different countries and to build a network of cooperation between the national foundations and GEF.

As a result, several transnational projects were successfully carried out in 2014, and this dimension will be pursued and extended in 2015. The Green European Journal, conceived as a space for Greens in Europe to exchange ideas, completes our efforts in this direction.

"Beyond the (multiple) borders", it is thus that we interpret the mission entrusted to a European political foundation: contributing to the development of a European public space that is democratic and open to cultural diversity, striving for a greater unity in Europe founded on solidarity between nations. Compared to 2008, the prevailing social and political situation in much of the EU and its neighbouring region today, in the South as in the East, makes this work all the more

essential. If national identities are legitimately constitutive of our civil and political societies and create collective meaning for co-existence, the retreating into nationalism which can be observed everywhere in electoral terms and which comes hand in hand with weakened solidarity towards those beyond national borders, should worry us. It is also our task to promote a vision of the European Union that is not built in opposition to nations but with them.

GEF works with limited resources and the impressive number of activities which this report summarises would not have been possible without the work and motivation of the small team who carry out the daily work of the foundation, or the strong links of cooperation which have been built up over the years with the national foundations, whom we hereby wish to thank for their participation.

2014 brought many changes for our team, in particular the departure of Leonore Gewessler who was responsible for the direction of the foundation since its creation, seconded by that of Marina Barbalata who oversaw GEF's projects. Without their personal

qualities, the foundation would not be what it is today and we wish to convey to them our heartfelt thanks. Claude Weinber, secretary-general of GEF since 2008, also left us, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours. Sadly, another entirely unforeseen departure, painfully affected our team: Benoit Lechat, editor-in-chief of the Green European Journal, died following a brief illness, earlier this year. In his final message, he requested that we continue the work of the Journal, about which he was immensely passionate.

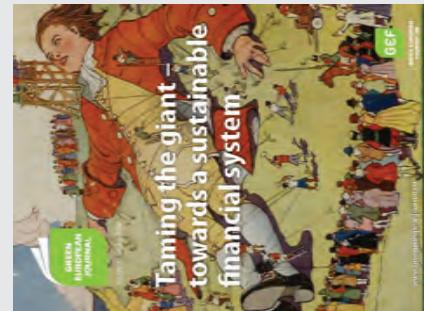
Emerging from these multiple challenges, GEF continues its path with a renewed team, under the direction of Aurélie Maréchal, Secretary-General and Director since September 2014. With the support of the members of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly, we are full of confidence as we move into this new phase.

April 2015

Pierre Jonckheer and Susanne Rieger,
Co-Presidents of the Green European
Foundation

GEF Projects: Study and debate

Encouraging European-level study and debate has always been central to GEF's efforts. Exchanging and developing new ideas are the hallmarks of the truly active public space we are contributing to create. To this end, GEF carries out and invests in research on a variety of European topics, highlighting innovative Green approaches. The results are disseminated through publications but are also debated in public conferences and seminars across Europe.



One of the core GEF projects encouraging green debates at European level is the Green European Journal (GEJ). As GEF's online journal, the GEJ publishes outstanding articles of interest to the Green movement across Europe. It seeks to spark debate around key issues at the forefront of the political debate in Europe. Since its launch in 2012, the GEJ has covered a range of topics, including austerity, inequality, food and green industry. The GEJ is available at www.greeneuropeanjournal.eu, where partners can also submit articles that may be of interest to other Greens.

Through a range of publications, we have continued working in 2014 to break down the barriers between Europe and its citizens and to provide the tools necessary for them to engage in shaping the continent's future. Check out all our latest publications at <http://gef.eu/publications/>

In 2014, the Green European Journal published three quarterly online editions and one printed edition on topics as diverse as finance, democracy, climate change or an overview of other key Green policy areas ahead of the European elections. Alongside the editions, the website continued to expand to offer a range of articles on a wide variety of issues. The website was given a refresh to make it more user-friendly and attractive to readers.

Moreover, the Journal continued to focus on networking and promotion in 2014. The network of correspondents and the network of partner publications expanded significantly.

A number of events were organised throughout the year, and these included panel debates, workshops and the second annual correspondents meeting. Thanks to the promotion efforts, the readership of the Journal continued to grow.

