

EUROPE THIRD WORLD ASSOCIATION

Annual Report for 2008

This report describes the activities of the Europe-Third World (ETW) Association during 2008, it's 40th year. This has been an exceptional year in many ways such as the figures for receipts and expenditure, the events organized to celebrate the anniversary and to improve awareness in European circles

1. Financial situation

1.1 Introduction

A detailed breakdown of the Association's finances is attached, at Tables 1 to 7. Table [1](#) indicates the categories of all revenue and expenditure for the year 2008. Table [2](#) details the expenses incurred by 2008 projects in Africa, Latin America and Asia. Table [3](#) outlines, in chronological order, the new commitments made by the ETW Committee in 2008. A brief description of each project can be found at Annex A. The statistical evolution of revenue and expenditure over the last seven years (2002 to 2008) is illustrated in Table [4](#). Table [5](#) outlines the evolution of decisions and payments from 2004 to 2008. Certified accounts (to 31/12/2008) can be found in [Table 6](#), and a list of 2008 commitments for which payment has been deferred to 2009 is set out in [Table 7](#).

1.2 Revenue

Total revenue increased once again in 2008, totalling €170990 compared with €165,135.93 in 2007. It is the best result of the last eight years, if one leaves out the exceptional collection in 2005 for the Tsunami in South East Asia (see Table 4)

As in previous years, **member contributions** were the principal source of income (82%), and at €139,514, were a new record. Awareness raising campaigns and initiatives for both old and new colleagues in all the European institutions held over the past few years, with a view to increasing the profile of the Association and getting new members, were intensified successfully in 2008, (see Chapter 4 below).

The number of **donations** in 2008 (€8493) was also very high. It cannot be compared directly with the 2007 donations (€25,212), because the 2007 figure included not only the usual donations (€4,427.05), but also an additional €20,785 transferred from the "Water for the Sahel" association, funds the management of which had been entrusted to ETW. In February 2008, the Italian stagiaires donated the proceeds of their party, an amount of €1943 to

ETW to show their solidarity with the developing countries. Another donation, €2500, was received from Affiliatys (an organization of the Commission staff) to finance a project in Benin.

Following on the cyclone "Nargis" which, at the beginning of May wreaked havoc in part of Burma (Myanmar), ETW, together with the Central Staff Committee, organized a special emergency collection. This raised a remarkable €13,603 and which, together with some of ETW's own funds, resulted in a contribution of €21500 to the financing of three post emergency rehabilitation projects.

Awareness raising projects (a new category in our tables, see Chapter 4) resulted in the collection of nearly €6500. This good result was due to the ETW 40th Anniversary celebration on 11th April and to two campaigns organized for ETW by the stagiaires of the European Commission in June and November; they sold mugs in different buildings of the European institutions and collected a remarkable €2931,10

Bank interest (€2888) decreased slightly as a result of a transfer, in May 2008, of €30,000 from the savings account in the ethical bank TRIODOS to the ING account. This transfer had become necessary because of very high financing decisions in March and April (see Table 3). Nonetheless, the Treasury situation at the end of 2008 is comfortable and is practically at the same level as at end 2007 (€111,862, see Table1)

1.3 Expenditure

Broadly speaking, total expenditure in 2008 was close to the income level for the same period. This means that the Association – in accordance with its mission - invested an equal amount of money in projects as it received in contributions from members and other sources.

The **total amount invested in projects** in 2008 (€161,815) was greater than in 2007 and 2006 and exceeded the average over the last seven years (for details, see Tables 2 and 4 as well as the following chapter)..

Breakdown of expenditure by project (Table 2) highlights the dominance of projects in Africa, compared with projects in America and Asia. This is also the case for new funding decisions (see Table 3).

Other expenditures were, as usual, bank charges, office expenses and tax, as well as the costs of awareness raising mainly the organization of the 40th birthday party (see Chapters 4 and 5)

Traditionally, the Annual General Meeting took place on 6th June, 2008, followed by a cocktail for members to celebrate together the 40th anniversary. The new

committee was approved at this meeting (see Appendix B) and the budget for the previous year was discharged.

