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Reports of the activity carried out under the umbrella of the AE by the individual AE Knowledge Hubs for 2025 are available. They are large files and are available to download from www.ae-info.org or, on request from the individual Hub offices, or online at the following URLs;

Barcelona Hub at:	**https://aebarcelona.eu/**
Bergen Hub at:	**https://aebergen.w.uib.no/annual-reports/**
Budapest Hub:	**https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Acad_Main/Budapest_Knowledge_Hub**
Bucharest:	**https://acadeurobucharest.eu/**
Tbilisi Hub at:	**https://www.aetbilisihub.org**
Wroclaw Hub at:	**https://acadeuro.wroclaw.pl/**

SECTION 1: Governance

THE TRUSTEES OF THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA

Board of TRUSTEES (on 31 December 2025)

Elected Officers (3)

President:	Professor Don Dingwell	Munich, (to end of 2028, renewable)
Hon. Treasurer:	Professor Stephen Evans	Cambridge (to end of 2026, renewable)
Co-opted Members:	Professor Eva Kondorosi	Budapest, (until end 2026)
	Professor Bjorn Wittrock	Uppsala, (until end 2026)
	Professor Eystein Jansen	Bergen, (until end of 2026)
	Professor Paolo Papale	Rome (until end of 2027)
	Professor Milena Zic-Fuchs	Zagreb (appointed 2025)
	Professor Genoveva Marti	Barcelona (appointed January 2026 to end 2028,renewable)

The list of Section chairs, can be found at this link: https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Acad_Main/Sections
Professor Dingwell continued as the Director of the Munich legal entity.

Class chairs are trustees. At the end of 2025 they were:

Class A1 – Humanities and Arts – Chair Professor Genoveva Marti (Trustee), VP ex o
Class A2 – Social Sciences – Chair Professor Bjorn Wittrock (Trustee) VP ex o. temporary (from March 2025 and following resignation by Martin Kahanec as a trustee in 2025)
Class B – Exact Sciences – Professor Paolo Papale (Trustee), VP ex o
Class C – Life Sciences – Professor Eva Kondorosi (Trustee) VP ex o

Note, that in our Articles of Association and the statutes of the Munich Ev, the Council as described is an advisory body to the trustees. Since the creation of the Class system, the single Council now effectively operates through the Class configurations. The Classes and their component Sections each constitute one part of the advisory council. The Class chairs are thus the *de facto* representatives of the Sections on the Board of trustees. The Clas chairs as trustees did consult electronically throughout the year with their sectoral 'Council members' (the Section chairs) on specific issues. Class committees (comprising the Chairs of the Section committees) have been assigned responsibility for the management of the nominations and selection process for new members and they will over-time become responsible for delivery of activity programmes, as envisaged by the Strategic Plan 2019 – 2024. In view of this re-orientation of responsibility and the fact that the Classes now fulfil the role of the former plenary Council, but in a more efficient way, the trustees will review the Regulations in to better reflect the new working structure.

As of 20th September 2023, the trustees signed articles to establish a new AE Munich legal entity (Academia Europaea e.V - eingetragener Verein). This development had been strongly endorsed by the AE Independent Advisory Group in 2022. All members of the AE had been informed of the plans at the AGM of 2022 and the strategic plan refers to the Board of trustees keeping the post-BREXIT situation under review. Therefore, the intention was that from 2024 and beyond, the new Munich legal entity will become the AE HQ for all dealings with the EU and facilitate access for all members of the AE. The new entity will also assume other responsibilities from London over time. The London charity will continue to run in parallel, and both will operate under a common Board of trustees for the foreseeable future. London will have a decreasing lead role and will provide administrative support to the AE office in Munich. Both entities will be displayed on the common website (www.ae-info.org) and will operate as a single functional unit under a common Board of trustees. Each will have to report separately to their own national regulatory bodies, as described in their statutes. Members of the Academia Europaea are *de facto,* members of both legal forms of the AE. Resources will be allocated between each entity according to function and need.

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London General Secretariat
Executive Secretary: Dr David Coates

Senior Administrator: Ms Teresa McGovern
Accounts and payroll: Outsourced to Keith Vaudrey & Co.
Membership Secretary: Function partially provided by the Wroclaw Hub office
Membership administration, database and website management are outsourced: Technical University of Graz. Contact is Ms Dana Kaiser

The Executive Secretary is the Company Secretary (London), with responsibility for day-to-day financial operations of the AE as a whole (except for SAPEA projects) membership and activity and the London office and provides secretariat support to the Board and other sub-committees and assistance to the Munich office.

The company and charity of the UK legal entity is domiciled at Room 251, Senate House, University of London, Malet Street. London, WC1E 7HU.

Munich General Secretariat

Director: Professor Donald Dingwell
Executive Secretary (Munich): Ms Friederike Brandthaus

The association registered office at Munich, is at Academia Europaea e.V. Room 336, 3rd floor, Theresienstr. 41, 80333 München, GERMANY. The office has responsibility for all EU research related matters, oversignt of the AE Regional Knowledge Hubs, support to the Classes and Sections and overall oversigh of the communications strategy, memberhip election and support services adn all activity programmes including conferences, awards, grants and related matters.

Regional Knowledge Hubs (on the 31st of December 2025)

Barcelona Hub (https://aebarcelona.eu/)
Academic Director: Professor Jaume Bertranpetit
Hub manager: Maite Sánchez Riera

Bergen Hub (https://aebergen.w.uib.no/)
Academic Director: Professor Eystein Jansen (AE trustee)
Hub manager: Ms Kristen Bakken
Communications: Mr Nils Olav Sæverås

Budapest Hub https://mta.hu/aebudapest
Academic Director: Professor Peter Hegyi
Hub Manager: Dr Gergely Bohm
Hub Officer: Nóra Deák:
Hub Communications Officer: Katalin Borvölgyi,

Bucharest Hub https://acadeurobucharest.eu/
Mircea Dumitru, Academic Director,
Sorin Antohi, Executive Director,
Alis-Maria Alexă, Hub Manager,
Grigore Vida, Hub Officer,
Luminița Gliga, Hub Officer,
Constantin C. Brîncuș, Hub Officer,
Georgiana Giurescu, Hub Officer,
Oana Peiu, Hub Officer,
Daniel Cățoi, Webmaster.

Graz Data Centre. Responsible (under contract to AE London) for delivery, support, development and content management of the AE corporate website (www.ae-info.org) and the membership database. The data centre team include: (Director) Professor Frank Kappe, Project Manager H. Leitner, M.Sc., Chief Programmer Mr R. Hoffmann and Main Editorial Management Ms Dana Kaiser M.A.

Tbilisi Hub (https://www.aetbilisihub.org/ **)**
Academic Director: Professor David Lordkipanidze
Hub Executive Director: Ms Natia Khuluzauri
Manager: Vakhtang Tsintsadze

Wroclaw Knowledge Hub (https://acadeuro.wroclaw.pl/)
Academic Director: Professor Arkadius Wøjs
Hub manager: Anna Jarosz
Hub officer: Veronica Lott

Examiner of Accounts	Principal Bankers	Solicitors
Keith Vaudrey & Co Ltd.	NatWest Bank Plc	Hewitson Becke+Shaw
Chartered Certified Accountants	250, Regent St.	Shakespeare House
51, Marloes Road		42, Newmarket Road
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Note: The legal and administrative information in the report and financial statements forms a part of the overall trustee's report and meet the requirements of the UK Charities Commission and UK Companies House,.

SECTION 2: The structure and mission of the Academia Europaea

The Academia Europaea London[1]

On 23 September 2009: the Academia Europaea was incorporated as a Company limited by Guarantee and was registered at Companies House (number 07028223). See: https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/company/07028223 .

The Company was also registered as a not-for-profit charity (registration number 1133902), see https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/4048916

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Governance and management

A single Board of Trustees manages the affairs of both legal entities of the Academia Europaea. There is an 'Advisory Council' and other operational sub-committees that are described in annex 1. Elections and appointments to the Board are as described in the regulations. These can also be found on the corporate website at www.ae-info.org.