An important area of expansion in 2014 was the languages available on the GEJ website. Effort was put into ensuring that articles were available in many languages, on the website as in the editions. Articles in a number of new languages were added to the GEJ website in 2014, which now also offers texts in Catalan, Turkish, Hungarian, Finnish, Greek, Swedish and Portuguese, bringing the total number of languages on the website to 12.



information on how the EU operates: what the different institutions do, how decisions are made, how EU law is enforced and how the EU is funded. It also includes a discussion on the challenges of EU democracy, and highlights Greens' proposals to make the Union more transparent and sustainable.

2014 was a milestone year for **Europe for Beginners: A Green Guide to the EU** – with a new title and a fresh format, this fully updated and revised edition of what was previously called the Manual for Europe carries on GEF's mission to bring Europe closer to citizens in order to foster greater involvement and awareness of the European Union and its politics. Through an accessible and reader-friendly format, Europe for Beginners presents some of the most useful

Europe for beginners

Green voices from the European Parliament

Green visions on Europe are also to be found in **Class of 2014: New Green Voices in the European Parliament**, produced in cooperation with the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament and the Heinrich Böll Foundation European Union. This collection of articles, available in English, French, German and in the authors' languages, looks at the

expectations and plans of 12 newly elected Green Members of the European Parliament.



The Carbon Bubble's Risk

As part of GEF's Green New Deal Series, the study **Carbon Bubble: The Price of Doing too Little too Late**, was published in collaboration with the Green Group in the European Parliament. Later translated into German, this very successful publication looks at the risk faced by financial institutions from the overvaluation of fossil fuels and the potential consequences should this "carbon bubble" burst, in the context of climate change.

Sustainable Finance and Economy

With **Money for change: The financial sector in the green economic transformation, and The Role of State Aid in creating a Green Economy**, GEF explored various questions and challenges posed by the Green transformation of our economic system from a European perspective.

These publications look at various public and private models to ensure sustainability in the economic and financial system. The studies are available on the GEF website in English and German. Finally, GEF published an accessible executive summary of a study entitled **A Post-Growth Society for the 21st Century**, previously undertaken by the Green

Group in the European Parliament. Available in English, French, German and Spanish, this short publication looks at ways to ensure prosperity in an era of uncertain or even non-existent economic growth.

TARANTO : the toxic economy

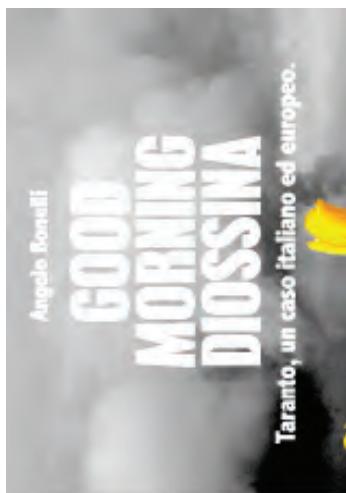
*With the support of Fondazione Eco Onlus,
Italy*

This study discusses the ecological conversion of highly polluted industrial cities, taking the example of the Italian city of Taranto. **Good morning Diodossina: Taranto, un caso italiano ed europeo** was published in Italian by GEF, while the research was developed on the ground in Italy.

Meeting the Climate Challenge

With the support of Fondation de l'Ecologie Politique, France

Ahead of the UN COP21 climate negotiations, taking place in 2015 in Paris, GEF and the Fondation de l'Ecologie Politique have produced a publication looking 20 years ahead. **Paris Climat 2015, 20 ans après** is a collection of essays in French adopting an optimistic approach about how the world could look 20 years from now if the COP21 talks are a success.



Campaign Handbook

The Green European Foundation first developed the **Campaign Handbook** in 2010 as an online platform that was both a manual on campaigning for green activists, and a platform of exchange of knowledge and experience for green campaigners. In 2014 a print edition of the handbook was developed, including updates to reflect the latest changes in the field of political campaigning. This manual is meant to equip readers with the tools and knowledge to engage in efficient campaigns, at the local, national or European level. Additionally, the online platform has been integrated to GEF's main website (www.gef.eu).

Collection d'essais
de prospective climatique (optimiste)

Deeper into Europe

**With the support of Bureau de Helling
Utrecht, The Netherlands, January-February
2014**

This lecture series touched upon key questions about how the EU works, as well as policy issues that are likely to shape the next legislature of the European Parliament. The idea was to show the relevance of European Parliament elections from a Green perspective. Over the six lectures, the following topics were discussed: the history

and set-up of the EU (Kathalijne Buitenveld), the monetary union (Jasper Blom), green economy (Philippe Lamberts, MEP), EU energy and agriculture policy (Bas Eickhout, MEP), social equality (Tineke Strik) and EU democracy (Thomas Decreus).

