

REPORT OF THE BOARD

Before you is the 1999 annual report of the **European Network on Street Children Worldwide** (ENSCW), also referred to below as ENSCW. This report contains the 1999 annual accounts of ENSCW.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ENSCW

The "Stichting European Network on Street Children Worldwide" was established 19 October 1995 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The first aim of ENSCW was to organise a European conference in 1996 about street children in and outside Europe and to set up a European network on behalf of street children. This conference was organised 20 to 23 June 1996 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. In succession, on 28 and 29 April 1997 a "Constitutional Conference" was organised in Brussels, Belgium and laid the basis for the activities of ENSCW: a Constitution and Mission Statement were adopted by the participants and the Board of ENSCW was elected by the participants.

ENSCW unites non-governmental, governmental, multilateral and international organisations that are committed to addressing the rights and needs of street children all over the world. At this moment about 600 member and associates are communicating with each other via the network of ENSCW. ENSCW is recognised by the European member states and the European Commission. Organisations like WHO, OECD, ILO, UNESCO and UNICEF have observer-status at ENSCW.

OBJECTIVES OF ENSCW

The objectives of ENSCW, as formulated in the Mission Statement, are:

- To raise public awareness of the rights and needs of street children within and outside of Europe.
- To facilitate exchange of information between members, to intensify working contact, to share experiences and join forces.
- To encourage the establishment of national and regional networks and aims to work together with southern NGOs and networks.
- To listen to the children themselves and their associations, organisations and movements, informing them about their own rights and providing them with a platform to express themselves.
- To assist members to build up know-how and expertise and to promote good practice.
- To raise political awareness of the rights and needs of street children and thus intensify informed political debate, in particular at the European level.
- To increase the financial resources available for assistance to street children programmes, without acting as a fund providing body.
- To develop and promote effective preventive and supportive strategies of action and through socio-economic analysis to influence policy making and provide political pressure in favour of street children within international, national and local authorities.

PROJECTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

In 1999, a pilot project of the **Musical chairs** - which is a worldwide exchange programme of street workers - has been launched. Mrs. Matilde Sirgado from Projeto de Rua (Instituto de Apoio A Crainças) in Portugal has left for Instituto Sao Martinho in Brazil, Mr. Gerrie Smit from the University of Stellenbosch has left for Universidad Santo Tomás in Chile, Mr. Govind Khatri from Child Workers in Nepal Concern has gone to Save the Children Romania and finally, Mrs.

Monette Hennard from Dynamo in Belgium went to Défense des Enfants International in Dakar/Senegal. The reports from the exchanges are available at the secretariat of ENSCW)

In 1999, ENSCW has developed a concept for its Newsletter. The first edition has been published in September 1999 in English, French and Spanish with an impression of 700 copies.

Furthermore, ENSCW was responsible for the translation into English, French and Spanish of the report of the international symposium "Street children and mobile youth work" which was held in St. Petersburg in September 1998. This conference was organised in co-operation with the International Society on Mobile Youth Work from Stuttgart, Germany and the University and City of St. Petersburg, Russia. The French and English translation have been done by a translation office in Brussels and the Spanish version has been done by a translation office in Madrid.

The co-ordinator and Board of ENSCW has followed a training on Project Cycle Management which has been advised to us by a European Commission official. The aim of the training was to improve our project management capacities including the writing of funding proposals. Following this training "The Satellite Street Children Project" has been produced and adopted by the Board. This document is available on request at the secretariat of ENSCW.

The Satellite Street Children Projects is a three-year programme with following objectives:

- to strengthen the actors (members of the Network, i.e.) in addressing the rights and needs of street children in the various fields. Because effective and efficient NGOs and agencies will be more likely to fight against the plight of street children.
- to have street children issues more frequently on political agendas.

And aiming at providing our members with

1. Access to examples on working methods and experiences in order to increase the know-how and competence of the staff of the NGOs as well as the street workers.
2. Access to information on funding sources, in order to give them more opportunities to have access to funding.
3. Raised political interest and funding available for street children in order to increase budgets available for the growing number of street children and also to prevent the aggravation of the situation. Offering our target groups a status and a platform to express themselves. ENSCW's origins can be found in an intergroup on street children of the European Parliament. Having organised a world-wide conference on street children in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, the participants asked to form a Network in order to "speak with one voice" to the World.