Members elect the officers of the Academia (President, Vice President(s) officio and the Honorary Treasurer). Other trustees are co-opted directly by the Board. The Annual General Meeting of members confirms these appointments in accordance with the regulations. The Vice Presidents (ex officio) are recommended by the President and appointed by the Board of Trustees for a period as defined in the Regulations.

Training and induction of new trustees

New trustees are provided with a copy of the statutes and regulations, governance documents and access to sets of minutes of the past year(s). Trustees also receive copies of documents describing the role and responsibilities of Directors and Trustees and links to the appropriate UK Charity Commission and Company House websites and those relevant to the Munich legal entity.

The mission of the Academia Europaea

The Academia Europaea is an international, non-governmental association of individual scientists and scholars, who are experts and leaders in their own subject areas, as recognised by their peers.

The Academia will:

Promote European scholarship and research and increase the wider appreciation of its value and importance
Make recommendations to national governments and international agencies concerning matters affecting science, scholarship and academic life in Europe.
Encourage interdisciplinary and international research in all areas of learning, particularly in relation to European issues.
Identify topics of trans-European importance to science and scholarship and propose appropriate action to ensure that these issues are adequately studied.

The Academia will endeavour to:

Encourage the highest possible standards in scholarship, research and education.
Promote a better understanding among the public at large of the benefits of knowledge and learning, and of scientific and scholarly issues, which affect society, its quality of life and its standards of living.

[1] From 1988 to incorporation in 2009, the Academia Europaea operated under a Deed of Trust and was registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission of England and Wales (former registration number 1001978)

Charitable objectives:

The advancement and propagation of excellence in scholarship in the humanities, law, the economic, social and political sciences, mathematics, medicine, and all branches of natural and technological sciences anywhere in the world for the public benefit and for the advancement of the education of the public of all ages in the aforesaid subjects in Europe.

SECTION 3: Trustees' report for the period ended 31 December 2025

The trustees would like to thank all of the organisations that have sustained the Academia through their generous general financial sponsorships in particular the authorities supporting the Academia Europaea Regional Knowledge Hubs. The trustees also thank those other foundations and organisations that have contributed to the running of specific events and activities of the Academia during the period of this report. These organisations are identified in various places within this report and in the separate accounts and have been identified within the various 'reports to members' of events held during the current period, where appropriate. The trustees have been active in their engagement in the affairs of the Academia and have attended every meeting of the trustees (physical or virtual). The trustees wish to express their gratitude to the elected officers of the Academy for their additional work on behalf of the membership. In particular, to thank Professor Don Dingwell for steering the establishing of the new Munich AE legal entity, and for his representing the AE in external project boards and meetings, including in the Horizon Europe SAPEA plus project and Alban Kellerbauer as Editor-in-chief of our international journal – The European Review. The trustees would also like to thank Professor Lars Engwall who retired as chairman of the HERCuLES group and was succeeded by Professor Milena Zic Fuchs (trustee),

In 2025, the AE operated a growing programme of real-time international events (conferences and workshops) and a programme of online activities (webinars and streamed events). Some of these are reported below and in more detail in the individual Hub annual reports. The majority of activities were delivered through the Regional Knowledge Hubs. The Horizon 2020 funded SAPEA activity continued under a new contact and is managed out of the Munich office. The AE chaired the Board. The European Review continued to be published and generated royalty income (see published accounts.

The trustees are grateful to the six AE Regional Knowledge Hubs and their dedicated staff. Regrettably, the Cardiff Hub closed in 2025. The Trustees would like to thank all of the staff who worked tirelessly to make the Hub so successful The sponsors and hosts of all of our hubs have through their generosity, enabled the AE to deliver a much larger and more varied programme of activities both to the academic communities of their regions and also increasingly they are bringing science to the general public, thorough a range of public events, lectures and exhibitions targeted at their specific regional remits. These are reported on in the individual Hub annual reports. The Regional Hubs are independent of the AE corporate centre but work in coordination wilt one another in delivering our charitable objectives across Europe. The Trustees were pleased to see the launch of a new Regional Knowledge Hub in 2025 – The Bucharest Hub. We were honoured to sign the agreement with the President of the Romanian Academy of Sciences (as hosts and principle sponsors). The Hub is led by Prof Mircea Dumitru MAE and Professor Sorin Antohi MAE.

As a result of the 2025 activity, the trustees can report that the annual examined accounts for 2025 show an unrestricted funds carried forward to 2026 of £-37,712. This figure does not however reflect the actual cash situation of the AE at the end of 2025. In fact, in terms of actual cash at the bank, an unrestricted funds total of £250,514 was carried over into 2026 (this figure includes the life membership totals as described in the official 2025 accounts document). The accounts showed a deferred income in creditors which reflect the accumulated total for life membership donations which are then split over ten years. Each year a 10 percent of accumulated lifetime membership contributions is recognised as members' contributions in the annual accounts. The remaining accumulated lifetime membership contributions are carried forward to the next accounting year. This is reported on page 13 in the financial statements. In addition, the restricted funds were £148,857 in the year ended 2025. The charity has reduced the costs of labour and office space in London to *mitigate this deficit in the unrestricted funds.*

The trustees wish to record their thanks to the Technical University of Graz data centre staff for their dedicated I.T. and corporate web and database support and to Professor Balazs Gulyas for his management of the 2025 AE Erasmus Medal process.

The trustees are pleased to report, that in 2025, our inter – organisational links were further strengthened with a number of European federation organisations (ALLEA, FEAM, EASAC EuroCase and YASAS (The Association of European Young Academies). Cardiff and Munich have been responsible for delivery of AE SAPEA plus participation throughout the year. Members of the Board of trustees also established strong working links with institutions in China, including with the Chinese Academy of Sciences. This reflects the increased number of scholars that are being elected to the AE from mainland China.

The President and other trustees engaged in a number of specific activities that responded to policy issues across Europe and more widely. A thematic transdisciplinary AE task force on Environmental sustainability continued to meet. The international collaboration agreement known as the TEA-NET consortium, under the coordination of Professor Peter Hegyi (Chair of the Clinical and Veterinary Sciences Section) entered its delivery phase. The AE played an active part in the G20 process acting on behalf of the European Commission as the Academy of Europe for the purpose of input into the science strand of the G-20. This was a major recognition of the AE by the European Commission and further enhanced the profile of the AE on the international stage.

The trustees are pleased to report a further widening of the membership of the Academia Europaea with the election in 2025 of 312 scholars across the four classes. The full 2025 election list is at annex 1. Member statistics can be found on the AE website at ae-info.org. There has been a gradual improvement in gender balance members and a reduction in regional disparity in terms of disciplines over the year. This is in line with the targets as described in the strategic plan. However, the trustees will further address

these issues in 2025 with a review of membership election and assessment policy to better meet CoARA[2] principles for the 2025 new member cycle. The trustees also continued to support the continuing development of the Young Academy of Europe, in recognition of the AE mission to promote young researchers.

The AE has a membership of individuals. They are drawn from the whole continent of Europe and with Foreign members from beyond Europe. The majority of AE members are resident and working outside of the UK and the majority of these are based in EU member states. Membership statistics can be found on the AE website.

The Trustees wish to place on record, that it was their belief that at the time of the compilation of this report, there were no additional or unforeseen risks that would place the continuation of the charity in jeopardy.

Public benefit statement

Over the year the Academia and the Regional Knowledge Hubs, have published articles and papers in academic journals; organised a number of virtual and physical academic meetings across the continent that are open to members and non-members, young scholars and to the interested public in all areas of operation. The Academia has provided prizes and awards to support and recognise excellent researchers in pursuit of their scholarship. To enhance the accessibility of the European scholarly community to the public, the Academia has maintained and enhanced its web portal and those of the regional knowledge hubs and has contributed to the betterment of European Policy through participation in provision of expert, impartial advice to authorities and governmental organisations and has supported the Young Academy of Europe. A full description of all of the main activities is included elsewhere in this report.