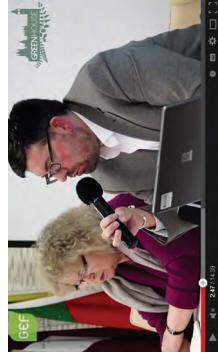
As part of the project, a few articles were produced together with Bureau de Helling

Greening the EU

**With the support of Green House think tank
London, UK, 14 February 2014**

How Green is the EU and how can it improve? This was the underlying question of a debate in London, discussing the future of Europe from a Green, but at the same time British perspective. The conference started from

the study "Greening the EU" by University of Surrey academic Alex Warleigh-Lack. The event also presented GEF's "Creating a People's Europe" video and was documented by a video summarising the debate.



Green New Deal Conference Series

Organised for the Greens/EFA group in cooperation with the Heinrich Böll Stiftung Prague office, Prague, Czech Republic, February-March 2014

This project included a series of four conferences in Prague on policy issues key to the Green New Deal: data protection (19 February, with Jan Philipp Albrecht MEP), Green industry (4 March, with Reinhard Bütkofer, MEP), food and consumers' rights (6 March, with Eva Lichtenberger MEP), and energy policy (18 March, with Rebecca Harms, MEP). The project was a good opportunity to bring together Czech and

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and Oikos on the 100th anniversary of the First World War. These articles were promoted in a dedicated newsletter of the Green European Journal.

Socio-Ecological Reindustrialisation: Seminar Series

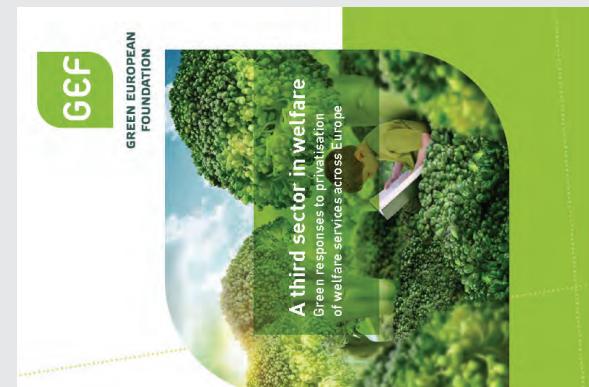
The transnational seminar series approached a variety of crucial issues in the area of socio-ecological reindustrialisation, such as: How can bottom-up initiatives work together with existing industries towards socio-ecological reindustrialisation? What are the possibilities and what are the challenges on the road to such a sustainable economy? Coordinated by the Green European Foundation the project With the support of: Grüne Bildungswerkstatt (AT), Oikos (BE), HBS Croatia, Green Foundation Ireland, Fundacio Nous Horizonts (ES), Greek Green Institute, Ecopolis (Hungary)

involved seven other partners from across Europe and saw six public seminars and conferences organised in Vienna, Dublin, Zagreb, Athens, Barcelona and Brussels between September and December 2014.



Privatisation of Public Services

With the support of: Cogito, Ecopolis and Fundacion EQUO



This cooperation between three GEF member foundations in the framework of GEF looked at the privatisation and deregulation of the public welfare system, focusing on primary education, health care, eldercare and care for the disabled. Case studies were developed in 5 countries: Sweden, Hungary, Spain, Germany and the UK, and a complementary survey assessing European Green positions on privatisation of welfare was sent out to representatives of Green parties and foundations. The main findings are to be found in the online publication A third sector in welfare: Green responses to privatisation of welfare services across Europe. Seminars on the results of the studies were organised in Sweden, Spain and Hungary. These events checked for trends of similarities and differences between the North, South and East of Europe.

Both of these projects were successful experiments in transnational projects, in which the content was developed by several partners across Europe, and the findings shared across borders. Both projects are meant to continue in 2015. This new format, which allows for a large amount of space for exchanging and learning from each other, was considered very enriching for GEF and its partners and constitutes a model to follow for GEF in the coming years.

