



**Europeans  
for Safe  
Connections**

# Annual Report 2023

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

AND

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS ELECTED AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

FOR THE YEAR 4/5 2023-31/12 2023

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# Europeans for Safe Connections

## Annual Report 2023

### Part I: Management Report

#### Summary

Europeans for Safe Connections (ESC) was formally established as a European organisation on May 4 2023 under Belgian law. It was the natural inheritance of the ECI<sup>1</sup> Stop 5G – Stay Connected but Protected.

ESC is an umbrella organisation, gathering organisations and groups in Europe that are aware of the health effects of EMFs for man and nature, with the objective to pool our forces, promote understanding of the issue of EHS and EMFs for the public, and influence legislation. We base our views on scientific knowledge and common experience of people.

At the founding meeting the Articles of Association were agreed, the first Management Board was elected, and the first budget was determined. At the conference in Belgium in June the focus of ESC was discussed and working groups were set up.

During the past year the Board, with support of deputies and an advisor, performed all the formalities of registering ESC in Flanders/Belgium. They found a formal location, got a bank account and structured the organisation with working groups and a number of teams.

Connection with politicians and scientists were made, and in close cooperation with member organisations political lobby work was done. The ESC website was set up to reflect our activities, purposes and intentions.

#### The Approach

In ESC we continued the work we began with the ECI Stop 5G.

**Pool the Efforts:** During the ECI campaign, we made contacts with many organisations within Europe and also worldwide, and in ESC we continued to cooperate with EMF conscious organisations enlarging the network.

**Understand the science:** We connected with researchers, since recognition of risks of EMFs for Health of man and nature will only be reached with a scientific base. We made contacts for cooperation with [ICBE-EMF](#) as well as individual scientists.

**Be strong with a clear policy:** Our lobby to the EU continued. Already during the year when we tried to gather the 1 million signatures, we started additional activities to influence the EU regarding their approach to EMFs. See more about this in the paragraph "Have your Say".

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<sup>1</sup> European Citizen Initiative: [Signstop5G -Stay Connected but Protected](#). Was active from March 2022-March 2023

**Communicate:** The new website of ESC was developed. As the former ECI website had its own specific objective, we needed to build a new website. The former website for ECI is still available, and information from it was used to build the present ESC website, which now reflects the objectives of ESC, the setup, the work we are doing and the news related to our cause.

**Cooperate:** In order to have a variety of activities supported by the members, we discussed and agreed on the most important issues for ESC at the conference in Rièzes in June. The selected issues are the base for the working groups. Nearly all work is done through e-mails and video meetings. A safe working environment from the privacy point of view is important, thus ProtonMail and Cryptpad are used. For video meetings we use zoom, but we are working on a safer solution.

## Establishment of ESC

We organised five general meetings with the organisations that wanted to participate in establishing ESC. A temporary board was created to do the practical preparatory work: Legal form, Articles of Association, formal objectives, country of registration, legal and financial issues, membership. The temporary board consisted of Pernille Schriver, Charlotte Ryø, Corriëlle van Vuuren, Giorgio Cinciripini and Rob van der Boom.

At the first General Assembly of Europeans for Safe Connection, the organisation was formally established. At the video meeting of 5 and 12 May 2023 there was a good representation of the members with 22 founding member organisation and 2 individual supporters. The first board was elected with 7 Members and 2 deputies. During the year 2023 an advisor replaced a deputy and later 2 additional deputies were added to the Board.

At the first General Assembly the following objectives of ESC were decided. They are part of our Articles of Association:

- (1) To constitute a powerful alliance of organizations in Europe that will work together in order to obtain better regulation and a general understanding and acceptance in society that EMFs<sup>2</sup> (from now on called EMFs) have adverse effects on life and the environment.  
Individuals may participate in the alliance under special terms.
- (2) To ensure the free flow of knowledge and freedom of speech about EMF and its effects on humans, flora and fauna for the benefit of people's understanding, freedom of choice and self-determination.