Excluding the costs supporting the General Assembly, **management fees and miscellaneous expenditure** accounted for not more than 1% of actual expenditure in 2008. This extremely low percentage is thanks to the generous hospitality and logistical support of Community Institutions, particularly the Council and Commission.

2. Funding decisions

In 2008, the Committee Association agreed to support financially **30 new projects. Total commitments amounted to €205,815** (Table 3). Of these

-27 projects from normal resources amounting to €179,427

-1 (last) project from the residual of €12,785 of the funds given by the "water for Sahel" project which was liquidated

-2 projects financed by the special collection in aid of the victims of cyclone Nargis in Burma to the tune of €16,603. In total, three rehabilitation projects were supported, totaling €21,500, the Association giving €7897 from its own resources.

Annex A contains a brief description of each of these 30 projects and the respective contribution made by ETW.

As regards in particular the 27 projects financed from normal resources, the number of projects showed an 18% increase on the average for the previous seven years; their global financing, €179,427 was 24% above the average for the same period and the average per project was €6645, compared to €6349 for the previous seven years.

The total spent from all resources, €205,815, facilitated the realization of projects which cost at about €950,000 altogether, that is to say that our total stimulated co-financing of about €745,000 (which compares with €500,000 in 2007)

Because several financing decisions were made at the end of the year (€20,990 in November and €49,800 in December), payments were not executed before the end of the year: for 9 projects, the transfers, totaling €63,300 were only made at the beginning of 2009 (see table 7)

The geographical distribution of the 30 new projects in 2008 was as follows:

- **Africa:** 20 projects in 12 countries; contribution: €137,645 (67% of the total);
- **Asia:** 7 projects in 3 countries; contribution: €47,400 (23% of the total);
- **America:** 3 projects in 3 countries; contribution: €20,700 (10% of the total).

Although it is not an intentional ETW policy, as in previous years, Africa was the dominant beneficiary in 2008.

2008 projects can be categorised into the following economic themes:

- Agriculture and livestock: 13 projects;
- Vocational training: 7 projects;
- Provision of drinking water: 6 projects;
- Small Industry and handicrafts: 1 project;
- Environment: 1 project.
- Use of solar energy: 1 project.
- Food Aid : 1 project

Of these, nine projects were specifically designed to benefit youth and five projects to benefit women.

3. Monitoring and evaluation of the use of aid

As has been common practice, the weekly Brussels Project Group meetings received several visits of project leaders (20 visits in 2008), either to give an account of the implementation of a project supported by ETW, or to present a new request. The countries involved were Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Congo (democratic Republic), Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Madagascar and Mali.

In 2008 there were no visits **by members of the Committee to visit projects on the ground.**

Over the year, **8 project files were subject to an internal evaluation.** Although the degree of success differed between projects and the impact of

some needed to be measured over the medium and long term, all the project evaluations had positive conclusions.

4. Awareness and communication

In 2008, the "Awareness Group" increased its efforts of initiatives to publicise the Association as widely as possible, especially amongst EU institution staff and to recruit new members.

Numerous articles appeared in magazines circulated to members of the staff of the Institutions :Ecrin, Vox, Affiliatys, Acsec, Panoptique, Agora, CenD, EP Newshound, the Council magazine.

A new advertising tool saw the light of day in 2008: a magnificent triptyque (a three-leafed pamphlet) which illustrates and summarizes our objectives and activities and which is easy to distribute at awareness raising functions (Bazaars, conferences, exhibitions, etc).

The ETW newsletter , which is distributed in all the Commissions offices , was published twice and resulted in some new members.

In 2008, ETW had more intensive cooperation with the stagiaires, who organized two awareness raising campaigns, one in June and the other in November. They consisted of week-long exhibitions, in various Commission cafeteria during the lunch break, of ETW activities and awareness raising of the problems of development. Mugs, donated by Affiliatys, were sold during these weeks to symbolize a donation to ETW.

Thanks to the dynamism of the stagiaires, backed up by ETW members, these campaigns had a noteworthy success on two levels: firstly, more than €2900 was collected and secondly it brought to the attention of many of our colleagues the urgent need to support the local populations in these countries and the contribution made by our projects.