The activities to be carried out in order to achieve those results are detailed in the "Future" section of the present Annual Report.

Thanks to a collaboration between several Members of the European Parliament (Maartje van Putten, Barbara Dührkop-Dührkop-E, Tony Cunningham-UK, Glennys Kinnock-UK) a separate budget line of the 1999 Budget of the EU concentrates on the fight against child discrimination. The European Network on Street Children Worldwide is now formally quoted (and recognised) by the European Union.

Furthermore, a Joint-Resolution on trafficking and the illegal adoption of children in Guatemala has been adopted by the European Parliament on the proposal of Mrs. Maartje van Putten. It calls on the European Commission and Member States to bring sustained pressure on the Guatemalan government to bring an end to the "illegal methods of adoption which are still common practise in Guatemala", where the number of international adoptions have almost doubled in the last 12 months.

Together with Rädä Barnen and Astrid THORS (MEP, Finland), ENSCW has organised a roundtable on Children's Rights in Central and Eastern Europe Roundtable.

On 22nd November 1999, at the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, ENSCW held its 1st General Assembly Meeting as is it foreseen in its Constitution. It was a fruitful meeting as the participants could benefit from the experience of participants to the Pilot Project of the Musical Chairs and could exchange ideas.

In parallel to the AGM, in order to raise awareness about children's Rights ENSCW in collaboration with Rädde Barnen/Swedish Save the Children and Project Mainstream/India, which kindly offered a range of pictures taken by street children, organised a photographic exhibition in the European Parliament in Brussels.

Several candidates of the former Board expressed their wish to withdraw due to other commitments, but assured ENSCW of their support. All candidates who ran for Board-Membership were elected by the participants for a period of one-year with the main task to revise the constitution allowing representation in the board of all continents and to revise the membership fee policy. Their proposal will have to be submitted to the AGM.

BOARD

The members of the Board are persons from different European countries with a professional engagement with street children. Four members of the Board are appointed the Executive Committee; the chair, treasurer and two other members.

Members of the Board are: Mr Edwin de Boevé (Belgium), Mrs Trudy Davies, Treasurer (United Kingdom), Mr Nicolas Fenton, member of the Executive Board (United Kingdom), Mrs Maartje van Putten, Chair (the Netherlands), Prof.Dr. Walther Specht, member of the Executive Board (Germany), Mrs Gloria Macias Svensson (Sweden).

The Advisory Committee has 20 representatives based in Europe and 10 representatives based in developing countries.

Multilateral organisations and donor agencies are observers of ENSCW.

Finally the General Assembly is a meeting of all members of ENSCW.

MANAGEMENT

The office is based in Brussels. In March 1999 we moved to a rented office at avenue Albert 137 in Brussels (postal code 1190).

Ms Claudia Arnold was hired full-time as project co-ordinator from 1 October 1999. She is responsible for fund raising and co-ordinating the execution of projects; the set up and maintenance of database and website; the communication with the members; the communication with the Board and the day to day financial management.

Ms. Beatriz Favela Coremans has been hired from 1 November 1999 to 31 January 2000 in order to assist the project co-ordinator.

In addition, a firm of chartered accountants is assisting in implementing an accounting programme, fixing the balance sheet at 1 January 1999, presenting a budget for 1999 and 2000, setting up a financial interim report and setting up the annual accounts.

FUTURE

ENSCW has received confirmation that the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs will support the Database, the Newsletter contained in the "Satellite Street Children Project" for a period of three years.

The future also depends on further financial support from donors but also on the input and co-operation it receives from its members. But now with a proper office in Brussels and an employment contract with the project co-ordinator and an assistant the foundation for the execution of the future plans is laid.