## The organisation of ESC

*The Board Composition:*

Chair: Rob van der Boom - Netherlands

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<sup>2</sup> Artificial, non-ionizing electromagnetic fields from 0-300 GHz.

Co-Chair: Pernille Schriver – Denmark  
Secretary: Charlotte Ryø – Denmark  
Treasurer: Giorgio Cinciripini – Italy  
Member: Kamil Bartošák – Czech Republic  
Member: Fina Carpena – Spain  
Member: Per Segerbäck – Sweden

*Deputies to the Board:*

Elisabeth Madsen – Germany  
Petra Bertova – Slovakia  
Judith Gonzales de Heredia – Spain

During the year a number of **working groups** and **teams** have been created. The **working groups** are intended to promote the objectives of ESC and cooperation between our member organisations. All information concerning objectives and results of the working groups may be found at [www.ESC-info.eu](http://www.ESC-info.eu) The **teams** focus on the daily work and organisation of ESC.

***Working groups of ESC by the end of 2023:***

- Health (with ICD-11)
- White Zone Group
- Technical Solutions
- EMF Protection for Children
- Law & Politics
- Education
- Smart Meters
- Have your say (consultation answers to the EU Commission)

During year 2023 the working groups became active. Have a look [here](#) to see what their focus and activities are.

***Teams of ESC by the end of 2023:***

- Conference 2024
- Fund raising
- Newsletter
- Press/PR
- Web page group

## **Highlights of ESC activities in 2023**

### ***Conference 2023***

We were invited by friends from Belgium to participate in organising the second EHS gathering in Belgium. The invitation came from "Ma Vie en Mode Avion" (My life in Airplane Mode) and "Un Lieu de Vie pour EHS" (A place to Live with EHS). The EHS gathering was supported by about 20 organisations from around Europe. Michèle Rivasi (EU MEP in the group Les Vert/ALE) supported the conference financially.

It was a great opportunity to come together after years of video meetings. Together we made the program for the gathering. The conference was programmed the day after the international EHS day, June 16. The Saturday was focussing on the issues related to EMFs, like how to protect yourself, what is 5G and what are the implications, politics related to EMFs and Health, EHS, and anti antenna projects around Europe. The Sunday was dedicated to creating working groups within ESC. We started out with workshops that had various goals and tasks determined by the members, and these have since developed into working groups that are forwarding the goals of ESC. Above in the para 'Organisation' you may find the ESC working groups. All information and video of the EHS Gathering is to be found at the website of [www.mavieenmodeavion.com](http://www.mavieenmodeavion.com).

### ***Connections with the EU Parliament***

The number of Members of the EU Parliament conscious of the risks of EMFs for health and nature is rather limited at this time. But Michèle Rivasi from the Greens in the EP has been most supportive to our work. She and her team invited us to the EP to present the **ECI Stop 5G** and the **Establishment of ESC**.

Some months later we were invited to participate in a second workshop organised at the EU Parliament. This workshop was titled **EHS: The State of Science**.

A third workshop in the European Parliament organised by Michèle Rivasi and her team, was in November where the film "**The Digital Dilemma**" from Klaus Scheidsteger was presented.

We received a lot of support from Michèle Rivasi who had a view on the risks of EMFs similar to ours. We were more than sorry when the sad news came of her [sudden death](#) due to a heart attack on November 29 2023.

### ***Consultation answers to EU***

"Have your say" is the opportunity within the EU regulatory system for Citizens to give their view on new policies and new/amended rules, in agreement with the [Aarhus Convention](#).

We began to use this possibility during the ECI Stop 5G campaign. Since April 2022 until the establishment of ESC we made 33 replies to the EU. It shows that a lot of initiatives in the EU were directly or indirectly related to the themes of our ECI. They are available at the ECI website [here](#). After establishing ESC, we made another 6 responses in 2023. These may be found [here](#). Where needed the "Have your say" working group cooperates with the working group Law & Politics.