The trustees have consulted the guidance made by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on the Public Benefit requirement of the charities Act 2011. The Trustees are confident that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 in that they have had a due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Future Plans

In the coming year (2026), the trustees will continue to deliver the mission of the Academia through the running of appropriate workshops, publications and related activities. The trustees will explore new opportunities, including continuation of an AE activity for environmental sustainability, Artificial intelligence, and collaborations with other international platforms. The AE will further work on the 'Academia Europaea College of Excellence' and support the expansion of outreach through an expansion of the network of regional Hubs. We will explore alternative models of financing. The Young Academy of Europe will continue to be supported, specifically to provide a focus to engage with and support young researchers from across the UK and Europe. The AE engagement in European Science policy advice will be strengthened through taking a lead on topics within the Science Advice Policy project SAPEA PLUS and any subsequent Horizon funded policy project. The trustees will especially focus on ensuring that its UK based membership and researchers more generally can continue to be effectively linked with their European colleagues. Following the establishing of the new Munich legal entity, resources will be transferred to assist with operations, including the re-allocation of administrative tasks from London. To assist in this, the London office and staffing resource will be scaled back. At the invitation of the European Commission, the AE will provide direct input on behalf of the European Union into the G20 network of leading economies, by providing scientific advice to S-20 network of national academies.

SECTION 4: Centrally co-ordinated activities during the period, 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025

The 36th annual conference of members 15-17 October 2025.

The conference of the Academia Europaea took place Barcelona at the Barcelona Biomedical Research Park. Local organiser and host - Professor Jaume Bertranpetit MAE. This was a physical event with streaming of plenary sessions see this link for full details: https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Acad_Main/Plenary_Conferences

Sessions included:

On October 15th a dedicated one-day meeting for all four Classes running in parallel.
An open meeting of the Young Academy of Europe

October 16th - plenary session speakers included:

General Sessions by Class B: Exact Sciences
Chair: Paolo Papale, MAE, Instituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia, Italy and Chair Class B

- Hans Oerlemans, MAE and Balzan prize winner 2022, Utrecht University, The Netherlands
  The role of glaciers in the evolution of the Earth
- Licia Verde, MAE, ICREA at University of Barcelona, Spain
  Precision cosmology: threading a needle from the other end of the Universe
- Eugenio Coccia, MAE, IFAE and Rector of the Gran Sasso Science Institute, Barcelona, Spain
  Gravitational Waves: from the Einstein prediction to the Einstein Telescope

[2] CoARA. Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment

Clas C – Life Sciences
Chair: Eva Kondorosi, Biological Research Centre, Hungary and Chair Class C
- Dennis Lo, MAE, Vice-Chancellor and President, Li Ka Shing Professor of Medicine at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK).
Non-invasive Prenatal Testing and Cancer Detection: From Dream to Reality
- Jens Stougaard, MAE, and winner of the Adam Kondorosi Academia Europaea Prize for Advanced Research 2025, Aarhus University, Denmark
Plant perception of microbial signal molecules
- Mart Saarma, MAE, President of the Estonian Academy of Science, University of Helsinki, Finland
New approaches to treat neurodegenerative diseases.

17th October

The 2025 Young Academy of Europe Andre Mischke prize was awarded to Agnieszka Wykowska, Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia, Geneva, Italy

Presentation by Scott Bremer, President of YAE, University of Bergen, Norway
Human-robot interaction: how robots can address societal needs

General plenary speakers included :

General Sessions by Class A1: Humanities

Chair: Genoveva Martí, MAE, ICREA at University of Barcelona, Spain and Chair Class A1

- Mark Steedman, MAE, University of Edinburgh, Scotland
Natural Language and Artificial Intelligence
- Johan Rooryck, MAE, Leiden University, The Netherlands
Towards Equitable Open Access Publishing
-Louise McNally, MAE, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain
Open Access Meets Large Language Models Meets Research Evaluation Policy: A View from the Trenches

General Session by Class A2: Social and Related Sciences

Chair: Martin Kahanec, Central European University, Vienna, Austria

Panel Theme: Democracy, Prosperity, and Sociality within Planetary Boundaries
This high-level, interdisciplinary plenary brings together perspectives from the natural and social sciences and humanities to consider how societies can live well within planetary boundaries. Rather than seeing ecological limits as constraints, how might they serve as catalysts for democratic renewal, equity, and innovation? Transforming the way we live requires more than technological fixes—it calls for approaches that are culturally grounded, inclusive, and responsive to lived realities. Experiences such as vaccine uptake highlight the limitations of top-down strategies. Climate change, as an anthropogenic and socially embedded phenomenon, illustrates how well-intended actions can produce unintended consequences. Here, the social sciences play a critical role in shaping just and viable pathways forward.
- Guy Midgley, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
Planetary boundaries and the fragility of abundance
- Nebojsa Nakicenovic, MAE, Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Laxenburg, Austria
Safe, Just and Beautiful Future within Planetary Boundaries
- Hartmut Rosa, MAE, MAX Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt, Erfurt, Germany
Running For – Or Listening Towards the Future? Two Alternative Visions of the World to Come
-Isabelle Anguelovski, ICREA at Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
Climate (Im)Mobilities Justice: Displacement, Segregation, Resistance, and the Uneven Geographies of Urban Adaptation

Open session organized by the Young Academy of Europe (YAE)

Public trust in science and navigating political tensions

Public trust in scientists can help policymaking institutions to decide on the basis of available evidence, but we witness recent political hostilities towards research institutions, and academic freedom and integrity. Indeed, the boundary between science and politics has always been contested, with some seeking to harden this boundary, while others see it as more malleable. And at the same time, most people today trust scientists and agree that they should engage more in society. Against this background, this panel will host multiple perspectives on how scientists – as individuals and as a group - navigate social and political polarization on the role and organisation of science in Europe today. To the extent that scientists work within a politicised context, what affordances and strategies do they deploy to establish science's role in society and relate to political trends.

Moderator: Scott Bremer, president of YAE, University of Bergen, Norway

Panellists:
1. Ruth Rodríguez-Martínez (SH), Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain

2. Anna Kuppuswamy (LS), YAE, University of Leeds, United Kingdom
3. Emilian Mihailov (SH) YAE, University of Bucharest, Romania
4. Marta Sánchez de la Torre, University of Barcelona, Spain

Art and Science Lecture by Marta de Menezes, Lisboa, Portugal
Art and Immunology – A Love Story

Introduced by Monica Bello, Art Curator, Barcelona

The 2025 Academia Europaea Erasmus Medal was awarded to László Lovász, MAE, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary. See: https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Acad_Main/Activities/Awards_and_Prizes/Erasmus_Medal/PastWinners

Laudatio by János Pach, MAE, Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Budapest & EPFL, Lausanne

2025 Heinz Nixdorf Erasmus Lecture title: *The Beauty of Mathematics*

The 2025 Adam Kondorosi Academia Europaea award for advanced research (awarded in Oxford July 2025)

Professor Jens STOUGAARD MAE (Aarhus University, Denmark)
2025 Adam Kondorosi Lecture: "Genetics of nitrogen-fixing root nodules in legumes"

Laudation: Dr. Luis Rubio MAE, Spain

See: https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Acad_Main/Activities/Awards_and_Prizes/The_AE-Adam_Kondorosi_Prize

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The 2025 Sydney Brenner Prize for Personal achievement in Life Sciences awarded to Markus Ralser MAE, Charité, Berlin, Germany: see https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Acad_Main/Activities/Awards_and_Prizes/Sydney_Brenner_Medal/PastWinners

Laudatio by Kathryn Lilley, MAE, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

2025 Sydney Brenner Lecture title: *The Dynamic Nature of Cellular Metabolism*

2025 Class meetings

As a part of the annual conferences programme, the four Classes each held a Class event on 15th October, to welcome the new members elected in 2025.

The four Classes each followed a similar format. This included a presentation and welcome to the AE by the Class Chair followed by a selection of new member presentations representing each Section and round table discussion sessions.

SECTION 5: Academia Europaea outreach.

