

**Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of  
Support to Human Rights Defenders  
Central Business Registration No: 28 47 85 26**

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**Annual Report 2018**

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## Foundation details

### Foundation

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Marc Schade-Poulsen

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### Management

Anne-Sophie Schaeffer, Programme Director

### Auditor

Deloitte Statsautoriseret Revisionspartnerselskab

Adopted, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019



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Kamel Jendoubi, Treasurer

## Statement by Board and Management on the annual report

The Board and the Management have today considered and approved the annual report of Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2018.

The annual report is presented in accordance with the Danish Act on Foundations and Associations.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Foundation's financial position at 31 December 2018 and of the results of its operations for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2018.

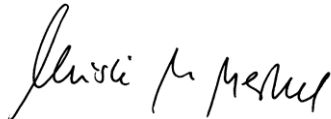
We believe that the management commentary contains a fair review of the affairs and conditions referred to therein.

Paris, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Board



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President



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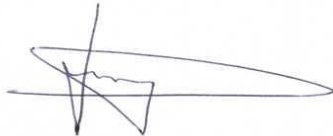
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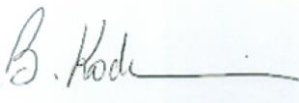


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Programme Director

## **Independent auditor's report**

### **To the Board of the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders for the financial year 01.01.2018 - 31.12.2018, which comprise the accounting policies, income statement, balance sheet and notes. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as described in the Summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Foundation's financial position at 31.12.2018 and of the results of its operations for the financial year 01.01.2018- 31.12.2018 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as described in the Summary of significant accounting policies.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and additional requirements applicable in Denmark. Our responsibilities under those standards and requirements are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of this auditor's report. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **The Board and Management's responsibilities for the financial statements**

The Board and Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as described in the Summary of significant accounting policies, and for such internal control as the Board and Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board and Management is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern, and for using the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements unless the Board and Management either intends to liquidate the Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are 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 financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board and Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board and Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events and conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation'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 financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and contents of the financial statements, including the disclosures in the notes, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that gives a true and fair view.

We communicate with those charged with governance 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.

#### **Statement on the Board and Management commentary**

The Board and management are responsible for the Board and Management commentary.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the Board and Management commentary, and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the Board and Management commentary and, in doing so, consider whether the Board and Management commentary is materially consistent

with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Moreover, it is our responsibility to consider whether the Board and Management commentary provide the information required under generally accepted accounting principles.

Based on the work we have performed, we conclude that the Board and Management commentary is in accordance with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. We did not identify any material misstatement in the Board and Management commentary.

Copenhagen, 14-06-2019

**Deloitte**

Statsautoriseret Revisionspartnerselskab  
Business Registration No 33 96 35 56



Mogens Michael Henriksen  
State-Authorised Public Accountant  
Identification number (MNE) mne23309

## **Board and Management commentary**

In the Board and Management's opinion, all information material to the assessment of the Foundation's financial position, the results for the year and the financial development is disclosed in the financial statements and in this report.

After the balance sheet date, no significant events have occurred which are considered to have a material effect on the assessment of the financial statements.

### **Main activity**

The Foundation aims at supporting human rights organizations and defenders in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The Foundation is established as a legal independent entity in Denmark and the Board, the highest authority of the Foundation, consists of an equal number of EU and non-EU-resident members who fulfil their functions on a voluntary basis.

For further description of the activities, we refer to the "Annual Activity Report" which is published on the website (<http://emhrf.org/>) or can be obtained at the office in Copenhagen.

### **The financial development and activities during 2018**

The activities of the Foundation proceeded well and increased by 6% in 2018, compared to 2017. Activities and services in support of human rights defenders (HRDs) accounted for 77% of the Foundation's overall budget whereas administrative and staff expenditure was capped at 23%. Profit for the year amounts to EUR 0.

### **The expected development**

For the financial year 2019, the Board and Management expects activities, notably the emergency support to HRDs, to slightly increase as per decision taken at the Board meeting in October 2018. The income statement is expected to show a profit of approx. EUR 0.

The Foundation has signed a new contract with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and it continues receiving the core support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Sigrid Rausing Trust and the Foundations to Promote Open Society for the year 2019. It also receives project support from the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DAPP) within the framework of the Human Rights and Dialogue Consortium, the European Commission within the framework of the EU HRDs Mechanism and the National Endowment for Democracy for the year 2019.



## **Accounting policies**

### **Basis of preparation**

This annual report has been prepared in accordance with the Danish accounting legislation, generally accepted Danish accounting principles and the provisions of the Danish Act on Foundations and Associations.

The accounting policy is unchanged compared to the previous year and done in accordance with a financial manual that was approved by the Treasurer on October 27, 2017.