### ***The working group Law & Politics***

This working group began right after the Conference in 2023 with a focus on the Gigabit Infrastructure Act (GIA), the regulation that will speed up the roll-out of 5G. The effort to influence EU and National politicians was done in close cooperation with Priartem (Fr). Various letters to MEPs, national and local politicians were sent. The work is still going on.

Last December a Have Your Say consultation response was given by Law and Politics on the *SCHEER Preliminary Opinion on potential health effects of exposure to*

*electromagnetic fields (EMF) – Update with regard to frequencies between 1Hz and 100 kHz.* ESC explained the shortcomings and faulty conclusions in this Preliminary Opinion.

## **International cooperation**

### ***Phone Gate***

The cooperation with PhoneGate already started during the ECI. After the French authorities found several mobile phones exceeding the permitted limits for the Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) of electromagnetic radiation, PhoneGate and ESC started to address other European authorities on this because these phones are endangering the health of consumers and are used all over Europe. In 2022/2023, we, together with the help of local members, contacted regulators in 12 EU countries and discovered that there was no independent pre-market testing of wireless devices on a regular basis.

Although the French authorities had found many non-compliant devices, they had incorrectly not registered them in international systems for consumer protection. This negligence resulted in inactivity in the other Member States. Then we sent a letter to all 704 MEPs, 69 national consumer protection agencies, and most of the whole EU Commission complaining about the unsatisfactory situation.

The Polish MEP Beata Mazurek addressed our request to the Commission via a Parliamentary Question. In September 2023, the European Commissioner for the Internal Market confirmed the European Commission's position that it is the exclusive responsibility of member states and their surveillance authorities to declare non-compliant cell phones and remove them from the EU market.

### ***ICBE-EMF***

The International Commission on Biological Effects of EMFs, the counterpart of ICNIRP, was established in 2021. ICBE-EMF gave a video lecture at the EHS event in Rièzes/Belgium. The lecture was about the scientific information available about the biological effects of EMFs and the way the precautionary principle should be applied given the scientific evidence available. We also actively supported this commission in 2023 on their tour to present ICBE-EMF in Europe.

## Part II FINANCIAL REPORT

In mid November a bank account was opened in Triodos Bank in Belgium. Therefore the ESC financial year only consists of 1.5 months. From May to November costs were paid in advance by board members.

According to Belgian law, a formal financial overview follows below. And for ESC we present a more detailed overview.

### Explanation

#### ***Revenue and expenditures***

Entrance:

- 18 out of 26 members paid the agreed fees,
- 1 individual member made a donation.
- In total, the entrance fees amounted to €6.996, which can be compared to the budgeted amount of €4.900.

Expenditures:

- The resulting registration costs were € 233. Registration expenses totalled €423, including €190 for (unnecessary) additional fee, which has been reimbursed.
- Only a few 'start-up' costs were incurred.
- Budget was reserved for a publicity campaign. As this campaign did not take place in 2023, no expenses were made.
- The ICT costs were kept to a minimum this year as the ICT tools are partly still under consideration. Finding the appropriate low budget tools with a high level of privacy protection was not finished by the end of 2023.

Assets at the End of 2023:

- The bank account balance stood at €6.056.
- It is proposed to add € 5.056 to the expenditure reserve
- It is proposed to add € 1.000 to the continuation reserve, to prevent bankruptcy of ESC in case of lack of fees coming in.

#### ***Budget 2024***

The first 8 expenditure posts are needed as a base for the work of ESC.

We expect to spend money on marketing material to be used in activities to be determined and we expect to use it at the conference 2024

Next to the conference, currently 2 projects are being planned in cooperation with member organisations.

#### ***Preliminary Budget 2025***

The set up of this budget is based on the budget for 2024. However, at this time it is difficult for us to foresee the expenditures for 2025. But a next moment to decide about it will be spring 2025, and some expenses are to be expected before that time. So, we need a preliminary budget. The final budget will be decided about at the GA in spring 2025.