The Academia Europaea Regional Knowledge Hubs

Each Hub operates as an independent entity with local hosts and sponsors. Each Hub organises and delivers their own programmes of activity and assists the London HQ, where needed. The Hubs each have a complimentary thematic mission that provides a wide range of activities delivering a wider public benefit that is in line with our charitable objectives. These activities are described in the individual Hub reports (**see annexes**). In 2025 we saw the closure of the Cardiff Hub and the creation of a new Hub in Bucharest.

AE engagement in European research policy and scientific expert advice to policymakers for general public policy (science into policy)

- **SAPEA – Scientific Advice for general European Policy (not policy for research)**

SAPEA: Science Advice for Policy by European Academies

- Spanning the disciplines of engineering, humanities, medicine, natural sciences and social sciences, **SAPEA** brings together the outstanding knowledge and expertise of Fellows from over 100 Academies, Young Academies and Learned Societies in more than 40 countries across Europe

- SAPEA is part of the European Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) which provides independent, interdisciplinary and evidence-based scientific advice on policy issues to the European Commission, working closely with the SAM Group of Chief Scientific Advisors

- The project is funded through a grant from the EU's Horizon 2020 programme. It runs to 2027



= country with at least one Academy

Academies' independence, academic expertise and convening power make them a critical source of evidence for policymakers and the wider public, providing an unbiased, balanced and transparent perspective. Academies within SAPEA are members of one or more of the European Academy Networks: Academia Europaea, ALLEA, EASAC, Euro-CASE, FEAM and the Young Academies Association (YASAS).

All of the Networks' Member Academies across Europe are part of SAPEA and are encouraged to participate actively. Opportunities for involvement include:

- **suggesting scientific topics**
- **communicating their latest major scientific outputs to SAPEA**
- **nominating Fellows** to the SAPEA Working Groups, or other events requiring the advice of an expert (e.g. experts' workshops or stakeholder meetings)
- **hosting Working Group meetings**
  direct costs can be covered
- **acting as "Lead Academies"** for a selected scientific topic
- **hosting outreach events**
  event support can be provided
- **Raising the visibility of Academy work at a European Level** by sharing news of activities with the SAPEA Communications Office for the project website

AE engagement in SAPEA Plus and providing expertise to public institutions and administrations at European Level

The Horizon2020 funded project contract with the European Commission will run to 2027 and will be managed out of the Munich office. The President is a member of the Board of Management of the project. The Munich office oversees the work of the AE engagement in SAPEA and The LMU also manages the overall finances of the SAPEA project on behalf of the consortium. The AE Executive Secretary Munich acts as AE contract manager in liaison with the central project coordination team.

Full information for the project and its outputs, can be found via the official SAPEA website (https://sapea.info/) and through both the ae-info website [http://www.ae-info.org/ae/Acad_Main/Activities/SAPEA].

Our intention throughout the SAPEA project is to work with and through the regional knowledge Hubs to ensure maximum opportunity for involvement of our members. We will also establish an outreach forum of other pan-European organisations to improve linkages and engagement of non-core partner expertise and seek to engage scholars (members and non-members) as experts from the UK and Ireland.

- **European Science Advisory Council (EASAC).**

Formed by a number of European Academies and supported by the Academia Europaea provides EU institutions and other pan-national bodies with fully independent advice on the scientific aspects of public policy.

The Academia was a founding member of this Council and collaborates with our sister Academies in making available our members' expertise where needed, for the many study groups that are established. The Academia provides a financial contribution to the running of the secretariat of EASAC. The Academia covers the costs of participation of the AE Council member and AE experts participating in specific study panels [**http://www.easac.eu/**]. The AE supports a number of members, who provide their individual expertise to EASAC studies and/or are engaged in the standing committees of EASAC. Professor Don Dingwell (trustee) is the AE delegate to the EASAC governing Council. The list of publications and reports can be found via the website above.

- **EASSH (The European Alliance of Social Sciences and Humanities).**

The Academia Europaea is a member of this alliance through Professor Bjorn Wittrock. Trustee Professor Milena Zic Fuchs is also a member of the council of the EASSH.The association seeks to promote and safeguard the position and status of the social sciences and Humanities within the European Research area. Its activities can be found at this URL: https://eassh.eu/

The Academia Europaeas maintains 'working level relationships' with UNESCO as a listed NGO.

AE Publications



The Academia Europaea in conjunction with Cambridge University Press publishes an international peer reviewed journal.

The European Review 2025 (volume 33). The Editor-in-chief – Professor Alban Kellerbauer MAE (Nuclear Physics, Joint Research Centre, Karlsruhe, Germany). The journal has seen a significant increase in uncommissioned papers submitted for review and publication, from across the world.

In 2025, the European Review (ERW) volume 33 had six issues and one open access supplement. AE members had free access to the online version of the journal and to the archive. In 2025 the ERW became completely Gold open access.

ERW at Cambridge Core: https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/european-review

Volume 33 had on Supplement ***Academic Freedom in the Twenty-first Century***
This was based on a conference on the topic 'Academic Freedom in the Twenty-first Century' held at the Wenner-Gren Centre in Stockholm on 15–17 May 2024 with the economic support of the Wenner-Gren Foundations. The conference was part of a series arranged by the **H**igher **E**ducation, **R**esearch and **CUL**ture in **E**uropean **So**ciety (HERCulES) group within Academia Europaea.

European Review , Volume 33 , Supplement S1 , March 2025 , pp. S1 - S13
DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/S1062798725000110 edited by Professor Lars Engwall MAE Chair of the HERCuLES group.

AE 'in-house' and 'grey' literature publications.

In addition to regular corporate e-newsletters [produced on behalf of the AE HQ by the Communications group at the Bergen Hub] and separately by all of the Regional Knowledge Hubs, the AE maintained its corporate website which is managed and hosted at the Technical University of Graz under a service contract. The Regional Knowledge Hubs maintain their own websites to reflect their own, independent programmes of activity.

SECTION 6: 2025 Corporate level events and activity provided with AE sponsorship including projects funded through the Hubert Curien Fund, or externally organised but with AE patronage, or externally sponsored.

2025 Wenner Gren – HERCuLES symposium, held at the Wenner Gren Foundation Center in Stockholm

Institutional Perspectives on Universities: The Role of Leadership, Administration, Stakeholders and Risks

Wednesday May 21−Friday May 23, 2025

Program Committee: Jürgen Enders (Chair), Helena Buescu, Lars Engwall, Milena Zic Fuchs and Marijk van der Wende.

See: https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Acad_Main/Activities/HERCuLES/Events/Institutional%20Perspectives%20on%20Universities for full programme information
For information on the AE HERCuLES group see: https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Acad_Main/Activities/HERCuLES

The trustees would like to thank the Wenner Gren Foundations , staff and Professor Carl-Hendrik Heldin MAE (CEO) for their continuing support to the HERCuLES group.

- **Other Hubert Curien grant funded initiatives (member and/or Hub initiated) in 2025**

Summer School on Computational Approaches to Historical Linguistics
Confirmed speakers **Giuseppe Longobardi (University of York - lead applicant)**, Paola Crisma (University of Trieste), Dimitar Kazakov (University of York), Cristina Guardiano (University of Reggio Emilia/IUSS Pavia)
Host Institution: University of Plovdiv Paisii Hilendarski, Plovdiv, Bulgaria
Coordinating Institution: University of York, UK
Website: https://ca2hl.org/
Dates: 21-Jul-2025 - 01-Aug-2025
Location: Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Week 1: Introduction to Historical Linguistics. The Comparative Method. The Parametric Comparison Method (PCM). Case Study: The Indo-European Language Family. Language trees and language contact. Case Study: The Balkan Sprachbund.
Week 2: Parameter Setting for PCM. Case study: Analysing Syntactic Parameters in Participants' Languages. Data Visualisation: Gradient Maps of Principal Components and Their Historical Implications. Exploring Migrations and Cultural Contact through Linguistic Evidence. Clustering Techniques for Phylogenetic Tree Generation. Advanced Tools: Using Large Language Models (LLMs) for Parameter Evidence Collection.

