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**EURO-MEDITERRANEAN FOUNDATION OF  
SUPPORT TO HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS  
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**ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

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**FOUNDATION DETAILS**

<b>Foundation</b>	<p>Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders Vestergade 16, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor DK-1456 Copenhagen K</p> <p>Central Business Registration No: 28 47 85 26 Registered in: Copenhagen Established: 26 November 2004</p> <p>Phone: +45 32 64 17 26 Fax: +45 32 64 17 02 Internet: <a href="http://www.emhrf.org">www.emhrf.org</a></p>
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<b>Management</b>	<p>Anne-Sophie Schaeffer, Programme Director Raffaele Timpano, Finance Director</p>
<b>Auditor</b>	<p>BDO Statsautoriseret revisionsaktieselskab Havneholmen 29 DK-1561 Copenhagen V</p>

## 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 period 1 January to 31 December 2021.

The Annual Report is presented in accordance with the Danish Act on Foundations and Certain Associations including the provisions on generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the Annual Report give a true and fair view of the Foundation's financial position at 31 December 2021 and of the results of its operations for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021.

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

Copenhagen, on 6 May 2022

### Management:



Anne-Sophie Schaeffer  
Programme Director



Raffaele Timpajo  
Finance Director

### Board:



Driss El Yazami  
President



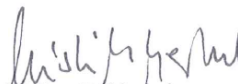
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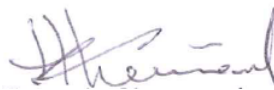
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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 1 January - 31 December 2021, which comprise income statement, balance sheet, notes and a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Danish Act on Foundations and Certain Associations including the provisions on generally accepted accounting principles. In our opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the Foundation's financial position at 31 December 2021, and of the results of the results of its operations for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2021 in accordance with the Danish Act on Foundations and Certain Associations including the provisions on generally accepted accounting principles.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and the 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 our report. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Denmark, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. 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 the Danish Financial Statements Act, 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, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and 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 conducted in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism 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 or 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, 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's Review and, in doing so, consider whether the Board and Management commentary is materially inconsistent with the Financial Statements, or our knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Moreover, it is our responsibility to consider whether the Board and Management's Review provides the information required under the Danish Financial Statements Act.

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 of the Board and Management commentary.

Copenhagen, on 6 May 2022

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Henrik Brünings  
State Authorised Public Accountant  
MNE no 3106

## 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 are 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 (<https://emhrf.org/>) or can be obtained at the office in Copenhagen.

### The financial development and activities during 2021

The activities of the Foundation proceeded well and increased by 7% in 2021, compared to 2020. Activities and services in support of human rights defenders (HRDs) accounted for 75% of the Foundation's overall budget whereas administrative and staff expenditure was capped at 25%. The result for the year amounts to EUR 29,887, that will reinforce the distributable capital of the Foundation.

### The expected development

For the financial year 2022, the Board and Management expect activities to furtherly increase as per the decision taken at the Board meeting held in November 2021. As in 2021, the result of the year is expected to show a slight profit to strengthen the equity of the Foundation.

During the year 2021, the Foundation has signed new partnerships with:

- Sigrid Rausing Trust (SRT) for the years 2021-23 (core support)
- Open Society Foundations for the years 2022-23 (core support) and for the years 2021-22 (project support)
- European Commission (DG NEAR) for the years 2021-23 (project support)
- French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs for the years 2021-22 (project support)
- National Endowment for Democracy for the years 2021-22 (project support)

The Foundation also continued receiving "core support" from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (years 2020-22), and the Open Society Foundations (years 2020-21).

It also received "project support" from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DAPP), and the European Commission (EIDHR and DG NEAR).

The Foundation expects that these partnerships will continue in 2022.

