

Draft Report of the Treasurer on the financial statements for the year 2021/22 and the draft budget 2022/23

Execution of the budget for the year 2021/22 (as of 31/08/2022)

Income for the 2021/22 year

Our association received 132 698 EUR in subscription fees and other revenues for the 2021/22 year. This is in line with the revenues of previous years.

Expenses for the 2021/22 year

Staff costs (salaries and charges) were 99 361 EUR. The staff costs were lower than expected, due to the absence of one staff member for most of the year.

Operational costs were 22 048 EUR, mostly due to a significant, unplanned increase in the fees paid to lawyers (13 177 EUR) preparing the new Statutes of the association. This will also impact next year's budget (see below).

Total costs (including amortisation and other financial charges) amount to 133 880 EUR.

As a result, the APEEE's accounts show a deficit of -1 182 EUR for 21/22 (vs. -23 428 EUR in 2020/21).

Projects

All the projects in 2021-2022 have been paid against the profits retained from the 'Fête de l'école' organised in 2018. All in all, 10 052 EUR has been disbursed on various projects in 2021-2022.

On 31st of August 2022, the balance available from the fête was 2 760 EUR.

Balance sheet at 31 August 2022

The association had a total of 286 089 EUR available in the following accounts:

- ING bank account:	145 051 EUR
- ING savings account:	121 971 EUR
- Berkendael fête account:	18 728 EUR
- Cash:	338 EUR

The APEEE also held 5 840 EUR funds belonging to the Students' Committee.

Budget proposed for 2022/23

The proposed budget was built on the previous year's (21/22) taking into account the staff situation and the likely impact of inflation; ongoing work on statutes and the project to implement an online payment solution.

Income

Fees: the current budget is based on an estimated 2600 families paying the 50 EUR annual fee. This is projected to result in 130 000 EUR income.

Late payments could be as low as <1% due to the close follow-up by our secretariat and the APEEE Services.

Our association is planning to organize a school fête in 2023, but still has not received the final approval from the school. Therefore, the expected income is not yet included in our budget.

Expenses

Staff costs: The APEEE secretariat staff was temporarily increased to three members in September 2022, as one temporary staff continued to reinforce the secretariat to help the return to work of the staff member returning from sick leave.

Therefore total annual staff cost is currently estimated to be at EUR 118 690, of which 83 500 are salaries and 35 000 are social security charges. These figures already include a mandatory salary increase based on current Belgian legislation.

Operating costs are going to increase in 22/23 and currently expected to reach EUR 28 670. This increase is partly due to inflation, which is reflected in the budget planned for Internet, phone charges etc.

Other increases are linked to projects:

- Lawyer's fees are expected to be around 6000 EUR on the basis of the estimate provided by E&Y. This includes ongoing work on the Statutes, translation and registration by the notary.
- Work continues on an online payment solution. This payment solution is intended to make it easier for APEEE members to transfer the annual fee, through a QR code or other payment options, including a credit card. The continuation of the project is estimated at 3000 EUR on top of ~1400 EUR normal expenses for IT.

In addition to the above, a further 1000 EUR is proposed to be set aside for catering for in-person Board meetings (4x) in order to encourage participation and 500 EUR for occasions such as the teacher's breakfast.

Projects

The proposed budget currently does not include any funds for a new project call, since the previous project calls almost exhausted the funds available.

As mentioned above, the APEEE is currently planning a fête, which would provide the funding for new project calls. In the meantime, the Board is considering the following sources to ensure funding for ongoing (already approved) projects:

- recognizing 3858 EUR as revenue from the deposits given for calculators;
- using part of Berkendael fête account.

Solidarity Fund

The funds allocated in the 21/22 budget (EUR 1000) have not been used, therefore the 22/23 budget does not include any additional funds.

Amortisation

Amortisation, as a cost item in the budget, is projected at 9 350 EUR for immaterial and material APEEE assets. However, it is important to note that amortization does not result in actual cash flow (already was spent at the stage of acquiring the assets).

Operational results

The currently proposed budget is projected to result in a deficit of -30 211 EUR (or -20 863 EUR without amortisation). This deficit will be financed through the reserves of the Association.

The Board is currently not proposing an increase of the annual fee.

However, if the current trends in inflation continue, the General Assembly might be asked to authorise a 10% increase (from 50 to 55 EUR) for the 23/24 budget in order to ensure the sound financing of APEEE activities. The situation will be evaluated in spring 2023 and, if necessary, an extraordinary GA might be convened in order to vote for a raise of the fee.

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