Green New Deal and Democracy in Spain
 With the support of Fundacion EQUO (Spain) and Fundacion Nous Horitzons (Catalunya)
 Spain, January-December 2014

GEF put a special focus on Spain in 2014, investing in several conferences, video promotion, summer universities and e-learning. A first series of conferences on the Green New Deal was organised in Madrid and several other cities from January to

April to look at various aspects of the topic: job creation, reindustrialisation, agriculture, energy, etc. The issues of reindustrialisation and public water management were further discussed in Barcelona in Autumn. The theme of democracy was also developed through

Local Governance, Green Visions
 With the support of Strefa Zieleni, Poland
 Warsaw, Poland, 12-13 September 2014

GEF and Strefa Zieleni organised a conference for Green local councillors highlighting best practices of local governance in the fields of public transportation and mobility, health care, education, space management, energy

policy, biodiversity protection, and citizens' participation. Several Green MEPs and Green mayors from France, Germany and Poland attended the event.



Europe for Everyone
 With the support of Heinrich Boell Stiftung (Croatia) Croatia, May-December 2014

The project aimed to develop a transnational forum for political debate of green movements from the so-called EU periphery, with a focus on three regions: Eastern Europe countries (Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic), Balkan countries (Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Southern European countries (Spain, Greece and Italy). The idea was to intensify an exchange of views on topics such as migration, European

integration and cohesion, and green economy and increase networking, knowledge building and fostering mutual support between green groups in these regions.

A first activity in the event took place on May 12-13 in Zagreb and discussed EU migration policy and its impact in the EU periphery. The second activity was the Green Academy on the island of Vis (23 - 29 August), which discussed the "ecological transformation and governance of the commons". Last but not least, a conference was organised on 11 December 2014, assessing Croatian views on EU integration one year after their accession to the EU.

the presentation of the GEF documentary "Creating a People's Europe" in several cities, as well as conferences in Madrid and Barcelona on EU democracy, local participation, transparency and anti-fascism.

GEF Projects: Education and training

Another core area of GEFs work in 2014 was the promotion of Green education and training across Europe. This is provided through transnational workshops, seminars and e-learning and helps to train Green activists on European key issues. The seminars provide the opportunity for Green actors from all around Europe to exchange ideas and experiences and build common Green solutions to the challenges Europe faces.

European Youth Dialogue 2014
In cooperation with: Heinrich Böll Stiftung (Greece) Thessaloniki, Greece, 8 -11 May 2014

The "European Youth Dialogue 2014" brought 80 young Europeans to Thessaloniki, the capital of northern Greece and Youth Capital of Europe in 2014, to discuss their ideas and hopes for the future, to design common projects, and get motivated to strengthen



their actions for "reclaiming their future". The event was coordinated by the Greek office of the Heinrich Böll Stiftung, in cooperation with the Green European Foundation.

promoter in the world. 24 participants from 13 countries, selected via an open call for participants, attended the event.

This seminar aimed to discuss questions related to European democracy at various levels. First, it looked into democracy and legitimacy questions at the EU level of politics and discussed the Green solutions to make the EU more legitimate in the eyes of EU citizens. Secondly, it tackled the question of what the EU can do to safeguard democratic standards within its Member States. Finally, it discussed the role of the EU as a democracy

Seminar on European Democracy
Brussels, Belgium, 6-7 June 2014

Europe Ahead

*With the support of Green Forum, Sweden
Belgrade, Serbia, 3-5 October 2014*

GEF supported a regional green academy organised in Ukraine with participants from the whole region which looked at the Ukrainian situation and at the main challenges facing Green movements in the region, exchanging best practices and projects ideas to overcome them.

EU Asylum and Refugee Policy

Sofia, Bulgaria, 17 - 18 October 2014

Starting from a project proposal from Bulgaria, and making links to the work in Malta and Greece, this GEF seminar discussed European asylum and refugee policy and its impact on the European periphery. Given the relevance of the topic of the seminar for current political discussions, an open call for participants was launched in order to ensure a wide European participation.

Reaching out to Europe

With the support of the Federation of Young European Greens and the Cooperation and Development Network in Eastern Europe (CDN) Tbilisi, Georgia, 27 - 30 November 2014

The project set out to monitor in a first stage the discourse on further EU enlargement of the main European parties and of EU governments. This monitoring, done with the support of the Cooperation and Development Network in Eastern Europe (CDN) resulted in a report reflecting the current debates on EU enlargement and collecting pro and con arguments enlarging EU membership, with a focus on the Balkan region. The report was discussed in Belgrade from 3 to 5 October.

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This seminar, developed with the support of the Young Greens network in Eastern Europe, dealt with the question of the EU-Eastern Partnership, especially in view of recent developments on the Union's Eastern borders. The Heinrich Böll Foundation in Tbilisi assisted in the event, while political input will be ensured by collaborating with the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament.

