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# Stichting Immigration Guidance Foundation



## Annual Accounts 2017

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## 1. Background and objectives

Stichting Immigration Guidance Foundation (the Foundation) has been established on September, 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 by the French company Éditions Lefebvre Sarrut S.A. (ELS), Europe's second largest legal publisher. The Foundation is located in The Hague, the Netherlands.

The purpose of the Foundation is, in the public interest and without an aim for profit, to address the need of information for immigrants and foreigners arriving in Europe.

In order to optimize procedures at migration offices, and improve the intelligence about jurisprudence and immigration law, a new legal platform will be developed, called Immigration Guidance. Immigration Guidance can accelerate procedures by offering an interactive platform for legal professionals where all European juris-prudence will be combined with local/national information and process workflows. On the other hand Immigration guidance offers a dynamic app with video's, workflow tools and frequently asked questions for migrants. In this way the Immigration Guidance platform will:

- Contribute to cost reductions in national asylum systems by optimizing procedures and reducing turnaround and backlogs
- Enable faster integration of recognized refugees, thereby accelerating their economic value and reducing the burden on social systems.

The Foundation strives to realize its objectives through the creation, development and online publication of a Mobile Immigration Guidance, a comprehensive solution dedicated to the legal rights of immigrants and foreigners.

## 2. Envisaged projects

In order to achieve the objectives, the Foundation has been committed to the project of establishing the Immigration Guidance App:

### **A native application**

- For smartphones and tablets
- Compatible with Apple iOS and Android systems
- Available free of charge

### **Practical information and tools for everyone**

- Accessible in English, French, German, Spanish and Dutch
- For use in various European countries

### **A uniform application**

- Responses to frequently asked questions
- Check-lists, diagrams and forms
- Videos, addresses and useful links

### **All you need to know to complete the initial immigration procedures**

- Preparing an asylum application
- Obtaining a long-term residence permit
- Obtaining a work or study permit
- Relocating
- Preparing an application for family reunification
- Obtaining a temporary residence permit

Further information about projects and the Foundation can be found on the Foundation's website [www.immigrationguidance.eu](http://www.immigrationguidance.eu).

### **3. Board**

The Board consists of:

- Sdu Uitgevers B.V.; the Dutch subsidiary of the founder ELS
- Sabine Matheson; Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Board of ELS
- Liesbeth Hop; is seen as one of the Dutch authorities on media literacy. She is a media expert with the mission to improve the media literacy of youth, parents, teachers, corporate companies and governments and has a background in media, communication and public affairs.

The Board has full legal authority and responsibility for the conduct, affairs and activities of the Foundation in a manner consistent with the purpose of the Foundation.

The Board is charged with the management of the Foundation, and more in particular with the management and administration of the Foundation's means, the adoption of the budget of income, including distributions and funds to be made available in view of the realization of the Foundation's objectives. The Board is entitled to accept (and refuse) donations on behalf of the Foundation. No donations shall be accepted which are made under conditions contrary to the objectives of the Foundation.

The Board is responsible for the financial position of the Foundation and its results. The Board is required to keep record of the financial position of the Foundation and its activities - including all of its financial transactions, revenue and expenses - and keep the relevant records, documents and other data carriers in such a way that as a result at any time the rights and obligations of the foundation are shown.

The Foundation is assisted by a secretary who takes care of the books and records of the Foundation. Furthermore the secretary handles the administration and files, and takes minutes of meetings of the Board.

#### **4. General principles annual accounts**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with article 2:10 of the Netherlands Civil Code.

The financial year is equal to the calendar year.

Assets and liabilities (except for equity) are stated at the amounts at which they were acquired or incurred.

Gains or losses on transactions are recognized in the year in which they are realized; losses are taken as soon as they are foreseeable.

Cash and cash equivalents are stated at nominal value.

Donations relate to the received gifts of contributors.

Operating expenses represent the direct and indirect expenses attributable to the activities.

## 5. Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 December 2017

*Amounts in columns x EUR*

	<b>31 December 2017</b>	
<b>Cash</b>	<b>28.728</b>	
<b>Equity</b>		<b>28.728</b>
	<b>28.728</b>	<b>28.728</b>

### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

*Amounts in columns x EUR*

	<b>31 December 2017</b>	
<b>Donations</b>		<b>28.850</b>
Wordpress hostng website	122	
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>122</b>
<b>Net result</b>		<b>28.728</b>

## **6. Notes to the accounts**

During 2017 the Foundation started its activities in which it seek to obtain contributions and grants from a variety of sources and started with the design of the website and app. External costs are related to the designing of the website. Start-up costs are borne by ELS. ELS people engaged in the activities do not receive a remuneration and the Foundation does not employ any people itself. Members of the Board don't receive a remuneration for the activities performed by them as such.

ELS has committed to an investment of € 20.000,-.

It is very difficult to forecast with any certainty the amounts of contributions that the Foundation will receive. In the first year of its existence the Foundation hopes to receive € 75.000,- from the public to be able to launch the Immigration Guidance App. In years thereafter the Foundation expects to receive around € 20.000,- to maintain and improve the App.

## **7. ANBI/PBO status**

The Foundation has been qualified by the Dutch Tax Authority as ANBI/PBO (Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling/Public Benefit Organisation) as per September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for tax purposes.

See [https://www.belastingdienst.nl/rekenhulpen/anbi\\_zoeken/](https://www.belastingdienst.nl/rekenhulpen/anbi_zoeken/)

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