Future activities ENSCW are aiming at:

- Creating a database and have it accessible on Internet. This database is going to contain :
 - ☞ a part on our Network
 - ☞ a part on our members including a sub-part on their activities and how they get in touch
 - ☞ a part dedicated to fact and figures
 - ☞ a part on policies and funding possibilities which includes a sub-part on existing and emerging EC budget lines on children at risk and a sub-part on access routes and procedures of EC budget lines
 - ☞ and finally a part on events, publications and a discussion forum
- Facilitating access to information on training possibilities on both general subjects (working with street children) and on specific topics (sexual exploitation of street girls...) and on the different funding sources at national and European level by creating a founders database which will be available on the Internet. In order to carry out these activities, we can rely on existing contacts with governments and with EU officials, on big NGOs/members.
- Continuing to publish a quarterly newsletter
- Organising an international exchange programme of street workers called the Musical Chairs.
- Creating a library at a central place gathering publications related to street children and street children issues.
- Organising regional meetings to set up regional networks
- Lobbying at all political levels by tabling parliamentary question in the European Parliament and by keeping politicians informed on the rights and needs of street children

REVENUE, PROJECT COSTS AND OPERATING COSTS

In 1999, the financial management and control has been formalised.

Brussels, 31 January 2000

On behalf of the Board,
Mrs Maartje van Putten, Chair

Balance Sheet

	31 December 1998	1 January 1998		31 December 1998	1 January 1998
	<i>EURO</i>	<i>EURO</i>		<i>EURO</i>	<i>EURO</i>
CURRENT ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
<i>Accounts receivable</i>		-	<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Deposits	1 549	-	Deferred income	19 958	-
Other accounts receivable	23 490		Accrued expenses	16 838	3 850
<u>Total 1</u>	<u>25 039</u>	-	<u>Total 1</u>	<u>36 796</u>	<u>3 850</u>
<i>Cash</i>			<i>Capital and reserves</i>		
Kredietbank BEF account	70 628	6 629	Appropriation reserves	42 440	4 505
Kredietbank DFL account	4 505	4 505	Capital	21 630	12 507
ABN-AMRO DFL account	611	9 718	<u>Total 2</u>	<u>64 070</u>	<u>17 012</u>
Petty cash	83	10			
<u>Total 2</u>	<u>75 827</u>	<u>20 862</u>			
<u>Total current assets (1 + 2)</u>	<u>100 866</u>	<u>20 862</u>	<u>Total Liabilities (1 + 2)</u>	<u>100 866</u>	<u>20 862</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

1998
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REVENUE

Sundry grants	65.537
Donations	3.681
Other income	735
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	69.953

Conference St. Petersburg 102.413

Total revenue **172.366**

EXPENDITURE

Staff costs	13.995
Office costs	1.904
Management costs	2.761
Administration and advisory costs	4.233
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	22.893

Conference St. Petersburg 102.413

Total expenditure **125.306**

RESULT **47.058**

APPROPRIATION OF RESULT

Appropriation reserve	37.935
Capital	9.123
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	<u>47.058</u>

ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

VALUATION PRINCIPLES

All assets and liabilities are shown at their nominal values.

Assets and liabilities in foreign currency are calculated at the rate at 31 December 1998.

The used rates at 31 December 1998 are as follows:

1 EURO = 40,34 BEF

1 EURO = 6,56 FRF

1 EURO = 0,688 British Pound

1 EURO = 2,20 NLG

1 EURO = 1,956 DEM

1 EURO = 1.936 LIT

1 EURO = 200,5 Portuguese Escudo

Exchange rate differences are debited or credited directly to the result.

PRINCIPLES OF DETERMINING RESULTS

Taking account of the valuation principles, the result is determined as the difference between the income allocated to the year in question and the expenditure allocated to the year in question.

NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET

31 December 1998 1 January 1998
EURO EURO

CURRENT ASSETS

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Deposits

Mandataire	1.487	-
Assistance Patronale	62	-
	<u>1.549</u>	=

According to the Belgian law ENSCW, as a foundation established in a foreign country (the Netherlands), has to appoint a mandataire at the moment staff was hired. The mandataire is responsible for a compliance with applicable laws and regulations with regards to the staff. The mandataire asked a deposit of EURO 1.487 and gets paid an allowance per three months. The deposit will be repaid six months after ending the contract between the mandataire and ENSCW. It is the intention that one of the members of the Board with a Belgian nationality will operate as mandataire in the future.