Seminar on Climate Policies

In cooperation with Federation of Young European Greens
Brussels, Belgium – 8-13 December 2014

As part of GEFs educational effort towards the COP 21 in Paris, the foundation got involved in the seminar on climate policies of the Federation of Young European Greens, supporting it with contacts and ensuring the participation of a larger base of experts.

GEF e-learning Development
With the support of Green Thought Association (Turkey), Cogito (Sweden) and Fundacion EQUO (Spain)

GEF continued its efforts in the area of e-learning which started in 2013 as an attempt at creating a training plan for Green activists. Several platform were developed further in three countries: Spain, Turkey and Sweden. In Spain, several modules were developed to tackle basic political concepts, democracy, green thinking and the EU. In Turkey, online lectures and evaluations were combined with face-to-face workshops in a general introduction to EU political ecology. To support the lectures, articles on fracking were translated and published into Turkish. In Sweden, Cogito developed an online learning platform about how decision making takes places in the EU, based on a concrete

GEF online: In 2014, the three main GEF website were updated and redesigned to ensure a more user-friendly navigation experience and to allow further content development. Have a look and enjoy your surfing experience on www.gef.eu, www.greeneuropeanjournal.eu and www.greennewdeal.eu



Networking and capacity building

Training for Green Candidates

6 - 8 March 2014, Brussels, Belgium

Following a successful first edition in December 2013, GEF offered for a second time this seminar Making the case for Europe aimed at familiarising Green candidates in the upcoming 2014 EP elections with the EU level of policy-making. The course offered candidates a first-hand experience of how "Brussels" works and attempted to develop methods to help candidates bring key European messages into national debates. The aim was twofold: prepare candidates to

run a European election campaign and make their ensuing political practice – be it at sub-national, national or even European level – more "European" from the outset. In total, 27 participants from 15 countries attended. In comparison to the first edition, a big majority of the participants were candidates (including 2 heads of lists). The seminar received excellent evaluations by the participants.

Green Activists Training

11-13 September 2014, Brussels

This year, GEF organised once again the **Greening Europe: Toolkit for the European Green activist**, a transnational training targeting Green activists aimed at enhancing Green activists' interest in EU level politics and to increase their awareness of potential synergies between national and European levels of decision making. Moreover, the

course was meant to introduce participants to the political activity of Greens at European level, and to enable participants with their acquired EU knowledge to act as multipliers of relevant information regarding the European level of policy making.

GEF acts as a framework for cooperation between Green actors at the European level. This is a key element of its work and helps to ensure the sustainability of its activities as the contributions of diverse European partners are vital to create and encourage European debate.



Capacity building on education and training

10 October 2014, Brussels

Following up from last year's networking meeting, we invited again all member foundations to Brussels for a brainstorming and exchange of experiences on the transnational dimension of Green capacity building. The focus was on exchanging best practices between national foundations and discussing the role for GEF in education and training.



Fundraising for Green Political Foundations

5-6 December 2014, Brussels

Following the success of the seminar GEF organised in October 2013 on fundraising, we offered our member foundations the possibility to explore deeper one EU funding programme: Europe for Citizens. The seminar looked at what are the criteria for funding under this programme, what type of projects are eligible, how to write an application and, last but not least, attempted to develop common ideas for projects.



Summer Universities

The **Greening the EU** Summer University took place on 6-8 June 2014 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The course provided a timely opportunity to reflect and explore the issues facing the incoming Parliament and the European Union generally, in the context of rising Euroscepticism both inside and outside the Eurozone.

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On 5-6 July 2014, GEF cooperated with Iniciativa per Catalunya Verds to organise a Green Summer School in Mataró, Catalonia. Under the title **Recovery...but how? Left Green proposals to get out of the crisis**, the course debated various green solutions to get out of the economic crisis.

The **Green Economics Conference** which took place on 9-11 July 2014 in Oxford, United Kingdom, was organised with the support of the Green Economics Institute and provided a platform for study and debate around the following topic: Regression or Progression in the world economic order?, starting from a reflection over the current economic environment characterised by deflation and 'stagflation', and the fact that human civilisation is under threat as the very ground beneath our feet begins to erode.

On 21-23 August, a new opportunity for Greens to debate European topics was provided by GEF and EELV in Bordeaux, France, where **Les Journées d'été d'Europe Écologie Les Verts** (France) engaged participants to discuss, to exchange and to (re-)discover the history of ecology.

