

Standard form publication requirement General ANBI

1 General organisation details

Name

Contact details. Please fill in at least 1 of the fields: Address, Telephone number or E-mail address.

Address

Country

Telephone number

E-mail address

Web address (*)

RSIN (**)

Operating in sector (*)

In which countries does your organisation operate? (*)

Number of employees (*) Paid staff in average number of FTEs during the financial year.

Number of volunteers (*) Volunteers who regularly (more than 3 times a year) work for your institution.

Statutory board of the organisation

Names of the boardmembers

Position (for example: chairman, treasurer or secretary)

Additional information on governance (*)

Target groups (*)
(several options possible)

- ☒ General public
- ☐ Single parents
- ☐ Illiterate people
- ☐ Chronically ill people
- ☐ Homeless people
- ☐ Animals
- ☐ Prisoners
- ☐ Religious groups
- ☐ Communities
- ☐ Youth

- ☐ Children
- ☐ Lhbtqi+
- ☐ People with disabilities
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Minorities
- ☐ Minimum income households
- ☐ Nature reserves
- ☐ Oceans and seas
- ☐ Senior citizens
- ☐ Patients

- ☐ Victims of violence
- ☐ Victims of natural disasters
- ☐ Victims of war
- ☐ Victims of sexual abuse
- ☐ Students
- ☐ Addicts
- ☐ Refugees
- ☐ Women and girls
- ☐ Unemployed people
- ☐ Wildlife
- ☒ Other

(*) Optional field, not mandatory (**) Institutions located in- and outside the Netherlands must fill in the RSIN number

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General *(continued)***Objective**

Statutory objective of the organisation. What does the organisation seek to achieve?

Forbidden Stories is an award-winning global network of investigative journalists with a unique mission: to continue the work of reporters who have been killed, imprisoned, or abducted. At the core of its work is the belief that killing the journalist should not and will not kill the story. Our objective is twofold: to deter violence against journalists, by making enemies of press freedom aware that silencing or killing a journalist won't kill their stories, and to enhance access to information of public interest for as many people as possible around the world.

Outline of the policy plan

Please answer the questions below or provide an URL to the policy plan after the last question about the policy plan. The online policy plan should at least provide answers to the questions about the policy plan asked here.

What are the institution's activities? When are which activities to be carried out? And how do the activities contribute to achieving the institution's objective?

We operate through two main means: the coordination of international, collaborative investigations to pursue the work of silenced journalists; and the SafeBox Network, an innovative mechanism that safeguards threatened journalists' work. Throughout the year, Forbidden Stories identifies relevant cases where journalists have been silenced and coordinates cross-border investigations into those stories with media partners worldwide. In parallel, the SafeBox Network team supports and expands the network, enabling more threatened journalists to securely safeguard their investigations.

How does the organisation generate income or revenue?

As a nonprofit media organization, Forbidden Stories relies on philanthropic and public support. Forbidden Stories therefore accepts both solicited and unsolicited contributions that are consistent with its mission and support its activities as well as its long-term stability.

In accordance with the Forbidden Stories' Editorial Independence Policy, donors and grant-awarding institutions have no right of review or control over the content produced by the organization.

How and for what purposes are the revenues spent?
If your organisation holds capital, please fill in here where and how this capital is held (e.g. savings account, investments, etc.)

Our revenues are used to support our activities and cover our operating costs, including staff salaries, investigation costs, the SafeBox Network project, office costs, and communications costs. When possible, we allocate a small portion of our revenue to our reserves, held in a savings account, to help ensure the organization's financial stability and support future activities.

URL of the policy plan
Enter the link to the
policy plan.

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Remuneration policy
Remuneration policy
for the statutory board,
for the members of the
policy-making body and
for staff (e.g. collective
labour agreement
or salary scheme).

The members of the statutory board operate in a pro bono capacity and receive no remuneration for their role.

Staff remuneration is determined in accordance with the applicable collective labour agreement and the organization's salary scale. The salary scale is disclosed internally and accessible to all employees, providing transparency on the salary ranges applicable to different positions and levels of responsibility.

Activity Report
List the activities that have been carried out. Alternatively, under the next question, enter the URL to the activity report, or to the financial statements if they clearly describe the activities of the financial year in question.