Assistance Patronale (AP) in Brussels performs the salary accounts. The deposit paid to AP will be repaid directly after ending the contract between AP and ENSCW.

Other accounts receivable

Netherlands ministry of Foreign Affairs	22.806	-
Sundries	684	-
	<u>23.490</u>	=

The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs made a commitment for a contribution for the period 1 October 1998 until 30 September 1999 of an amount of EURO 91.227.

EURO 22.806 (3/12) is allocated to 1998, EURO 68.421 (9/12) to 1999.

CASH

All bank accounts are payable on demand.

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Deferred income

This concerns a grant from the Portuguese ministry of Social Affairs that has been received in 1998, but has to be allocated to the year 1999.

Accrued expenses

Settlement with ISMO – conference St. Petersburg	14.075	-
Financial management and control	2.763	-
Sundries	-	3.850
	<u>16.838</u>	<u>3.850</u>

31 December 1998 1 January 1998
EURO EURO

CAPITAL AND RESERVES

Appropriation reserves

Earmarked funds for Musical Chairs	4.505	4.505
Report conference St. Petersburg	37.935	-
	<u>42.440</u>	<u>4.505</u>

A grant from the French ministry of Employment and Solidarity has been received for making the report of the conference in St. Petersburg. The report will be published in different languages in 1999.

Capital

Capital at 1 January	12.507	-
Result for the year	9.123	12.507
	<u>21.630</u>	<u>12.507</u>

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

1998
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SUNDRY GRANTS

French ministry of Employment and Solidarity	37.935
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands	22.806
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium	992
Rädda Barnen	3.804
	<u>65.537</u>

The grant of the French ministry of Employment and Solidarity of EURO 37.935 is allocated to the publishing of the report of the conference in St. Petersburg

The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs contributed an amount of Dfl. 200.000 (or EURO 91.227) to ENSCW. The contribution has been allocated for the period 1 October 1998 until 1 October 1999 for the running costs, especially salary costs of the staff and capital expenditures. The furnishing of the new office will be paid from the grant of the Netherlands ministry of Foreign Affairs.

DONATIONS

In 1998 ENSCW received one donation of EURO 2.231 from an individual. Donations are accounted for on a cash basis.

OTHER INCOME

Under 'Other income' smaller revenues like interest, membership fees etceteras are accounted for.

CONFERENCE ST. PETERSBURG

Revenue and expenditure on projects are accounted for separately from the revenue and expenditure of the organisation (running costs or overhead). The financial report on the conference in St. Petersburg is included in the other particulars of this report. The report on the conference will be published in different languages in 1999 and is available via ENSCW.

STAFF COSTS

Salaries	6.160
Social charges	1.945
Allowance trainee	5.476
Commuting expenses	207
Insurance social injuries	207
	<u>13.995</u>

Ms Claudia Arnold has an employment contract as project co-ordinator for the period 1 October 1998 until 1 October 1999. She is employed full-time. The costs include holiday allowance, social charges for the employer, etceteras. It is the intention of the Board to extend the contract after 1 October 1999. During the period 1 January until 30 September 1998 Ms Claudia Arnold worked as a trainee.

The commuting expenses of staff are reimbursed on the basis of a bus- or train-season ticket.

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OFFICE COSTS

Postage	794
Office supplies	464
Bank charges	217
Web site	184
Food and beverage	204
Sundries	41
	<u>1.904</u>

MANAGEMENT COSTS

These costs are the travelling - and hotel expenses of the Board. The members of the Board are from all over Europe, from countries represented in the European Parliament. To avoid travelling costs conference calls are organised.

ADMINISTRATION AND ADVISORY COSTS

Financial management and control	3.697
Assistance Patronale	134
Mandataire	402
	<u>4.233</u>