

# REPORT BY THE EFDD GROUP IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**BUDGET ITEM 400** 

2019/1

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# REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS ON THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS RELATIVE TO THE USE OF THE CREDITS OF ITEM 400 OF THE BUDGET OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2019

#### **EUROPE OF FREEDOM AND DIRECT DEMOCRACY - EFDD**

#### **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

In accordance with the audit mandate, we have audited the Group's Financial Statement prepared by the Group Accountant for the financial period 2019/1 ending 02/07/2019 as presented on pages 1 to 21 of this document.

#### Respective responsibilities of the Group and the auditor

Pursuant to the rules on the use of appropriation from budget item 400 (hereafter "the Rules"), the Group is responsible to the European Parliament for the conformity of appropriation usage and of the preparation of the group's financial period 2019/1 financial report.

We are responsible for planning and carrying out the required work to verify the financial report prepared by the Group and to report with reasonable assurance our audit opinions to the Group.

#### **Basis of Opinions**

We have conducted the audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing as issued by the IAASB. This standard requires the auditor or auditing company to plan and carry out the work in such a way as to obtain sufficient and appropriate evidence and explanations to support audit opinions. An audit includes an examination, on a sample basis, of evidence relevant to the opinions.

The audit work included specific procedures aimed at gathering sufficient and appropriate audit evidence that:

- a) the statement of revenue and expenditure gives a true and fair view of the group's financial position for the budget period concerned;
- the balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the Group's assets at the end of the budget period,
- c) the overall considerations on financial statements in the rules adopted by the Accounting Officer of the Commission set out in Article 80 of the Financial Regulation 1, have been observed in the preparation and presentation of the accounts or, where appropriate, a divergence from these overall considerations is adequately explained by a note to the financial statements.
- d) an effective and efficient internal control system for the management of operations, which includes effective segregation of the duties of authorising officer and accounting officer or of the equivalent functions, is in place;
- e) the accounts have been presented in accordance with the harmonised Accounting Plan in Part 2 of the Rules:
- f) the expenditure complies with the provisions of the Rules;
- g) the expenditure has been charged to the correct item in the budget of the Group
- h) the appropriations were available;
- i) the principles of sound financial management have been applied;
- j) payment orders are substantiated by original supporting documents (or certified true copies);
- k) the Group's internal rules have been observed.

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.



The audit work included verification of the risk management activities of the Group and on the quality of management and control systems. If necessary, recommendations for improving the conditions of implementation of operations and promoting sound financial management were issued.

The audit work also included assessment of the suitability and effectiveness of internal management systems and the performance of departments in implementing policies, programmes and actions by reference to the risks associated with them; and assessment of the efficiency and effectiveness of the internal control and audit systems applicable to every budget implementation operation.

#### **Opinions**

- As a result of our work, we did not identify any material non-conformity with the dispositions laid out in the Rules or with the Group's internal rules including the internal control system.
- The overall presentation of the income and expense statement and of the balance sheet complies with the chart of account provided with the Rules.
- No departures from generally accepted accounting principles have been established.
- > The principle of sound financial management has been applied.
- Due to the dissolution of the Group as of July 2, 2019 and in conformity with the rules all engagements relating to the liquidation have been accounted for and paid up till October 1, 2019. Outstanding engagements for which no invoice has been received yet are listed in note 8 to the financial statements. A separate list with the financial transactions between July 2, 2019 and October 1, 2019 is sent to the European Parliament.
- In our opinion, the balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group at 01/10/2019 and of the revenue and expenses for the period ending 02/07/2019 including the liquidation transactions.