## Cash auditing of the annual financial statement 2023 of the organisation Europeans for Safe Connections (ESC)

1. The annual financial statement 2023 of the ESC was audited by Guy Lerat as a representative of the organisation „Un lieu de vie pour EHS asbl“ (Belgium) and Bettina Stöhr as a representative of the organisation „gesund verNETZt e.V.“ (Germany).

2. Guy Lerat and Bettina Stöhr were elected as cash auditors at the ESC General Assembly of October 26, 2023.

3. Participants were Guy Lerat and Bettina Stöhr as cash auditors as well as Giorgio Cinciripini as cashier of the ESC.

4. The cash auditing took place as an online video-conference at Thursday, March 14th, 2023, from 19:30 to 20:30. Additionally, Bettina Stöhr checked the original bank statements at Friday, March 15th, 2023, from 21:30-21:45.

6. Since ESC does not have an analog cash box, the content of the auditing was limited to checking the bank transactions. This was done via excel and pdf files, that were exported from the access database that contained the financial statement of the year 2023, as well as a screensharing of the original receipts, in form of pdf or emails. The original database as well as the banking statements and the respective receipts of 2023 were also provided via download.

7. Since the bank account only existed since November 2023, the auditors asked for explanations of the contents of the individual expense transactions and checked most respective receipts. There were no objections to any of the transactions. Questions regarding content and reasoning of some transactions were answered promptly and fully. Some receipts containing payments for webspace and domain were missing, but the amounts were small and well within usual fees for both


### Declaration

The cash auditors could view all necessary transactions and most receipts. A missing receipt was accounted for reasonably. The receipts were stored in a clear structure, and all questions were answered fully and promptly. Accounting and financial statement conform with the articles of association of the ESC as well as general legal requirements.

The cash auditors therefore recommend the discharge of the management board.

March 15th, 2023

Signatures

  
 Adm un lieu de vie pour EHS ASBL

[Guy Lerat]



[Bettina Stöhr]

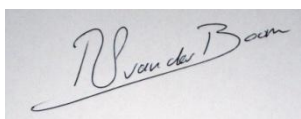
## Signatures

### Signatures of the Board of Directors

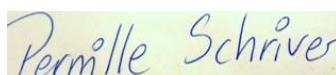
The Board of Directors of Europeans for Safe Connections has considered and adopted the following financial statements for the year 2023, which are hereby recommended for approval by the General Assembly.

*Belgium 20/3/2024*

**Chair: Rob van der Boom**



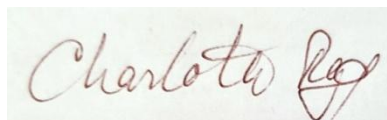
**Vice Chair: Pernille Schriver**



**Treasurer: Giorgio Cinciripini**



**Secretary: Charlotte Ryø**



**Member Kamil Bartošák**



**Member Per Segerbäck**



**Member Fina Carpena**



## Statement of revenue and expenditure 2023 in detail

Expenditure details	Budget	Actual	Revenue details	Budget	Actual
<b>Goods and Services</b>			<b>Membership fees</b>		
			Fees 18 member organisations	4900	6428
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4900</b>	<b>6428</b>
<b>Remunerations</b>			<b>Donations</b>		
	0	0		0	378
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>378</b>
<b>Services and various goods</b>			<b>Grants</b>		
NGO Registration/Maintenance	250	423			
Bank costs opening and yearly	100	25			
Traveling costs	2000	96			
Phone costs					
Project costs					
Insurance	200	0			
Website - domain and IT technic	1000	123			
ICT software (bookkeeping, comr	500	0			
Tax	0	0			
Rent	0	0			
ESC Marketing materials					
Business Cards	100	164			
Flyers	500	0			
Roll ups	250	0			
Logo	0	0			
Gift	0	109			
<b>Total</b>	<b>4900</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other expenditures</b>			<b>Other Revenues</b>		
					190
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>4900</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>4900</b>	<b>6996</b>