URL of the activity report
Enter the link to the
activity report.

<https://forbiddenstories.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Annual-Report-2025.pdf?x26451>

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2 Balance sheet

Balance sheet date 3 1 - 0 8 - 2 0 2 5 Enter the balance sheet date. If you continue, the years will automatically appear above the columns.

Assets	31-8-2025	31-8-2024 (*)	Liabilities	31-8-2025	31-8-2024 (*)
Intangible fixed assets	€ 0	€ 0	Continuity reserve	€ 228354	€ 228413
Tangible fixed assets	€ 38834	€ 40940	Earmarked reserve	€ 0	€
Financial fixed assets	€ 101182	€ 101182	Revaluation reserve	€ 0	€
	€ 140016	€ 142122	Other reserves	€ 218798	€ 40881
Stocks	€ 0	€ 0		€ 447152	€ 269294
Accounts receivable & accrued income	€ 34810	€ 40488	Earmarked funds	€ 1894505	€ 2378801
Securities	€ 474733	€ 834093	Provisions	€	€
Liquid assets	€ 1935690	€ 1783490	Long-term liabilities	€	€
	€ 2445233	€ 2658071	Current liabilities	€ 243592	€ 152098
	€ 2585249	€ 2800193		€ 2585249	€ 2800193
Total			Total		

Explanation

Provide an explanation of the balance sheet or fill in the URL to the annual accounts if an explanation is included.

Fixed assets mainly consist of computers and office equipment used by Forbidden Stories in its day-to-day activities. Financial assets represent portions of grants received in advance that are temporarily placed in investments until the funds are needed for the activities they are intended to support. These are always placed in secure, low-risk and short-term investments to ensure that the funds remain protected and readily available when required.

Earmarked funds are amounts reserved for specific projects or activities, in line with the purpose for which the funding was received. For Forbidden Stories, this applies to both project funding and core funding, as grants may be provided for a project or to support our organisation's wider activities.

3 Statement of income and expenditure

Income	2025	2024 (*)
Government grants	€ 0	€ 0
Grants from other not-for-profit organisations	€ 1834957	€ 3620671
Other grants	€ 0	€ 0
Income from grants	€ 1834957	€ 3620671
Sponsorship income	€ 0	€ 0
Gifts and donations from private individuals	€ 74758	€ 84315
Inheritances	€ 0	€ 0
Contributions from lotteries	€ 0	€ 0
Other donations	€ 0	€ 0
Donations	€ 74758	€ 84315
Income generated through the delivery of products and services (turnover)	€ 60000	€ 0
Financial income	€ 138945	€ 4488
Other income	€ 17734	€ 12398
Total income	€ 2126394	€ 3721872
Expenses		
Purchase value of products supplied (cost price)	€ 0	€ 0
Grants & donations given	€ 0	€ 0
Purchases and acquisitions	€ 207055	€ 346003
Communication costs	€ 106954	€ 40066
Staff costs	€ 1820928	€ 1409705
Housing costs	€ 255867	€ 259832
Depreciation	€ 17596	€ 11022
Financial expenses	€ 0	€ 0
Other expenses	€ 22327	€ 493
Total expenses	€ 2430727	€ 2067121
Balance of income and expenditure	€ -304333	€ 1654751

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Statement of income and expenditure (continued)

Explanation

Provide an explanation of the statement of income and expenditure here or fill in the URL to the financial statements if an explanation is included.

Philanthropic foundations is our primary source of funding, with grants accounting for

97% of total revenue in 2023 - 2024 and 86% in 2024 - 2025.

During 2023 - 2024, Forbidden Stories received several portions of grants in advance,

including funding intended to support activities in the 2024 - 2025 and 2025 - 2026

fiscal years. Consequently, the grant income presented for 2023 - 2024 is higher than

the actual total of foundation grants allocated to that fiscal year. The figure for 2024 -

2025 is lower than the actual total of grants allocated to that year. This explains the

significant year-on-year variation in reported revenue. Our main areas of expenditure

are staff salaries, investigative costs, the SBN project, office costs, communications.

URL of the annual accounts
Enter the link to the annual accounts if you have published these..

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