Zaventem, October 2, 2019

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REGISTERED AUDITOR

KARINE MORRIS

PARTNER

# FINANCIAL PERIOD 2019/1 BALANCE SHEET



### BALANCE SHEET EFDD Group in the European Parliament 2019/1

		2018	2019/1
	notes	5	
ASSETS			
FIXED ASSETS			
Chapter 1 Intangible and tangible assets .1 Intangible assets .2 Tangible assets Sub total chapter 1	3	0,00 41.511,19 <b>41.511,19</b>	0,00
CURRENT ASSETS			
Chapter 2 Debtors, stocks and other working assets  .1 Debtors  .2 Staff  .3 VAT  .4 Stocks  .5 Various  Sub total chapter 2  Chapter 3 Financial assets  .1 Financial securities	5	739,93 0,00 53.470,73 0,00 0,00 <b>54.210,66</b>	260.397,67 _86.894,40 _0,00 
<ul><li>.2 Cash and cash equivalent</li><li>Sub total chapter 3</li></ul>		3.151.111,10 3.151.111,10	1.910.998,57 <b>1.910.998,57</b>
Chapter 4 Deferred charges and accrued income .1 Deferred charges .2 Accrued income Sub total chapter 4		0,00 0,00 <b>0,00</b>	0,00
TOTAL ASSETS		3.246.832,95	2.258.290,64



### BALANCE SHEET EFDD Group in the European Parliament 2019/1

LIABILITIES	note.	s <u>2018</u>	2019/1
Chapter 1 Reserves .1 Carry forward to next budgeting period Sub total chapter 1	1	1.914.578,96 <b>1.914.578,96</b>	0,00 <b>0,00</b>
Chapter 2 Financial debts  .1 Financial debts of a residual duration > 1 year  .2 Financial debts of a residual duration = 1 year  Sub total chapter 2</th <th></th> <th>0,00 0,00 <b>0,00</b></th> <th>0,00 0,00 <b>0,00</b></th>		0,00 0,00 <b>0,00</b>	0,00 0,00 <b>0,00</b>
Chapter 3 Other debts .1 Other debts .2 Charges settled in current period but paid in next per Sub total chapter 3	riod	0,00 314.414,54 <b>314.414,54</b>	0,00 0,00 <b>0,00</b>
Chapter 4 Deferred income/accrued charges .1 Deferred income .2 Accrued charges		0,00 1.017.839,45	0,00 2.258.290,64
Sous Total Chapitre 4		1.017.839,45	2.258.290,64
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3.246.832,95	2.258.290,64

FINANCIAL PERIOD 2019/1
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE



### Statement of revenue and expenditure of the EFDD Group in the European Parliament $2019/1\,$

	_	2018	2019/1
Receipts	Notes		
Chapter 1 Grants and other receipts from the European Parliament  .1 EP allocation  .2 Other EP resources  Subtotal for Chapter 1	-	3.829.157,92 0,00 <b>3.829.157,92</b>	1.851.040,80 0,00 <b>1.851.040,80</b>
Chapter 2 Own resources  1 Interest and assimilated products 2 Profit on curency exchange 3 Miscellaneous 5 Amount carried forward from previous budget period  Subtotal for Chapter 2	-	120,39 1.011,85 0,00 1.826.839,77 <b>1.827.972,01</b>	346,61 0,00 1.914.578,96 <b>1.914.925,57</b>
Total receipts	-	5.657.129,93	3.765.966,37
Grand total	-	5.657.129,93	3.765.966,37



