

## Year Report EASAC Foundation 2025

### Executive summary

This year report of EASAC foundation describes the main activities of the board in 2025. It also includes a brief overview of its finances.

### Brief overview of Stichting EASAC/EASAC Foundation

EASAC Foundation, or *Stichting EASAC* as its official Dutch name is, was formally founded in on June 4 2024 in the Netherlands by notarial deed at the office civil-law notary Maria van Fulpen of 'Lubbers en Dijk Notarissen' in Amsterdam. The founding members were prof. Jos W. M. van der Meer, former [EASAC](#) president and member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences KNAW, prof. Brian Norton, vicepresident of EASAC and member of the Royal Irish Academy, and prof. Wim van Saarloos, president of EASAC from 2023-2025 and member of the KNAW.

The founding members also form the first board of EASAC Foundation, with van der Meer serving as chair, Norton serving as treasurer, and van Saarloos as secretary. The foundation was registered at the Kamer van Koophandel (Chamber of Commerce) in the Netherlands under number 94050945.

The aim of the EASAC Foundation is to raise money from organisations, funds and individuals to support science for policy advice by academies on themes like climate, energy, environment and biosciences and public health, themes which the network organisation [EASAC](#) presently focusses on.

In accord with the requirements of the Dutch tax office to obtain the so-called ANBI ('charity') status, the statutes do not link EASAC Foundation explicitly to the organisation EASAC; hence, funds raised by EASAC Foundation can also be used to support policy advice activities of other networks of academies, like [ALLEA](#) or [FEAM](#), independently of whether or not they are done in collaboration with EASAC.

The Dutch tax office granted EASAC Foundation ANBI status in November 2024. The RSIN number associated with the ANBI status is 866618077.

EASAC Foundation relies on voluntary work by everyone involved, so board members receive no remuneration for their activities.

All essential information about EASAC Foundation is published on its website [easacfoundation.eu](https://easacfoundation.eu).

## **Fundraising activities of the board**

The board also started to explore various possibilities for fundraising in late 2024, in accord with the policy plan established by the board (and available via the [website](#)). Fundraising is a long-time effort, and that fundraising starts with friendraising, and with being introduced to people who are involved with a particular fund or organisation. Getting introduced in turn often starts with knowing colleagues who have contacts with those involved or individual donors. Some first contacts which were established may only pay off in later years.

### COFRA Philantropy

In 2025, EASAC Foundation received a donation from [COFRA Philantropy](#) for the [Meat Alternatives project](#) that had already started earlier by EASAC. On September 4 2025 the report Meat Alternatives prepared by a broad working group composed of 17 expert scientists from Europe was launched in Brussels in the presence of Dr. Ferry Vos who represented COFRA Philantropy.

In addition to attending the presentations and panel discussions, dr. Vos took the opportunity to meet Wim van Saarloos, at that time president of EASAC, Georg Bërveniku-Brunner, Executive Director of EASAC, Bert Rima, chair of the Working Group Meat Alternatives, and co-chair of the Steering Panel Biosciences and Public Health, and André Knottnerus, the other co-chair of EASAC's Steering Panel Biosciences and Public Health. They discussed EASAC's way of working; dr. Vos also sketched the type projects which COFRA is typically eager to support. This open exchange was highly appreciated by everyone involved in EASAC and EASAC Foundation; it is hoped that this exchange will mark the start of a longer lasting engagement of COFRA Philantropy with EASAC's work via donations to EASAC Foundation.

Of the donation of €36750 from COFRA Philantropy, €35000 was paid to EASAC based on a detailed invoice provided by te EASAC secretariat, while the remaining €1750 (hence 4.76% of the donation) was withheld for overhead. This is in accord with the policy plan, which states that no more than 5% of a gift can be used for overhead.

A final report on the Meat Alternatives project was provided to COFRA Philantropy at the end of September 2025.

### Swiss Foundations

In November 2025, board members Brian Norton and Wim van Saarloos gave an on-line presentation about EASAC Foundation and EASAC to [Swiss Foundations](#), a network of representatives of corporate foundations.

### Elsevier Foundation

In 2025, board member Wim van Saarloos also visited Elsevier headquarters to present the work of EASAC to the executive director of Elsevier Foundation and Elsevier's Senior VP, Research Networks, and Academic Ambassador. A first follow-up meeting was held to

explore topics of mutual interest, together also with board member Brian Norton. It was decided to meet next time in-person in Amsterdam in 2026.

### **Board meetings**

Most of the fundraising activities were initiated through email exchanges, but the secretary and treasurer of the board have had several online meetings and interviews. In addition to this, the board met once online to formally approve the year report for 2024.

### **Financial overview**

Since the network organisation of academies working together on science for policy advice under the name EASAC offered to pay for the notary costs to establish EASAC foundation, the foundation had started mid 2024 with essentially zero budget and no income.

There were the following expenses and payments received in 2025:

- 1) The bank account of EASAC Foundation at ABN-AMRO bank costs about €14,70 per month. The total of the monthly bank fees during 2025 for maintaining the bank account came to €176.15; in addition a fee of €2,57 was paid for a bank transfer, €0,93 was paid on interest to the bank (resulting from a negative balance in 2024), and an interest of €0,52 was received.
- 2) A donation of €36750 was received from COFRA Foundation on January 31.
- 3) A bank transfer of €173,66 was made on March 10 to the EASAC Secretariat to pay back the web hosting costs of EASAC Foundation pre-financed by EASAC in 2024 (this was invoiced by the EASAC secretariat on March 3).
- 4) A bank transfer of €35000 was made to the EASAC Secretariat on September 25 based on a detailed invoice of September 24 for the Meat Alternatives project.

This overview implies that EASAC foundation ended the financial year 2025 with a net positive balance of €1344,34

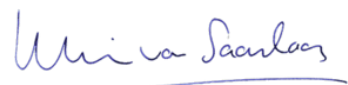
This year report was approved by the board on May 18 2026



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