<b>Budget 2024 in detail</b>					
<b>Expenditure details</b>		<b>Budget</b>		<b>Revenue details</b>	
<b>Goods and Services</b>				<b>Membership fees</b>	
				Fees member organisations	7610
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7610</b>
<b>Remunerations</b>				<b>Donations</b>	
		0	0		359
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>359</b>
<b>Services and various goods</b>				<b>Grants</b>	
NGO Registration/Maintenance		250			
Bank costs		100			
Traveling costs		720			
Phone costs		100			
Tax		0			
Insurance		500			
Rent		10			
ICT software (website, secure pla		620			
<b>ESC Marketing materials</b>					
Business Cards		100			
10.000 Brochures M65		400			
10 Rollup Standard, 85 x 200 cm		650			
2 Wingflag System, inkl. Druck, 67 x 231 cm		265			
2 pvc banners		150			
<b>Project costs</b>					
SCHEER project (Priartem)		500			
International Conference in Germany		4500			
Silent Spring (Diagnose: Funk)		1000			
Unforseeable (new activities, materials, payback, etc.)		3160			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13025</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other expenditures</b>				<b>Other Revenues</b>	
Continuation reserve		1000			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total expenditures</b>		<b>14025</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>7969</b>
				<b>Capital transferred to 2024</b>	<b>6056</b>
				<b>Total</b>	<b>14025</b>

<b>Preliminary Budget 2025 in detail</b>					
<b>Expenditure details</b>	<b>Budget</b>		<b>Revenue details</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Goods and Services</b>			<b>Membership fees</b>		
			Fees member organisations	9000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>9000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Remunerations</b>			<b>Donations</b>		
	0	0		580	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Services and various goods</b>			<b>Grants</b>		
NGO Registration/Maintenance	250				
Bank costs	100				
Traveling costs	1000				
Phone costs	100				
Tax	0				
Insurance	500				
Rent	10				
ICT software (website, secure pla	620				
<b>ESC Marketing materials</b>					
Business Cards	100				
10.000 Brochures M65	400				
<b>Project costs</b>					
International Conference	4500				
Project 1	1000				
Project 2	500				
Project 3	500				
Unforeseeable (new activities, materials, payback, etc.)	1000				
<b>Total</b>	<b>10580</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other expenditures</b>			<b>Other Revenues</b>		
Continuation reserve	2000				
<b>Total</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>12580</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>9580</b>	<b>0</b>
			<b>Capital transferred to 2025</b>	<b>3000</b>	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>12580</b>	

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Annex B

### Statement of revenue and expenditure

Expenditures		Revenues	
Description	Amount	Description	Amount
Goods and services	0,00	Members hip fees	6428,00
Remunerations	0,00	Donations and legacies	377,82
Services and various goods	939,93	Grants	0,00
Other expenditures	0,00	Other revenues	190,00
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>939,93</b>	<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>6995,82</b>

Annex C

### Explanatory notes to the Financial Statements

<b>1. Summary of valuation rules</b>
The association has no assets, so there is no necessity of valuation rules
<b>2. Adjustment of valuation rules</b>
<b>3. Additional information</b>

#### 4. Statement of assets

Property		Debts	
Description	Amount	Description	Amount
Immovable property belonging to the association in full ownership	0,00	Financial Debts	0,00
Other immovable property	0,00		
Machinery belonging to the association in full ownership	0,00	Debts to suppliers	0,00
Other machinery	0,00		
Movable property and rolling stock belonging to the association in full ownership	0,00	Liabilities to members	6056,00
Other movable property	0,00		
Stocks	0,00	Fiscal, salary and social debts	0,00
Debt claims	0,00	Other debts	0,00
Money investments	0,00		
Liquidities	6056,00		
Other assets	0,00		
Rights		Liabilities	
Description	Amount	Description	Amount
Grants promised	0,00	Mortgages and mortgage promises	0,00
Donations promised	0,00	Guarantees given	0,00
Other rights	0,00	Other commitments	0,00

<b>5. Significant rights and obligations that cannot be reflected in figures.</b>
None

Signed at the General Assembly 25 April 2024

Giorgio Cinciripini  
Treasurer

Rob van der Boom  
Chairman of the Board