The Green alternative summer camp - **Grüne Sommerakademie 2014** took place on 22- 24 August 2014 in Goldegg /Salzburg, Austria. With the support of Die Grüne Bildungswerkstatt, GEF invited participants to address the limitations of the traditional educational and learning understanding; new lifestyles, new ways of thinking; new production models; new societal models.

On 5-6 September, the **5th Edition of the Spanish "univerde"** was held with the title Transparency, participation and sustainability. It focused on new ways of understanding local politics and alternatives to austerity.

GEF workshops at EGP council meetings

Brussels, Belgium, 21 - 22 February 2014
Istanbul, Turkey, 7 - 9 November 2014

GEF attended major European Green events, such as EGP Council meetings, where it organised parallel events to bring together Green activists with an interest in similar topics from different countries and backgrounds.

In the **EGP electoral convention**, GEF was present with a stand showcasing publications and websites. A showing of the film "Creating a people's Europe" was organised, on February 21st, followed by a discussion on the future of Europe with young aspiring MEPs. On February 23rd, GEF arranged a training on the basics of the TTIP. Workshops were also organised for the **EGP council in Istanbul** in

November 2014, one to present the results of the GEF project on privatisation of welfare services; the other around green media and their role in citizens' struggles in Europe.



Board and General Assembly Meetings

Four Board Meetings and two General Assembly meetings were organised in Brussels in order to align our partners' interests and create a common vision for the organisation's future.



GEF structure and people 2014

The People of GEF in 2014

Full Members:

Juan Behrend (European Green Party - EGP)
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GEF Finances 2014

GEF is co-funded by the European Parliament on an annual basis since September 2008. It means that 85% of its total yearly budget comes from an annual grant awarded by the European Parliament to Political Foundations at European level. For GEF, this funding is mainly linked to the size of the Green Group in the European Parliament. 15% of the budget must come from own resources, mainly brought in by members and partners of GEF supporting the activities implemented with their support.

| EXPENDITURE | EURO |
|---|--------------|
| A.1: Personnel costs | 269.539,15 |
| 1. Salaries | 140.002,69 |
| 2. Contributions | 83.549,26 |
| 3. Professional training | 2.221,85 |
| 4. Staff mission expenses | 11.094,05 |
| 5. Other personnel costs | 32.671,30 |
| A.2: Infrastructure and operating costs | 88.516,68 |
| 1. Rent, charges and maintenance costs | 60.896,09 |
| 2. Costs relating to the installation, operation and maintenance of equipment | 5.786,68 |
| 3. Depreciation of movable and immovable property | 1.212,70 |
| 4. Stationery and office supplies | 3.573,02 |
| 5. Postal and telecommunications charges | 13.056,09 |
| 6. Printing, translation and reproduction costs | 3.992,10 |
| 7. Other infrastructure costs | 0,00 |
| A.3: Administrative expenditure | 57.015,02 |
| 1. Documentation costs (newspapers, press agencies, databases) | 1.730,01 |
| 2. Costs of studies and research | 44.643,34 |
| 3. Legal Costs | 129,55 |
| 4. Accounting and audit costs | 9.518,50 |
| 5. Support to affiliated organisations and subsidies to third parties | 0,00 |
| 6. Miscellaneous administrative costs | 993,62 |
| A.4: Meetings and representation costs | 37.128,31 |
| 1. Costs of meetings of the political foundation | 29.534,26 |
| 2. Participation in seminars and conferences | 4.921,53 |
| 3. Representation costs | 1.741,91 |
| 4. Cost of invitations | 930,61 |
| 5. Other meeting-related costs | 0,00 |
| A.5: Information and publication costs | 546915,42 |
| 1. Publication costs | 166.919,35 |
| 2. Creation and operation of Internet sites | 40.808,37 |
| 3. Publicity costs | 3.650,59 |
| 4. Communications equipment (gadgets) | 123,05 |
| 5. Seminars and exhibitions | 335.414,06 |
| 6. Election campaigns ¹ | 0,00 |
| 7. Other information-related costs | 0,00 |
| A.6: Expenditure relating to contributions in kind | 76.384,98 |
| TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE | 107.5499,56 |
| TOTAL NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE | 0 |
| REVENUE | 1075499,56 |
| European Parliament grant * | 914.174,63 |
| Other own resources (to cover eligible expenditure) | 97.892,09 |
| Contributions in kind | 76.384,98 |
| Revenue to cover non-eligible expenditure | 5,47 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 1.088.457,17 |
| Saldo (own resources to be transferred to the 2015 reserve account) | 12.957,61 |

* Pending European Parliament approval, April 2015