The annual report is presented in EUR. The Foundation has used the following rates when converting Swedish kroner (SEK) and Danish kroner (DKK) into euros (EUR):

Rate used DKK - EUR = 7.45

Rate used SEK - EUR = 10.31

### **Recognition and measurement**

Assets are recognized in the balance sheet when it is probable as a result of a prior event that future economic benefits will flow to the Foundation and the value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Liabilities are recognized in the balance sheet when the Foundation has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a prior event and it is probable that future economic benefits will flow out of the Foundation and the value of the liability can be measured reliably.

Income is recognized in the income statement when earned, whereas costs are recognized by the amounts attributable to this financial year.

### **Income statement**

#### **Operating income**

Income is recognized as subsidies are received and used for the proper purpose. Subsidies are recognized when costs are recognized.

#### **Staff costs**

Staff costs comprise salaries and wages as well as social security contributions, pension contributions, etc. for the Foundation's employees.

## Accounting policies

### Activities in Support of HRDs

Expenditure of Activities in Support of HRDs comprises emergency grants and strategic grants to human rights defenders and organizations, including related costs. Costs are recognized when the grant is approved by the Board of the Foundation either through electronic consultations or during Board's meetings.

### Other expenses related to the activities

Other expenses related to the activities include expenses for membership fees, translations, etc.

### Administration expenses

Administration expenses include expenses relating to the Foundation's ordinary activities, including expenses for rental of premises, stationary and office supplies, IT support, audit fees, etc.

### Financial income

Financial income comprises interest income and net capital gains on foreign currency transactions.

### Financial expenses

Financial expenses comprise interest expenses and net capital losses on foreign currency transactions.

### Income tax

Tax for the year, consisting of current tax for the year, is recognized in the income statement by the portion attributable to the taxable profit for the year.

## Balance sheet

### Debtors

Receivables are measured at amortized cost, usually equaling nominal value less write-downs for bad and doubtful debts.

### Cash

Cash comprises bank deposits and cash in hand.

### Provisions

Provisions comprise reserves for future payments of grants.

### Obligations to grantees

Obligations to grantees do not comprise settlement amounts at the balance sheet date regarding grants not yet paid but approved by the Board.

### Other liabilities

Other financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost, which usually corresponds to nominal value.

## Income statement for 2018

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2018 EUR</u>	<u>2017 EUR</u>
Subsidies taken to income	1	2,512,567	2,329,523
Support granted from provisions	6	5,000	5,000
Contribution, other		0	200
<b>Total operating income</b>		<b>2,517,567</b>	<b>2,334,723</b>
<b>Salaries</b>			
Programme Director		78,865	79,404
Regional Coordinator Mashreq		84,157	72,462
Regional Coordinator Mashreq		60,267	65,618
Regional Coaching Coordinator Mashreq		10,000	0
Regional Consultant Maghreb		27,827	26,281
Regional Coordinator Maghreb		17,371	15,182
Regional Coordinator Maghreb		11,115	22,508
Administration and Finances Director		91,175	78,536
Administration and Finances Officer		57,399	62,552
Interns and students		10,456	9,286
In-house accountant / External consultant		553	3,124
Social charges		2,554	2,052
<b>Total salaries</b>		<b>451,739</b>	<b>437,006</b>
<b>Activities in Support of Human Rights Defenders (HRDs)</b>			
Emergency support to HRDs		323,963	362,151
Strategic support to HRDs		1,476,170	1,298,256
Cancelled obligations strategic support to HRDs		-42,591	0
Financial costs related to grant giving		7,254	9,853
Follow-up on support to HRDs (incl. visits)		11,914	9,740
Board meetings		52,286	52,918
Meeting with partners (incl. fundraising)		14,875	39,431
Consultation of the Council of Representatives		27,527	0
<b>Total activities in support of HRDs</b>		<b>1,871,398</b>	<b>1,777,349</b>

## Income statement for 2018

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2018 EUR</u>	<u>2017 EUR</u>
<b>Other Expenses/Services related to the activities</b>			
Membership fees and dues to Foundation's networks		10,358	1,923
Temporary consultations/Researchers contributions		19,660	15,965
Translations		25,331	29,107
Information, publication (incl. website)		2,080	142
<b>Total other expenses/services</b>		<b>57,429</b>	<b>47,137</b>
<b>Administration</b>			
Audit		19,498	10,766
Maintenance of a secure forum and website		4,278	3,356
IT support		23,855	9,107
Rent		49,376	36,452
Office expenses and stationary		9,790	16,907
Bank fees related to administration and salaries		4,792	6,002
Others		25,416	-4,358
<b>Total administration</b>		<b>137,005</b>	<b>78,232</b>
<b>Profit before financial items</b>		<b>-4</b>	<b>0</b>
Financial income	2	4	0
<b>Operating profit</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Tax		0	0
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Proposed distribution of profit</b>			
Distributable capital		0	0
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Balance sheet at 31 December 2018**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2018 EUR</u>	<u>2017 EUR</u>
Cash at bank, basic capital	3	41,313	41,313
<b>Restricted assets</b>		<b>41,313</b>	<b>41,313</b>
Debtors	4	265,541	239,154
Cash at bank and in hand	3	1,998,723	1,333,641
<b>Available assets</b>		<b>2,264,264</b>	<b>1,572,795</b>
<b>Assets</b>		<b>2,305,578</b>	<b>1,614,108</b>