In addition to the event listed above. The already Board approved international collaboration research network (TEA NET) The AE Translational Medicine Working Group (TMWG) network continued. It started its work on 1 January 2023 and continued throughout 2025. Its primary objective is to process, analyse, and interpret high-quality macro and micro data collected in the field of biomedical sciences with full European coverage. TMWG and training of talented research and clinical scientists dedicated to translational medicine are strongly promoted within AE, which is coordinated by the AE Clinical and Veterinary Section under the overall direction of Professor Peter Hegyi (Academic Director of the AE Budapest Knowledge Hub).

The **European partners** of the TEA NET are thee Semmelweis University and the National Biomedical Foundation.

The Asian partners are the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) in Hong Kong (coordinating site), and its collaborating or affiliated institutions in Shenzhen, including the Shenzhen Institute of Advanced Technologies [SIAT], CUHK Shenzhen Research Institute [SZRI], and CUHK Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Research Institute (Futian) [FITRI].

SECTION 7: Corporate, Hubs and membership

2025 New members elected

The trustees approved the recommendation of the Classes and elected 312 new members by a written procedure in March. Each Class chair introduced their recommended list for election of new members following an intensive assessment and evaluation phase carried out by the respective Section committees. The trustees discussed each class list and Class chairs highlighted any specific issues that had arisen with any individual Section. Actual new member numbers can be found by a search of the members database (by year of election) at: https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Acad_Main/List_of_Members

The Trustees then formally elected new members for each Class as follows:
Class A1 – Humanities

TOTAL NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS: 87
for Ordinary membership: 72 (83 %)
for Foreign membership: 15 (17 %)

RECOMMENDED FOR ELECTION: 73 (83% of the total nominations)
Ordinary members 62 (79 % of the nominations for Ordinary membership)

Foreign members 11 (73 % of the nominations for Foreign membership)
NOT ELECTED THIS YEAR: 14

Class A2 – Social and related sciences

TOTAL NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS: 49
for Ordinary membership: 40 (82 %)
for Foreign membership: 9 (18 %)

RECOMMENDED FOR ELECTION: (% of the total nominations)	81.6
Ordinary members (% of the nominations for Ordinary membership)	87.5
Foreign members (% of the nominations for Foreign membership)	55.6
NOT ELECTED THIS YEAR: (% of all submissions)	18.4

Class B – Exact sciences

TOTAL NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS: 216
for Ordinary membership: 106 (49 %)
for Foreign membership: 110 (51 %)

RECOMMENDED FOR ELECTION: 58 (27 %)
for Ordinary membership: 47 (81 %)
for Foreign membership: 11 (9 %)

Class C – Life sciences

TOTAL NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS: 203
for Ordinary membership: 162 (80 %)
for Foreign membership: 41 (20 %)
NOT this year elected 41

The Class chairs responsible for oversight of the nominations process in 2025 were:

Class A1 – Humanities and Arts – Sections A1-A6 [Chair Professor Poul Holm (Trustee)]
Class A2 – Social and related sciences – Sections A7 – A10 [Chair Prof Martin Kahanec (Trustee) resigned in March 2025]
Class B – Exact and Natural Sciences – Sections B1 –B5 [Professor Paolo Papale (Trustee)]
Class C – Life Sciences – Sections C1 – C5 [Professor Eva Kondorosi (Trustee)]

Communications

The Hubs and HQ (via the Bergen Hub comms team) issued regular monthly electronic newsletters throughout the year. The Graz Data centre maintained the ae-info.org website and both Graz and Wroclaw ensured that member data was updated, including for the new members elected in 2025. All new members were notified of the AE GDPR policy and members were asked to opt-in to that policy at the time of their election. Newsletters are archived on the ae-info website at: https://www.ae-info.org/ae/Acad_Main/Publications/Newsletter_Archive

Governance meetings held in 2025

The Trustees, Council and their subcommittees

The Board of Trustees met on six occasions to transact business either physically o virtually. All meetings were quorate. Minutes were filed.

A physical/virtual hybrid AGM took place on October 15th in Barcelona

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37th Annual Business Meeting 2025 (AGM) – Barcelona 15th October held at 16:30 – 18:30 (CET)

This was a physical meeting. VP Don Dingwell chaired the AGM.
There were 46 physical delegates.

The acting Chair of the Board of Trustees Vice-president, Professor Donald Dingwell MAE welcomed members to Barcelona and thanked the local organiser (Professor Jaume Bertranpetit)

The announcement of the AGM had been published on the AE website and made known to all members by E-newsletter more than 21 days in advance. A series of online ballots (between 15th – 26th September) had been announced and taken on specific items of business (adoption of the annual accounts, annual activity report, re-appointment of examiners and recommended membership

subscriptions for 2025). The draft agenda and all papers associated to the AGM were made available on the website in advance and had been tabled for delegates in the room. One motion from the membership had been received in advance, as set out in the notice for the AGM. The motion to approve the draft agenda was adopted by the members present.

The Honorary Treasurer (Professor Stephen Evans) summarised the financial position as set out in the accounts for 2025 and additionally gave indications of the current year. He reported that the financial position of the AE was stable. He highlighted the reliance of the AE on member donations for all areas of activity and reminded members that annual contributions were a vital part of their acceptance as members. He pointed out that there were still a significant number who did not contribute at all. He also raised the issue of the very small base of external financial support from non-member organisations.

A note of thanks was recorded for sponsors as follows: To the Wenner Gren Foundations for their continuing support to HERCuLES group activity, the Patron membership of the Hungarian Research Network and the Heinz Nixdorf Foundation for the support to the Erasmus lecture..

The results of the e-ballots by members were reported to all members at the AGM and through normal newsletter channels. Large majorities had approved all motions.

Motion to adopt the examined accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024 – adopted). 706 in favour, 5 against.
Motion to adopt the trustees (activity report) for the year ending 31 December 2024 – adopted (409 in favour, 1 against).
Motion to re-appoint the auditors (examiners) – approved (406 for, 0 against)
Motion to set the level of membership fees for the year 2026 – approved (370 for, 32 against)

The treasurer had tabled in advance, a motion for decision by the room "Members are invited to approve a one-time establishment fee for new members (2026) of 200 Euros – irrespective of age at the time of their acceptance of membership. **This motion was adopted on a show of hands without dissent.**

Elections of Officers and appointments of trustees. Following the retirement of professor Makarow at the end of 2024, the trustees had initiated a process for identification and subsequent election of a President. During the year, the Vice President Professor Dingwell had acted as chair of the Board of trustees and President *pro tem.* The Trustees established a search group with an independent convenor. Following a call for candidates, the group held interviews with the candidates and made a recommendation to the Board of trustees. The Board then proposed a candidate to the membership for election. The AGM were notified of the outcome of the e-ballot. Professor Dingwell was then ratified by the members present at the AGM. Professor Dingwell was declared President elect until the end of 2025 and would assume his first term as President officially from January 1st 2026 until the end of December 2028.

Appointments and co-options to the Board of trustees

A. A document had been tabled that set out the terms of service already approved for those trustees that had been co-opted. Members present noted the terms for co-opted trustees. The Board reported that Professor Martin Kahanec (Section chair for Economics), who had been appointed as Class Chair for Social Sciences from January 2025, had resigned as a trustee in April due to a conflict of interest with a European Commission position. Professor Wittrock had agreed to take up the role temporarily until a new Clas chair could be appointed.

B. Members present also approved a proposal to continue the co-option of the following trustees on a renewable basis. As follows:

Other reports

There followed a series of presentations by Hub managers as follows:
Barcelona (Prof. Jaume Bertranpetit Academic Director, Ms Maite Sánchez - Hub Manager).
Bergen (Prof. Eystein Jansen Academic Director, Ms Kristen Baaken - Hub Manager).
Budapest (Prof Peter Hegyi Academic Director, Katalin Fodor Hub Manager).
Cardiff (Prof. Petersen Hub Director).
Tbilisi (Prof David Prangishvilli – Academic Director, Ms Sofia Kobakhidze – Hub Manager),
Wroclaw Hub (Prof. Arkadiusz Wojs Academic Director, Ms Anna Jarosz – Hub Manager),
Graz Data Centre (Dr Helmut Leitner – Centre manager, Ms Dana Kaiser manager)

Professor Alban Kellerbauer, the Editor-in-Chief of the journal – The European Review, gave a synopsis of the 2025 volume and reported on the translation into an Open Access Journal.