### Statement of revenue and expenditure of the EFDD Group in the European Parliament $2019/1\,$

Expen	<u>Expenditure</u>		2018	2019/1
Chapter .	1 Staff			
.1	Secretariat missions		596.488,45	262.049,59
.2	Recruitment		2.950,86	20210 13/03
.3	Traineeships		77.512,82	32.688,55
.4	Salaries and related costs, fees		563.529,19	280.817,19
.5	Staff training		46.306,16	8.021,34
.6	Staff representation costs		0,00	0,00
	l for Chapter 1		1.286.787,48	583.576,67
Chanter	2 Equipment, routine administrative costs and operating costs			
.1	Equipment, operating expenditure, computer-related engineering and			
	maintenance	3	20.381,16	21.198,56
.2	Equipment, telecomunications-related installation and maintenance	_		
	expenditure, office machinery, furniture and technical installations	3	17.378,39	20.222,15
.3	Stationery and office supplies		381,39	58,98
.4	Postage and telecommunications		9.082,42	5.441,40
.5	Printing and photocopying costs		6.309,52	2.888,32
.6	Office rental costs		0,00	0,00
	I for Chapter 2		53.532,88	49.809,41
Subcocu	To Gapes 2		331332,00	45,005,42
Chapter .	3 Documentation, studies and research			
.1	Newspapers, magazines, press agencies and books		74.989,71	31.219,42
.2	Studies and research		3.120,00	5.340,00
.3	Databases		6.760,00	
Subtota	l for Chapter 3		84.869,71	36.559,42
Chapter	4 Legal and accountancy fees, financial and other charges			
.1	Legal costs		0,00	0,00
.2	Accounting costs/audits		12.820,00	14.000,00
.3	Financial charges and losses from currency exchange	2	5.196,91	2.268,99
.4	Translation and interpretation costs		250,00	855,00
.5	Other operating expenditure		0,00	0,00
Subtota	l for Chapter 4		18.266,91	17.123,99
Chapter .	5 Cost of meetings and representation			
.1	Group meetings		0,00	0,00
.2	Other meetings and conferences		195,60	726,57
.3	Expenditure on entertainment		10.115,85	2.740,55
.4	Guests		0,00	0,00
.5	Individual fact finding missions of members		0,00	0,00
Subtota	l for Chapter 5		10.311,45	3.467,12
Chanter	6 Publications and publicity			
.1	Posters, leaflets and booklets		0,00	
.2	Advertising inserts and audiovisual advertising		0,00	0,00
.3	Advertising material, novelty items, telecommunication advertising		0,00	0,00
.4	Internet sites + e-publicity		449,50	300,00
.5	Visits to institutions, information stands		0,00	0,00
	I for Chapter 6		449,50	300,00
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### Statement of revenue and expenditure of the EFDD Group in the European Parliament $2019/1\,$

	Notes _	2018	<u>2019/1</u>
Chapter 7 Members of Parliament  .1 Members' political and information activities, administrative expense and political and information activities of national delegations (details attached)	es	1.267.993,59	806.188,72
Subtotal for Chapter 7	=	1.267.993,59	806.188,72
Chapter 8 Grants, subscriptions and contributions 1 Subsidies 2 Subscriptions Subtotal for Chapter 8		2.500,00 0,00 <b>2.500,00</b>	10.650,40 0,00 <b>10.650,40</b>
Total expenditure	-	2.724.711,52	1.507.675,73
Credits repayable to European Parliament			
		1.017.839,45	
Amount carried forward		1.914.578,96	2.258.290,64
Grand total	-	5.657.129,93	3.765.966,37

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FINANCIAL PERIOD 2019/1

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FINANCIAL PERIOD 2019/I

The accounts, hereafter, have been prepared in conformity with:

- the 400 financial rules approved by the Bureau of the European Parliament on 30 June 2003 and revised by the Bureau on 22 March 2006, 11 July 2007, 20 September 2010, 23 March 2011, 26 September 2011, 2 July 2012, 11 March 2013, 24 February 2014, 14 April 2014, 27 April 2015 and 10 December 2018 and 1 February 2019 and 1 July 2019.
- the internal financial rules of the Group
- the accounting principles and the harmonised accounting plan adopted by the Secretaries General of the political groups.

#### Accounting principles

- 1) Movements on the accounts and the balances shall be entered in the accounting ledgers.
- 2) All accounting entries, including adjustments to the accounts, shall be based on dated and numbered supporting documents, to which they shall refer.
- 3) The accounting system must be such as to leave a trail for all accounting entries.

The financial statements shall be drawn up in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles, namely:

- going-concern basis;
- prudence;
- consistent accounting methods;
- comparability of information;
- materiality;
- no netting;
- reality over appearance;

Pursuant to Rule 2.5.3 of the Rules on the use of appropriations from budget item 400 the accounts are held on a modified accrual system.

All expenditure relative to activities of the current financial year or previous financial years is registered in the accounts of the current financial year, upon authorisation by the authorising officer responsible and payment by the accountant, if the actual payment is made no later than during the month following the end of the financial year.

All expenditure of a financial year paid during the month following the end of the financial year is booked on the expenditure accounts of the current financial year and as debt on the balance (chapter III.2).

All expenditure for which actual payment is made later than the end of the month following the closure of the financial year or for risks and future charges is registered in the accounts of the next financial year.