**Balance sheet at 31 December 2018**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2018 EUR</u>	<u>2017 EUR</u>
Basic capital	5	41,313	41,313
Distributable capital	5	14,140	14,140
<b>Equity</b>		<b>55,453</b>	<b>55,453</b>
Provisions for grant support allocated	6	5,000	10,000
<b>Provisions</b>		<b>5,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
Obligations to grantees		772,280	849,555
Other liabilities	7	1,472,844	699,100
<b>Current liabilities</b>		<b>2,245,124</b>	<b>1,548,655</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>2,245,124</b>	<b>1,548,655</b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>		<b>2,305,578</b>	<b>1,614,108</b>

## Notes

	<b>2018</b> <b>EUR</b>	<b>2017</b> <b>EUR</b>
<b>1. Subsidies taken to income</b>		
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)	406,463	318,940
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)	365,958	0
Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DAPP-HRDC)	394,694	204,989
Sigrid Rausing Trust (SRT)	222,124	390,427
European Commission, Egypt	164,548	298,105
European Commission, Syria	20,692	216,239
European Commission, Libya	132,618	145,813
European Commission, EU HRDs Mechanism	223,359	251,672
United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute	166,687	329,689
Open Society Foundations (OSF)	255,035	89,606
Open Society Foundations (PTS)	75,119	0
Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF)	40,813	16,483
National Endowment for Democracy (NED)	44,457	52,187
Network for Social Change (NSC)	0	15,373
	<b>2,512,567</b>	<b>2,329,523</b>
	<b>2018</b> <b>EUR</b>	<b>2017</b> <b>EUR</b>
<b>2. Financial income</b>		
Interest income, banks	4	0
<b>Total financial income</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>2018</b> <b>EUR</b>	<b>2017</b> <b>EUR</b>
<b>3. Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
Jyske Bank A/S 8751 118812-6 (DKK)	41,313	41,313
	<b>41,313</b>	<b>41,313</b>

## Notes

Jyske Bank A/S 8751 118883-7 (DKK)	391,144	107,316
Jyske Bank A/S 8751 120070-7	1,234,336	571,438
Jyske Bank A/S 8751 102123-8	105	5,283
Jyske Bank A/S 8751 103416-5	258,210	213,581
Jyske Bank A/S 8751 105732-3	124	415,022
Jyske Bank A/S 8751 110139-4	0	(4)
Jyske Bank A/S 8751 122150-5 (DKK)	41	41
Jyske Bank A/S 5078 116990-4 (DKK)	0	650
Jyske Bank A/S 5078 123061-5 (DKK)	32,532	0
Paris Bank EUR 41020034974	62,212	16,043
PFS e-Wallet	17,434	272
Petty cash	2,585	3,997
	<b>1,998,723</b>	<b>1,333,641</b>

**2018**  
**EUR**

**2017**  
**EUR**

### 4. Debtors

European Commission, Egypt	55,853	0
European Commission, Syria	594	53,111
European Commission, Libya	13,621	23,341
European Commission, EU HRDs Mechanism	103,851	91,307
Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs	57,984	38,250
United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute	27,209	5,245
National Endowment for Democracy	621	18,865
Year-end debtors	5,808	9,034
	<b>265,541</b>	<b>239,154</b>

### 5. Equity

The movements in equity are specified as follows:

	<b>Basic capital</b>	<b>Distributable capital</b>	<b>Total capital</b>
	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Equity at 1 January 2018	41,313	14,140	55,453
Profit for the year	0	0	0
<b>Equity at 31 December 2018</b>	<b>41,313</b>	<b>14,140</b>	<b>55,453</b>

## Notes

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>
<b>6. Provisions for grant support allocated</b>		
Provisions at 1 January 2018	10,000	15,000
Support granted in 2018	-5,000	-5,000
	<b>5,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>7. Other liabilities</b>		
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency 2017-2019	509,783	402,145
European Commission, Egypt	0	2,821
Sigrid Rausing Trust (SRT)	96,816	37,944
Open Society Foundations (OSF)	167,022	163,837
Open Society Foundations (PTS)	200,316	0
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)	365,958	0
Due income tax and social charges	1,093	8,978
Reserve holiday payment	26,262	50,648
EuroMed Rights	9,115	17,260
Audit	13,400	4,408
Others	56,710	11,010
	<b>1,472,844</b>	<b>699,101</b>
<b>Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (2017-2019)</b>	<b>SEK</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Balance at 1 January 2018	4,023,793	402,145
Received from SIDA 22 November 2018	5,300,000	514,101
Spent in 2018	-4,190,308	-406,463
<b>Balance at 31 December 2018</b>	<b>5,133,485</b>	<b>509,783</b>