The Vice President then reported on developments at the Munich Hub.

Other business.

A motion for discussion had been tabled by Professor Cinzia Ferrini. Concerns were expressed at the increased costs to members of attending the annual conferences. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Board and future conference planning committees, would explore ways to make the costs of attendance at the annual conferences less expensive for members, especially those members who may no longer have access to institutional support.

SECTION 8: Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of 'The Academia Europaea – The Academy of Europe', for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information about which charitable company's examiner of accounts is unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the examiner of accounts is aware of that information.
- The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions

Risk assessment

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular, those relating to the operations and finances of the charity and post BREXIT impacts and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to these risks. However, the situation will be kept under constant review and any necessary steps taken.

Financial Report

The trustees confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, and that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the year 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025. The Trustees also confirm that applicable accounting standards have' been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The assets are available and adequate to fulfil obligations on a fund - by - fund basis.

The Academia Europaea is required by UK law to present its accounts in Pounds Sterling. A version expressed in Euros could be prepared by converting the figures at the exchange rate for a particular date, but this would not be accurate since transactions are spread throughout the financial year, during which a range of exchange rates has existed. Any significant foreign exchange impacts are described in the notes to the accounts. The full accounts have been published separately to this activity report.

Reserves policy

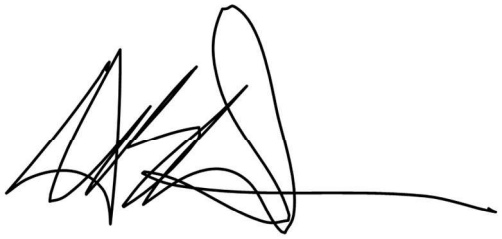
The examined accounts show the total funds (cash at the bank) for the year ended 31 December 2025 was £382,939) [YE 31 December 2024, £346,736). In accounting terms, the available unrestricted cash for expenditure was reduced by the need to accumulate life membership income (of £257,905 in 2025) and release these funds over a number of years by 10% per annum. This is an accounting practice. However, the actual total of cash at the bank showed an increase over 2024 (see page 8 of the examined accounts for 2025. Nonetheless. It is the policy of the trustees to maintain sufficient reserves for the Academia Europaea to continue its charitable activities and in view of this, the trustees aim to achieve reserves equal to approximately six months of operations. The reserves policy was not met in the last two consecutive years due to the creation and support given to the Academia Europaea c.V in Munich. The trustees have sought to address this by further cost saving measures at the London office. Trustees are responsible to review the reserves policy every year.

Income and expenditure for the period ended 31 December 2025 (summary overview)

The year was one of continued careful management. Our total unrestricted income for the year was £306,628 Total unrestricted expenditure was £323,243. The small operating deficit was financed out of reserves.

The AE as a charity seeks to operate an effective zero balance budget. We are essentially dependent upon members' donation income. In 2025, this was at £292,460. An increase on 2024. The Trustees stress to all members the importance of supporting the Academia by making a donation every year, preferably at the recommended level. Without more members making a payment, the AE will not be able to grow the range and type of activity and support for member initiatives that we need to deliver our obligations as a charity. Whilst a voluntary scheme remains our policy, the Trustees reviewed this policy and decided to levy a recommended general fee rate, linked to an age-related banding for annual donations, per member.

The examiner's accounts for 2025 are filed separately and can be viewed through the Academia Europaea website, the UK government Companies House and the Charities Commission of England and Wales websites respectively.



Don Dingwell, President
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Adopted on September 30th, 2026

Annex 1 Trustees, 'Council', and Section Committee composition as of 31st December 2025 for AE London

At the AGM in September 2015, the Regulations were amended to allow the appointment by the Board of a variable number of Vice Presidents (ex officio) to provide flexibility to the President and that serve a VP term limited to that of the President. These changes are within the overall limits set for the Trustees in the Articles of Incorporation and do not impact on the role or seniority of the elected officers. The Articles prescribe a Board made up of not less than 3 and NOT MORE than 15 members. The Articles describe a Board made up of elected officers (President, Vice Presidents and the Treasurer – all elected by the membership (at a general meeting); a number of members (appointed by the 'Advisory Council' – who are the Class chairs) and a number of co-opted (by the Board) members. The subsidiary Regulations are used to determine numbers and balance up to the limit of 15. The current formula is – Officers: [President, elected Vice presidents (up to two were approved by AGM in 2012); Treasurer]. Others co-opted.

In November 2015 the Board approved the designation of several existing Trustees as Vice Presidents ex officio, to reflect new portfolios. In 2023 these were the Class Chairs - Professor Paolo Papale (Class Chair); Professor Poul Holm (Class Chair) Professor Bjorn Wittrock (Class Chair) until the end of 2025 and Professor Eva Kondorosi (Class Chair). Governance and incorporation documents can be found on the website (www.ae-info.org).

Members of the Board of Trustees (on 31st December 2025)

Elected officers:
The President – Acting – Prof. Don Dingwell. From January 2026 President until 2028, renewable
Treasurer - Professor Stephen Evans from January 2023 until end of 2026, then renewable.
The Vice President – Professor Don Dingwell from January 2023 to end of 2026. From January 2026 vacant

Trustees
Poul Holm (IRL) – Class chair – Class A1 (Humanities) co-opted Vice president *ex officio*; **until end of 2025**,
Genoveva Marti - Class Chair – Class A1 **from January 2026 –** end of 2028, renewable
Paolo Papale – Class Chair – Class B (Natural Sciences) co-opted Vice president *ex officio.* **Until end of 2027**,
Eva Kondorosi (HUN)– Class Chair – Class C (Life Sciences) co-opted Vice President *ex officio* **until end of 2026**,
Bjorn Wittrock (SWE) - co-opted **until end of 2025**, from April temporary Class A2 chair for Social Sciences
Professor Eystein Jansen (NOR) co-opted **until the end of 2025**. Academic Director of the Bergen Hub.
Professor Milena Zic-Fuchs (Croatia) co-opted from January 2023 **until the end of 2026**, renewable

Note: that the same Board of trustees reported here as operating for AE London, also functions under identical terms of office and regulations for election and appointment as the Board of trustees for the Academia Europaea Munich e.V legal entity. In all essentials the AE London and the AE Munich entities operate as a single coordinated functional unit, with commonly derived statutes, with the same mission and objectives and all members of the Academia Europaea on election and pre-the creation of AE Munich are de facto members of both legal entities without exception and discrimination. The two entities do however maintain independent financial systems and management responsibilities and the accounts are not consolidated as both entities are independent legal personalities. The Board of trustees maintains a common oversight of both organisations.

Academia Europaea - Composition of the Advisory Council (on 31 December 2025)

Following the establishment of the Class structure and the allocation of Sections into the four Classes, the role for a single Advisory Council (hereinafter The Council) meeting only annually and with a very limited function, has been replaced by a variable configuration composed of the four classes. The Section chairs (as members of the Council) are all members of one of the four Class committees. Within each Class configuration, each Section chair has a term three years, with the possibility of renewal for one further period of three years. The Class chairs are independently appointed and are members of the Board of trustees, and therefore they act as the (independent) representative of the Council (the Sections) on the Board. This structure ensures stronger flow of information and consultation between the Board of trustees and the Advisory Council (the four Class committees) than was formerly the case. This structure has also facilitated a greater devolving of responsibility to the Class level than had been possible under the old Council formation.

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THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA (THE ACADEMY OF EUROPE)

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2025

Keith Vaudrey & Co Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
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THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA (THE ACADEMY OF EUROPE)
Report and accounts
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THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA (THE ACADEMY OF EUROPE)
Company Information

Directors
Professor Eva Kondorosi
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Professor Eystein Jansen
Professor Genoveva Marti (appointed on 14 July 2025)
Professor Stephen Evans
Professor Milena Zic Fuchs
Professor Martin Kahanec (appointed on 01 January 2025 and resigned on 10 June 2025)

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THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA (THE ACADEMY OF EUROPE)
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Directors' Report

The trustees (who for company law purposes are the Directors) present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Principal activities
The company's principal activity during the year continued to be the promotion of International scholarship, research, provision of training in higher education. Some of the aims of the organisation are to make recommendations to national governments, international agencies concerning matters affecting science, scholarship and academic life in Europe. Also, encouraging interdisciplinary and international research in all areas of learning.