**INCOME STATEMENT 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER**

	Note	2021 EUR	2020 EUR
Subsidies taken to income .....	1	3,394,810	3,165,647
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME .....</b>		<b>3,394,810</b>	<b>3,165,647</b>
<b>Salaries</b>			
Programme Staff .....		463,387	393,608
Admin and Finance Staff and External Support.....		234,615	240,180
<b>Total salaries .....</b>		<b>698,002</b>	<b>633,788</b>
<b>Activities in Support of Human Rights Defenders (HRDs)</b>			
Emergency support to HRDs .....		346,753	332,980
Operational support to HRDs .....		1,841,533	1,986,927
Cancelled obligations operational support to HRDs .....		-11,750	-14,085
Financial costs related to grant giving .....		5,961	15,132
Follow-up on support to HRDs (incl. visits) .....		2,179	3,056
Board meetings .....		49,570	11,364
Tailored coaching exiled HRDs .....		107,770	0
Tailored coaching local HRDs .....		116,897	0
Discussion seminars and committee meetings .....		4,901	11,885
Meeting with partners (incl. fundraising) .....		1,360	122
Consultation of the council of representatives .....		15,000	0
<b>Total activities in support of HRDs .....</b>		<b>2,480,174</b>	<b>2,347,381</b>
<b>Other Expenses/Services related to the activities</b>			
Membership fees and dues to Foundation's networks.....		8,196	3,825
Temporary consultations/evaluations .....		7,535	1,000
Translations .....		26,293	31,816
Information, publication (incl. website) .....		0	2,475
<b>Total other expenses/services .....</b>		<b>42,024</b>	<b>39,116</b>
<b>Administration</b>			
Audit .....		17,655	24,948
Maintenance of a secure forum and website .....		5,034	210
IT support .....		21,483	17,223
Rent .....		43,102	39,972
Office expenses and stationery .....		21,441	17,972
Bank fees related to administration and salaries .....		8,438	4,333
Others.....		10,929	7,979
<b>Total administration .....</b>		<b>128,082</b>	<b>112,637</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES .....</b>		<b>3,348,282</b>	<b>3,132,922</b>
<b>PROFIT BEFORE FINANCIAL ITEMS .....</b>		<b>46,528</b>	<b>32,725</b>



## INCOME STATEMENT 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER

	Note	2021 EUR	2020 EUR
<b>PROFIT BEFORE FINANCIAL ITEMS</b> .....		<b>46,528</b>	<b>32,725</b>
Financial income .....		0	0
Financial expenses .....		-16,641	-10,476
<b>PROFIT BEFORE TAX</b> .....		<b>29,887</b>	<b>22,249</b>
Tax on Profit/Loss of the year.....		0	0
<b>FINANCIAL YEAR RESULT</b> .....		<b>29,887</b>	<b>22,249</b>
 <b>PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF PROFIT</b>			
Distributable capital .....		29,887	22,249
		<b>29,887</b>	<b>22,249</b>

**BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2021 EUR</b>	<b>2020 EUR</b>
Cash at bank, basic capital .....	2	41,313	41,313
<b>Restricted assets</b> .....		<b>41,313</b>	<b>41,313</b>
Debtors .....	3	644,498	383,253
Cash at bank and in hand .....	2	1,618,263	1,882,978
<b>Available assets</b> .....		<b>2,262,761</b>	<b>2,266,231</b>
<b>ASSETS</b> .....		<b>2,304,074</b>	<b>2,307,544</b>
 <b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
Basic capital.....	4	41,313	41,313
Distributable capital .....	4	66,793	36,906
<b>EQUITY</b> .....		<b>108,106</b>	<b>78,219</b>
Long term holiday provision .....		0	23,036
<b>Long term liabilities</b> .....		<b>0</b>	<b>23,036</b>
Obligations to grantees .....		1,392,997	1,340,607
Prepaid subsidies .....	5	725,376	762,065
Other liabilities .....	6	77,595	103,617
<b>Current liabilities</b> .....		<b>2,195,968</b>	<b>2,206,289</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> .....		<b>2,195,968</b>	<b>2,229,325</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b> .....		<b>2,304,074</b>	<b>2,307,544</b>

## NOTES

	2021 EUR	2020 EUR	Note
<b>Subsidies taken to income</b>			<b>1</b>
Swedish International Development Coop. Agency (SIDA) .....	760,796	683,472	
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) .....	894,536	597,076	
Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DAPP-HRDC) .....	375,691	305,328	
Sigrid Rausing Trust (SRT) .....	317,471	319,774	
European Commission, Egypt .....	24,222	332,882	
European Commission, EU HRDs Mechanism (2019-22) .....	190,750	383,407	
European Commission, Libya .....	162,039	0	
Open Society Foundations (Core Support 2020-21) .....	260,536	258,316	
Open Society Foundations (HRI 2020-21) .....	117,856	51,483	
Open Society Foundations (ASCOM 2018-20) .....	0	1,252	
Open Society Foundations (PTS 2021-22) .....	35,994	0	
Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF) .....	0	67,735	
National Endowment for Democracy (NED) .....	67,508	46,624	
French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Syria.....	187,411	118,298	
	<b>3,394,810</b>	<b>3,165,647</b>	
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>			<b>2</b>
<i>Restricted</i>			
Jyske Bank A/S 8751 118812-6 (DKK) .....	41,313	41,313	
	<b>41,313</b>	<b>41,313</b>	
<i>Available</i>			
Jyske Bank A/S 7851 118883-7 (DKK) .....	338,649	316,531	
Jyske Bank A/S 7851 120070-7 (EUR) .....	1,026,933	1,324,266	
Jyske Bank A/S 5078 123061-5 (EUR) .....	191,016	178,238	
Paris Bank EUR 41020034974 .....	48,413	30,408	
PFS e-Wallet .....	9,934	32,000	
Petty cash .....	3,318	1,535	
	<b>1,618,263</b>	<b>1,882,978</b>	