No provisions will be made for expenditure of the current financial year not paid by the end of the month following the end of this financial year or for risks and future charges.

All revenue is registered in the income accounts upon establishment by the authorising officer.

All revenue established and not received in the course of the financial year is registered on a balance sheet account in chapter IV (deferred charges and accrued income).

#### Classification

The classification of the expenditure on the expenditure accounts follows the principle of classification by destination by the accounting plan annexed to the Rules on the use of appropriations from article 400.

#### Note 1: Carry forward to next financial period (art 2.9.2 of the 400 fin. rules):

1: Credits received by our group for the 2019/	budget period:	1.851.040,80 €
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2: Maximum amount of carry forward to 2019/II budget period: €

3: Remainder at the end of the 2019/I budget period: 2.258.290,64 €

4: Credits to be returned to the EP: 2.258.290,64 €

5: Carry forward to 2019/II budget period: €

Since the group's activities ended as of July 2, 2019, all the engagements under budget line 400 in respect with the winding up of the group have been accounted for in budget period 2019/1. All the financial transactions between July 2, 2019 and October 1, 2019 have been accounted for. A list of these financial transactions is sent separately to the European Parliament.

As far as we are aware, there are no claims or engagements that should have been accounted for. However, in note 8, a list of outstanding engagements/invoices is given.

#### Note 2: Exchange policy:

The revenue and expenditure in other currencies are converted in euro following the exchange rate of the bank on the transaction day.

#### Note 3: Depreciations of fixed assets:

Assets with a unit value of 420 Euros or more and being intended to serve the activities of the group on a lasting basis are entered in the inventory and the Group's balance sheet. Fixed assets are to be valued at their acquisition price and depreciated on a monthly basis following the straight line method by the following annual percentages:

Software	25.0 %
Hardware:	25.0 %
Telecommunications and audiovisual equipment:	25.0 %
Technical equipment:	12.5 %
Other installations and machines:	12.5 %
Office furniture:	10.0 %

A recapitulative table of the assets in the balance sheet is annexed.

Due to the winding up of the group, all fixed assets have been transferred to the European Parliament, an extra ordinary depreciation for an amount of 32.438,57 € has been accounted for.

#### Note 4: Valuation method for financial securities:

Not applicable

#### Note 5: Valuation of receivables, debts and other assets:

Receivables, debts and other assets are stated at their nominal value. Value reductions on receivables and other assets are accounted for if there is any uncertainty regarding their collectability.

The outstanding receivables consists of the VAT to be recuperated and an outstanding receivable from the European Parliament.

#### Note 6: Comparison of the figures:

According to article 2.1.1 of the financial rules governing budget item 400, this report covers the financial budget period 2019/I, which last from 01/01/2019 to 02/07/2019 including the winding up transactions. Comparative figures for the previous financial year from 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018 are also presented.

#### Note 7: Technical support to European political parties and foundations Regulation: (CE) 2004/2003

The EFDD group has not granted any technical support to political parties and foundations as defined in article 13 of the Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (OJ L 317 of 4.11.2014, p. 1) (technical assistance is mentioned in Article 26 of the Regulation). The Bureau Decision of 29 March 2014 is replaced (applicable for the financial year 2018) by the Decision of the Bureau of the European Parliament of 12 June 2017 laying down the procedures for implementing Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (OJ C 205 of 29.6.2017, p. 2).

#### Note 8: list of outstanding engagements/invoices/recovery

Die Welt:

Invoice 8100559276 01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020 169,99 EUR

Cancelled on the 2nd of July, Credit note requested.

British Telecom: Invoice VP 16491570 M11001 FI 116,54 GBP

Account closed in July 2019, invoice contested, and credit note requested

European Parliament/Printing Unit:

invoice on delivery notes 29225 and 29510 not yet received

European Parliament/Contractual agents: possible rectifications on CNP

AXA:

Trainees Accident insurance - framework contract EP - invoice 2019 not yet received

KBC:

100,22 EUR fee to be paid when closing the current account

VAT Reimbursements: All outstanding VAT declarations have been sent to the respective VAT administrations

DETAIL OF THE EXECUTION OF THE DECENTRALISED CREDITS

CHAPTER 7 ARTICLE 1.