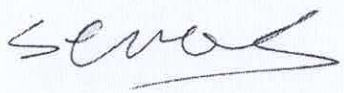
Directors
The following persons served as trustees/ directors during the year:

Professor Eva Kondorosi
Professor Donald Dingwell
Professor Bjorn Wittrock
Professor Paolo Papale
Professor Paul Holm (resigned on 15 October 2025)
Professor Eystein Jansen
Professor Genoveva Marti (appointed on 14 July 2025)
Professor Stephen Evans
Professor Milena Zic Fuchs
Professor Martin Kahanec (appointed on 01 January 2025 and resigned on 10 June 2025)

Disclosure of information to independent examiner:
Each person who was a trustee at the time this report was approved confirms that:

- so far as he is aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the company's independent examiner is aware of that information.
- the incoming resources is less than £1 million and that an audit is not required per SORP 2015 and FRS102. Based on the articles of association section 53, an examiner of accounts can examine the accounts.

This report was approved by the board on 6 July 2026 and signed on its behalf.



Professor Stephen Evans
Trustee and Honorary Treasurer

THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA (THE ACADEMY OF EUROPE)
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Academia Europaea for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's examiner of accounts is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the examiner of account is aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA (THE ACADEMY OF EUROPE)

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charitable company on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company on pages 6 to 13 for the year ended 31 December 2025 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW), and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 9.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page 3, you, the charitable company's Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the memorandum and articles of the charity for the conducting of an audit, and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;

b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000, the charitable company's examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am an authorised member of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and of the accounting systems employed by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

The accounts of this charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006;

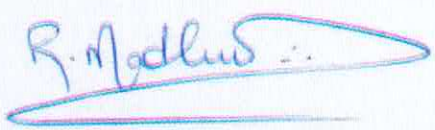
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and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination;
- have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed:-



Rakesh Madhub FCCA - Independent Examiner
Keith Vaudrey & Co Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
51 Marloes Road
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This report was signed on 9 July 2026

THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA (THE ACADEMY OF EUROPE)
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £
Income from:							
Members' contributions		292,460	-	292,460	264,999	264,999	-
Donations	2	-	-	-	4,195	4,195	-
Publication grant and royalties	3	12,451	-	12,451	13,000	13,000	-
Interest receivable		1,717	-	1,717	3,065	3,065	-
Grants for projects	4	-	6,671	6,671	12,177	-	12,177
Total income		306,628	6,671	313,299	297,436	285,259	12,177
Expenditure on:							
Administrative expenses	5	36,488	-	36,488	23,364	23,364	-
Charitable activities	6	95,201	28,478	123,679	123,071	98,399	24,672
Governance cost	7	21,685	-	21,685	10,925	10,925	-
Premises cost	8	25,827	-	25,827	39,055	39,055	-
Support cost	9	144,042	-	144,042	137,063	137,063	-
Total expenditure		323,243	28,478	351,721	333,478	308,806	24,672
Net expenditure for the year		(16,615)	(21,807)	(38,422)	(36,042)	(23,547)	(12,495)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	(3,715)	3,715
Foreign exchange gains/ (losses)		12,503	-	12,503	(10,604)	(10,604)	-
Net movement in funds		(4,112)	(21,807)	(25,919)	(46,646)	(37,866)	(8,780)
Reconciliation of funds:-							
Total funds brought forward		(33,600)	170,664	137,064	183,710	4,266	179,444
Total funds carried forward		(37,712)	148,857	111,145	137,064	(33,600)	170,664

Statement of total recognised gains and losses
The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above and therefore no separate statement of total gains and losses has been prepared.

THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA (THE ACADEMY OF EUROPE)
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2025

	Notes		2025 £		2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		1,830		2,440
Current assets					
Debtors	13	4,856		1,348	
Cash at bank and in hand		382,939		346,736	
		387,795		348,084	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(275,248)		(200,228)	
Net current assets			112,547		147,856
Total assets less current liabilities			114,377		150,296
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		(3,232)		(13,232)
Net assets			111,145		137,064
Funds and reserves					
General funds			(37,712)		(33,600)
Restricted funds	16		148,857		170,664
Total funds			111,145		137,064

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 4.

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 6 July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Professor Stephen Evans

THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA (THE ACADEMY OF EUROPE)
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Operating activities		
Loss for the financial year	(25,919)	(46,646)
Adjustments for:		
Interest receivable	(1,717)	(3,065)
Interest payable	648	1,381
Depreciation	610	813
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(3,508)	3,716
Increase in creditors	75,020	5,898
	45,134	(37,903)
Interest received	1,717	3,065
Interest paid	(648)	(1,381)
Cash generated by/(used in) operating activities	46,203	(36,219)
Financing activities		
Repayment of loan	(10,000)	(9,268)
Cash used in financing activities	(10,000)	(9,268)
Net cash generated/(used)		
Cash generated by/(used in) operating activities	46,203	(36,219)
Cash used in financing activities	(10,000)	(9,268)
Net cash generated/(used)	36,203	(45,487)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	346,736	392,223
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	382,939	346,736
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
Cash at bank and in hand	382,939	346,736

THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA (THE ACADEMY OF EUROPE)
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Income

Income, whether from exchange or non exchange transactions, is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) on a receivable basis, when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities and only when the charity has legal entitlement, the income is probable and can be measured reliably.

Income subject to terms and conditions which must be met before the charity is entitled to the resources is not recognised until the conditions have been met.

All income is accounted for gross, before deducting any related fees or costs.

With the exception of members contributions and donations all income is credited to the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis.

Members contributions and donations are credited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are received.

Income received from lifetime membership are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities over ten years.

Membership subscriptions

The income and any associated Gift Aid or other tax refund from a membership subscription received by the charity in the nature of a gift, is accounted for on the same basis as a donation.

The income from a membership subscription received by the charity where the subscription purchases the right to services or benefits is recognised as income from charitable activities.

Cost allocation

Direct charitable expenditure includes all expenditure incurred on activities conducted in pursuance of Academia Europaea's objectives. Staff costs, premises overheads and other costs are apportioned on the basis of percentage time spent on charitable activities, fundraising and publicity, and management and administration. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the items of expenditure to which it relates.

Operating leases

Rentals and service charges paid under operating leases for office premises and equipment charged to Resources Expended in the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

Contributions from third parties

Several of Academia Europaea's activities are supported or partially supported by contributions from third parties paid directly to local organisers. These funds were previously included in the accounts. The hubs' funds that have not passed through the Academia's books were excluded in the accounts. Per The Academia Europaea's new policy, the hubs' financial records were not to be included in the Statement of Financial Activities. The hubs are not subsidiaries or branches of The Academia Europaea and it is not necessary to produce consolidated accounts.

However, while the substance of these activities remains under the Academia's direct control, the local organisers and sponsors have autonomous responsibility for making contributions which may be in cash or in kind and cannot be reasonably included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office furniture and equipment	10 % per annum using the Straight line method
Computer equipment	25 % per annum using reducing balance method.

London Secretariat charges

Much of the London Secretariat's time is spent organising and assisting plenary meetings, projects and study groups. It is the policy of Academia Europaea that, where possible, these administration costs be recovered from these activities.

Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Assets and liabilities in foreign currency are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling on the balance sheet date.