## NOTES

	2021 EUR	2020 EUR	Note
<b>Debtors</b>			<b>3</b>
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (2020-22)	364,476	0	
European Commission, Egypt .....	52,858	28,635	
European Commission, Libya .....	16,132	0	
European Commission, EU HRDs Mechanism (2018-19) .....	0	35,550	
European Commission, EU HRDs Mechanism (2019-21) .....	134,500	205,693	
Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs .....	70,097	69,014	
Others.....	6,435	44,361	
	<b>644,498</b>	<b>383,253</b>	
	<b>SEK</b>	<b>EUR</b>	
<b>Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Contribution n. 11111 - 2020-2022)</b>			
Balance at 1 January 2021 .....	463,546	44,603	
Received from SIDA (via EMR) 09 Jun 2021 .....	3,551,560	351,716	
Spent in 2021 .....	-7,682,363	-760,796	
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021 .....</b>	<b>-3,667,257</b>	<b>-364,477</b>	
<b>Equity</b>			<b>4</b>
	Basic capital EUR	Distributable capital EUR	Total capital EUR
Equity at 1 January 2021 .....	41,313	36,905	78,219
Financial result .....	0	29,887	29,887
<b>Equity at 31 December 2021 .....</b>	<b>41,313</b>	<b>66,793</b>	<b>108,106</b>
	<b>2021 EUR</b>	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Prepaid subsidies</b>			
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (2020-22)	0	44,603	
Sigrid Rausing Trust (SRT) .....	23,555	0	
Open Society Foundations (Core Support 2020-21) .....	0	12,027	
Open Society Foundations (Core Support 2022-23) .....	352,703		
Open Society Foundations (HRI 2020-21).....	38,875	50,845	
Open Society Foundations (PTS 2021-22).....	8,344		
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) .....	271,944	654,590	
National Endowment for Democracy .....	12,243	0	
French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs .....	17,712	0	
	<b>725,376</b>	<b>762,065</b>	

## NOTES

	2021 EUR	2020 EUR	Note
<b>Other liabilities</b>			<b>6</b>
Due income tax and social charges .....	19,436	38,693	
Reserve holiday payment.....	8,268	6,594	
Suppliers .....	14,691	25,021	
Others.....	35,200	33,309	
	<b>77,595</b>	<b>103,617</b>	

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

Rate used DKK - EUR = 7.45

Expenditures in other currencies are converted at the InforEuro monthly exchange rate.

### 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 interim period.

## INCOME STATEMENT

### Operating income

Subsidies from Donors are accrued in proportion to the costs incurred during the year. Income is recognized as subsidies are accrued and used for proper purpose.

### Staff costs

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

### Activities in Support of HRDs

Expenditure of Activities in Support of HRDs comprises:

- Emergency grants and operational grants to human rights defenders and organizations, including related costs.
- Follow-up, Tailored coaching, Meetings and Seminars for the benefit of human rights defenders and organizations.

Grants' costs are recognized when the Board approves the grant either through electronic consultations or at Board's meetings. In case of partial or total cancellation of grants approved in previous years, the amount cancelled is reported in deduction of the grants of the year, under the heading: *Cancelled obligations operational support to HRDs*.

### 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, stationery and office supplies, IT support, audit fees, etc.

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Financial income

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

### Financial expenses

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

### Income tax

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

## BALANCE SHEET

### Debtors

This item includes receivables for salary advances, taxes and contributions advanced and to be refunded, as well as prepaid costs for projects not yet reimbursed by donors.

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 comprise the amounts of grants not yet (fully) paid but approved by the Board at the balance sheet date.

### Prepaid subsidies

This item includes the instalments received from donors not yet spent but committed anyway to the projects.

### Other liabilities

This item reports the balance related to other liabilities of the Foundation such as: suppliers, holiday provisions, due taxes and contributions etc. They are measured at amortized cost, which usually corresponds to nominal value.