Ventilation following the accounting plan annexed to the 400 financial rules

### <u>Detail of the execution of the decentralised credits</u>

#### chapter 7 article 1.

Ventilation following the accounting plan annexed to the 400 financial rules

Chapter	Catagoni	Execution		Execution	
/article	Category	2018	%	2019/I	%
1	Staff	133.189,95	10,50%	30.397,23	3,77%
2	Secretariat – equipment and expenses	20.208,33	1,59%	7.455,31	0,92%
3	Documentation, studies and research	59.667,80	4,71%	18.602,48	2,31%
4	Legal, accounting, financial and other operating costs	-	0,00%	26.011,50	5,92%
52	Other meetings and conferences	422.778,39	33,34%	136.233,99	16,90%
53	Representation costs	-	0,00%		0,00%
54	Guests and expenditure on entertainment	1.197,28	0,09%	2.426,38	0,30%
61	Posters, leaflets and booklets	121.886,86	9,61%	461.200,12	57,21%
62	Advertising inserts and audiovisual advertising	334.103,53	26,35%	75.214,86	9,33%
63	Advertising material, gadgets, publicity by telecommunication equipments	132.777,74	10,47%	18.046,88	2,24%
64	Websites Internet sites + e-publicity	8.274,46	0,65%	1.362,98	0,17%
65	information stands	33.909,25	2,67%	29.236,99	3,63%
	total article 7.1	1.267.993,59	100%	806.188,72	100,00%

**DETAIL OF THE PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT** 

BALANCE SHEET FINANCIAL PERIOD 2019/1
SITUATION AS OF JULY 2, 2019 BEFORE TRANSFER TO THE EP

	Category and	IT software	IT hardware	Telecom- munications equipment	Technical equipment and supplies	Miscellaneous machinery and installations	Movable property (seats, des ks, cabinets)	Total
	Beneracy write-down rate	25%	25%	25%	12.5%	12.5%	10%	
		(€)	(€)	(€)	(€)	(€)	(€)	€)
	0							
	Opening balances (historical cost)	41.053,22	35.543,66	77.200,76	0,00	1.812,58	6.171,62	161.781,84
cost	Less Items sold and entered in profit-and-loss account			-734,71			0,00	-734,71
Historical cost	Plus Acquisitions during the financial year							0,00
Hist	Plus Transfers							
	Result Closing balance at historical cost	41.053,22	35.543,66	76.466,05	0,00	1.812,58	6.171,62	161.047,13
rtion	Opening balances (accumulated depreciation)	30.991,13	24.038,89	59.559,25	0,00	1.015,70	4.665,68	120.270,65
Accumulated depreciation	Less Accumulated depreciation of items sold and entered in p/l account			-734,71			0,00	
ulated	Plus Depreciation charge for the financial year	2.050,00	2.558,42	4.214,68		95,47	154,05	9.072,62
Accum	Result Closing balance at historical cost	33.041,13	26.597,31	63.039,22	0,00	1.111,17	4.819,73	129.343,27
							-	
n values	Net book value of fixed assets on 31/12/2018	10.062,09	11.504,77	17.641,51	0,00	796,88	1.505,94	41.511,19
Written-down values	Net book value of fixed assets on 30/06/2019	8.012,09	8.946,35	13.426,83	0,00	701,41	1.351,89	32.438,57

**DETAIL OF THE PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT** 

BALANCE SHEET FINANCIAL PERIOD 2019/1
SITUATION AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2019 AFTER TRANSFER TO THE EP

	Category and	IT software	IT hardware	Telecom- munications equipment	Technical equipment and supplies	Miscellaneous machinery and installations	Movable property (seats, desks, cabinets)	Total
	Democracy write-down rate	25%	25%	25%	12.5%	12.5%	10%	
	0	(€)	(€)	(€)	(€)	(€)	(€)	(€)
-	Opening balances (historical cost)	41.053,22	35.543,66	77.200,76	0,00	1.812,58	6.171,62	161.781,84
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Written-down values	Net book value of fixed assets on 01/10/2019	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00