Liability to taxation

The Trustees consider that the charity satisfies the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively on the specific charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Pensions - defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Funds

Restricted funds are set up from grants and contributions given to Academia Europaea, the use of which is restricted as to the purpose and conditions imposed by the donors. None of these funds has any permanent endowed capital.
Unrestricted funds represent accumulated surpluses and deficits in the statement of financial activities which are available for use at the discretion of Academia Europaea's operations and activities. The Board may set aside amounts to be designated for specific uses or purposes.
The unrestricted funds comprise the general fund and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

2 DONATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina	-	4,195

3 PUBLICATIONS AND ROYALTIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cambridge Uni Press - Editorial Grant	6,000	6,000
Cambridge Uni Press - Royalties	6,451	7,000
	12,451	13,000

4 GRANTS AND RECEIPTS FOR PROJECTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Eva Kondorosi - Balzan Prize fund	-	8,457
Sydney Brenner Prize	4,911	3,720
	6,671	12,177

5 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Projects Fund	2025 Total Costs	2024 Total Costs	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Projects Fund
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest on Loan	648	-	648	1,381	1,381	-
Hub services	6,960	-	6,960	-	-	-
Information and publications	40	-	40	500	500	-
Mailing costs	8,808	-	8,808	6,930	6,930	-
Membership and subscriptions	8,408	-	8,408	7,498	7,498	-
Postage	51	-	51	31	31	-
Stationery and printing	3,042	-	3,042	578	578	-
Sundry expenses	715	-	715	656	656	-
Bank charges	7,206	-	7,206	4,977	4,977	-
Depreciation	610	-	610	613	613	-
	36,488	-	36,488	23,364	23,364	-

6 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Notes	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Projects Fund	2025 Total Costs	2024 Total Costs	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Projects Fund
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Conferences		22,335	-	22,335	12,862	12,862	-
Council & subcommmittees		371	-	371	561	561	-
European Review		5,151	-	5,151	11,000	11,000	-
Hubert Curien Fund		1,476	-	1,476	3,012	3,012	-
Membership & information services		4,522	-	4,522	1,167	1,167	-
Other publication		-	-	-	-	-	-
Prizes		543	-	543	1,753	1,753	-
President's activities		1,314	-	1,314	7,195	7,195	-
Relations with other bodies		39	-	39	2,001	2,001	-
Grant costs	see below	59,450	-	59,450	58,848	58,848	-
Adam Kondorosi Award		-	1,709	1,709	-	-	-
European Policy Project - SAPEA	10	-	-	-	3,715	-	3,715
Balzan fund		-	22,541	22,541	20,957	-	20,957
Heinz Nixdorf Stiftung (Germany)		-	2,484	2,484	-	-	-
Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (Sweden)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Sydney Brenner Prize		-	1,744	1,744	-	-	-
Wenner-Gren Foundations (Sweden)		-	-	-	-	-	-
		95,201	28,478	123,679	123,071	98,399	24,672

Grant costs: It is a support cost towards the legal and professional fees paid towards the formation of an association called Academia Europaea e.V registered as an association and entered in the register of associations of the Munich Local Court in Germany. The registered office address of the association is as follows: Room 336, 3rd floor Theresienstr. 41, 80333 Munchen, Germany.The trustees have seeked legal and tax advice regarding the new organisation from CHP Rechtsanwalt & Steuerberater, Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbB, AtelierstraBe 1, 81671 Munchen, Germany.The trustees decided to create the association, in consultation with legal advisors,due to the possible impact on SAPEA plus as a result of post-Brexit that could affect the future funding to The Academia Europaea in the U.K. which in turns donate to Cardiff University.The Academia Europaea will continue to earn members' contributions that are still robust, hence, not affecting the going concern of The Academia Europaea in the near future.

The previous U.K government wanted to end its collaboration to the Horizon Europe Programme in 2027.There is no further informaton to prove the contrary from the current U.K government. The Academia Europaea e.V will become the Academia Europaea Headquarters for all dealings with the EU and facilitate access for all members of the Academia Europaea. The new entity will also assume other responsibilities from London over time. The Academia Europaea will continue to run in parallel with the Academia Europaea e.V and both will operate under a common Board of trustees for the foreseeable future. The Academia Europaea will have a decreasing lead role and will provide administrative support to the Academia Europaea e.V. Both entities will be displayed on the common website (www.ae-info.org) and will operate as a single functional unit under a common Board of trustees. Each will have to report separately to their own regulatory bodies, as described in their statutes. Members of the Academia Europaea are de facto, members of both legal forms of the Academia Europaea. Resources will be allocated between each entity according to function and need.

7 GOVERNANCE COSTS	(Unrestricted Fund)	2025	2024
		£	£
Annual business meeting		8,326	-
Board of trustees		10,721	6,316
Independent examiner fees		1,452	1,452
Other Legal and professional costs		1,186	3,157
		21,685	10,925

8 Premises cost	(Unrestricted Fund)	2025	2024
		£	£
Rent		24,870	37,953
Office Insurance		957	1,102
		25,827	39,055

9 Support cost	(Unrestricted Fund) Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Accountancy fees		11,412	11,412
IT Services		49,841	38,136
Telephone		1,591	1,516
Staff Costs	11	79,621	84,474
Travel and subsistence		309	430
Software		1,268	1,095
		144,042	137,063

10 European Policy Project - SAPEA

	2025	2024
	£	£
EU Project - Cardiff	-	-
EU Project - SAPEA - Work Package 1	-	301
EU Project - SAPEA - Work Package 2	-	3,414
EU Project - SAPEA - Work Package 3	-	-
	0	**3,715**

11 STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff salaries	74,969	77,953
Employer's NI	1,897	3,247
Pensions	2,755	3,274
Total Staff Costs - UK	**79,621**	**84,474**

The average number of persons, analysed by function, employed by Academia Europaea in the UK during the period was:

	2025	2024
Charitable activities	1	1
Management and administration	1	1
	2	2

No trustee received any remuneration in respect of their services in the year (2023 - £Nil).

No employee received earnings in excess of £60,000 per annum in the current or previous periods.

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

Any liabilites and assets associated with the scheme are shown under debtors and creditors.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer Equipment	Office Furniture and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
COST			
At 1 January 2025	20,845	6,777	27,622
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	20,845	6,777	27,622
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2025	18,405	6,777	25,182
Charge for the year	610	-	610
At 31 December 2025	19,015	6,777	25,792
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2025	1,830	-	1,830
At 31 December 2024	2,440	-	2,440

13 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	4,856	1,348
	4,856	1,348

14 Creditors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	5,856	10,190
Other taxes and social security costs	1,487	2,525
Bank loans	10,000	10,000
Deferred income	257,905	177,513
	275,248	200,228

15 Creditors falling due after more than 1 year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans	3,232	13,232

16 Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Eva Kondorosi - Balzan Prize fund	114,463	-	(22,541)	-	91,922
European Policy Project - SAPEA	-	-	-	-	-
Adam Kondorosi Award	27,910	1,760	(1,709)	-	27,961
Heinz Nixdorf Stiftung (Germany)	7,603	-	(2,484)	-	5,119
Sydney Brenner Prize	20,688	4,911	(1,744)	-	23,855
	170,664	6,671	(28,478)	-	148,857

Eva Kondorosi - Balzan Prize fund is used to support research and related activities of Professor Eva Kondorosi.

European Policy Project, SAPEA, are the funds allocated for the operation of the European Policy project.

Adam Kondorosi Award is an award which will provide recognition to a young emerging scholar and a senior scholar, in the field of plant biology, especially nitrogen fixation biology and microbiology.

Heinz Nixdorf sponsors the annual Erasmus award.

Sydney Brenner Prize is made in honour of Sydney Brenner, to recognise individuals that have made significant research achievements in the Neurosciences, Physiology and Molecular sciences.

17 Related Party Transactions

The total amount refunded to the trustees/ directors regarding travel and subsistence for meetings, events for the year amounted to £8,103 (2024 - £7,972).

18 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

Every member of the charity is obliged to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payment of the Academy's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges, and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

THE ACADEMIA EUROPAEA (THE ACADEMY OF EUROPE)

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charitable company on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company on pages 6 to 13 for the year ended 31 December 2025 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW), and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 9.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page 3, you, the charitable company's Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the memorandum and articles of the charity for the conducting of an audit, and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;

b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000, the charitable company's examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am an authorised member of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

The accounts of this charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006;

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed:-



Rakesh Madhub FCCA - Independent Examiner
Keith Vaudrey & Co Ltd
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This report was signed on 9 July 2026