These PR efforts, combined with personal contacts made by our members with our colleagues resulted in 45 new members during 2008 which our table below shows

Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
New members	24	17	35	22	23	29	26	12	38	45

Suggestions for the improvement our website have been made in order to make it more attractive and to make more information available, not only for the staff of our Institutions but also for the NGOs. These suggestions will be acted on in 2009.

Our awareness raising efforts during 2008 also included a Conference-Debate organized at the time of the 2008 AGM between M. Stefano Manservigi, DG for Development at the Commission and Mrs Colette Braeckman, a journalist with "Le Soir". The subject was "EU Development Policy:an investment in the future of the developed world?" There was good attendance and an animated discussion.

The direct contacts which took place at all these events showed that ETW is not yet well known enough in the community circles and awareness raising activities should be pursued in actively in 2009.

5. The 40th Anniversary

As already mentioned earlier , 2008 saw the celebration of the 40h birthday of the Association. A Theatre evening was organized on the 11th April during which the actor Alberto Garcia Sanchez performed the piece of Dario Fo "Johan Padan discovering the Americas". The party was a sure success: the roughly 90 people present enjoyed an agreeable evening in convivial surroundings.

The 40th Anniversary was also a time for the Association to reflect on the changes that have taken place , since 1968, both within itself and in particular in the developing countries. One could consider, for example, whether "Third World" should still be used in the name of the Association . These reflections could result not only in a name change for the organization but also in its geographic range. Similarly it would be useful to reexamine the material and sectoral aspect of ETW interventions ,whether for example the currently excluded education and medical sectors might not also be included in the future.

In short, it would appear necessary to have a fundamental reflection on the objectives and running of the Association. Indeed this commenced already in October ,2008 when members of the Committee and working groups of the Association were invited to suggest topics which they would like to see discussed in the framework of such a reflection. These topics would be discussed during "brainstorming" meetings which will take place in several stages and which should result in significant conclusions by the middle of 2009.

6. Other business

6.1 Membership list

The task of updating and maintaining the membership list has continued. . The aim was not only to know the actual number of current members but also to establish the trend over the last five or six years. One should be able to establish whether ETW has grown continuously or, whether, on the other hand, the numbers have always oscillated around the same figure. This work is not yet complete.

6.2. Approval of the Ministry of Finance

In 2008 , ETW continued to issue receipts (in the form of tax certificates) a dozen] donors who requested them, and whose contributions exceeded €30 per calendar year. The total amount for which certificates were issued was €3575

6.3. Thanks

At the General Assembly last year, the President thanked all the members of the Committee, who each, in his or her way , contributed to the efficacious running of the Committee. A complete list of Committee members can be found in Annex B.

Jacques COLLART continued to lend his support to the Treasurer, providing valuable and reliable skills in accountancy.

Throughout the year, the Association also benefited from the hard and effective work and dedication of Claudine TONDREAU and Edith BONNET in providing the Secretariat.

The Association would like to show their appreciation on behalf of all those who have benefited from their enthusiasm and skills.

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http://intracomm.cec.eu-admin.net/home/life/europe_thirdworld/index_fr.html (if you work in Parliament or the Council)

Annexes:

Annexe A-Brief description of projects approved in 2008

Annexe B –Composition of ETW Committee

[Table 1](#) - Financial Report 2008

[Table 2](#) - Expenditure by project 2008

[Table 3](#) - Financing decisions taken by the Committee

[Table 4](#) - Evolution of revenue and expenses 2002 - 2008

[Table 5](#) - Commitments and payments from 2004 to 2008

[Table 6](#) - Accounts certified 31/12/2008

[Table 7](#) - Outstanding commitments at 31 December 2008

Annexe B

List of the Members of the Committee of ETW-Brussels approved on 6 June 2008

Honorary Presidents

M.H.BOURGÉAU M.C.VANDER WAEREN M.E. WEIMAR

Committee

D'Angelo, Alexandre

Declaye, Pascal

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Dubois, Jean-Pierre

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Skovsholm, Klavs – Vice-President

Tondreau, Claudine – Secretary

Troberg, Margarete

Troberg, Peter

Wack, Marianne