

# Annual report

2025

SYMI foundation



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## About SYMI Foundation

This initiative is dedicated to address a wide range of critical domains, democracy and good governance, sustainable development, biodiversity and climate change. We aim to proactively engage in the study of future anticipations, preparing the participant with the knowledge and skills to anticipate and navigate through upcoming global and technological challenges and to empower all of the participants to engage in communities, civil society processes and politics at different levels, to catalyse positive transformations, cultivate sustainable practices and champion harmonious democratic shared societies.

The SYMI Foundation is built on the foundation of annual conferences held in Greece for 27 years, with progressive politicians, academics, administrators and civil society leaders who deliberated each year about the ambitions and concerns around democratic developments. This loose but committed network inspired by George Papandreou realised the importance of connecting with and supporting younger generations wanting to involve themselves in strengthening democratic practice in their own countries, through involvement in political parties and civil society activities.

This realisation led to the creation of the SYMI Foundation with as first specific project the Athenian Youth Academy, aimed at finding-, coaching and supporting networks of young people particularly in vulnerable democracies.

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ANBI status:

SYMI has been granted Public Benefit Organization (ANBI) status by the Dutch Tax Authorities. This designation means that at least 90% of the foundation's activities

serve the public interest. As a result, donations to the foundation may be tax-deductible under Dutch tax law.



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## Confirmation and approval of the financial report 2025

The Board of SYMI has confirmed and approved the financial statements and this annual report for 2025 at the board meeting on the 26th of June 2026.

## Other information

No independent auditor's report is included in accordance with the board's decision.

## Message of the board

The SYMI Network is the foundation which organizes AYA: The Athenium Youth Academy.

**The overarching objective of the SYMI Network Foundation is:**

- to promote democracy and good governance worldwide,
- to encourage societies to establish transparent-, just and impartial rule of law and democratic principles,
- to therefore safeguard universal human rights.

The Athenian Youth Academy hopes to engage with young people active in social movements, civil society organisations and political parties in order to support them in their own journeys towards democratic leadership.

The AYA mission: As an academy for social democracy and justice, we are here to empower and support you in actively participating in civil society and political initiatives. The Athenian Youth Academy is the place for you to connect, learn, study, exchange and receive mentorship with individual goals and projects on inclusive democracy in your country or region

For more information see the website: 'Theathenianyouthacademy.com'

### What have we achieved in 2025?

In 2025 we have continued all the preparational work for the foundation by creating a curriculum for our first pilot academic year and reaching out to potential donors, teachers and students.

The board held 6 meetings to update and talk about our mission, the way to approach it and to agree to each step to be taken. The Academy is now ready to start the first pilot academic year. The search for funds will continue and will lead to a start in 2026 of the academic year.

Although all the groundwork has been laid the organisation still needs to be seen as a startup. The financial report was checked and approved by the full board of SyMI, but an auditors report is not needed in this phase

### What will the future bring us?

Our aim is to start an academic year with at least 20 students from different countries. The year runs in full length for about seven months divided in 3 live gatherings of about 5 days each and 12 online days in alternating weeks, so in total 30 weeks.

## BUDGET 2026

Our budget for 2026 is based on the pilot year.

	<b>Budget 2025 €</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Grants / funding	125.000
Donations	40.000
Other income / gifts	5.000
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Total income	170.000
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<b>EXCEPTIONAL INCOME AND EXPENSES</b>	
Currency fluctuations & others	-500
Interest	500
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Total exceptional income & expense	0
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<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Personnel / hired staff	38.000
Operational costs	13.000
Direct training costs	110.000
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Total costs	161.000
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<b>Net result</b>	<b>9.000</b>
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## A. BALANCE SHEET

	31-12-2025	31-12-2024
	€	€
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Fixed assets		
- Intangible assets	0	0
- Tangible assets	0	0
Total fixed assets	0	0
Current assets		
- Receivables	0	0
- Cash and cash equivalents	929	1.404
Total current assets	929	1.404
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>1.404</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Equity		
- Restricted reserves	0	0
- Unrestricted reserves	929	1.271
Total equity	929	1.271
Short-term liabilities	0	133
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>1.404</b>

## B. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	Realisation 2025 €	Realisation 2023/2024 €
<b>INCOME</b>		
Grants / funding	0	0
Donations	2.000	10.066
Other income / gifts	0	0
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Total income	2.000	10.066
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<b>EXCEPTIONAL INCOME AND EXPENSES</b>		
Currency fluctuations & others	0	0
Interest	0	0
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Total exceptional income & expense	0	0
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<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel / hired staff	0	4.296
Operational costs	2.341	4.500
Direct training costs	0	0
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Total costs	2.341	8.795
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<b>Net result</b>	<b>-341</b>	<b>1.271</b>
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<i><u>Destination of the result</u></i>		
<i>Restricted reserves</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Unrestricted reserves</i>	<i>-341</i>	<i>1.271</i>

## C. General Explanation

### **General**

The valuation principles are based on the continuity of the foundation. To ensure the continuity of SYMI established in 2023. The purpose of this entity is to generate 'not for profit' income through grants and donations.

### **Book**

**year**

This second year the foundation has a book year which is equal to the calendar year.

### **Comparison**

**with**

**the**

**previous**

**year**

The valuation and result determination principles are set by the board.

### **Principles**

**for**

**the**

**valuation**

**of**

**assets**

**and**

**liabilities**

### **General**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with RJK C1, the guideline for small organizations without profit motive.

The financial statements are prepared based on historical cost. Assets and liabilities are valued at nominal value unless a different valuation principle is specified. Profits are attributed to the period in which they are realized, or to the foundation once committed. Losses are accounted for in the year in which they are anticipated. Assets are capitalized on the balance sheet if the asset has an economic lifespan of more than one year. For the capitalization of external expenses for intangible assets, such as development of multiple trainings, these expenses must have an economic lifespan of more than one year or contribute to an intangible asset with a similar economic lifespan.

### **Tangible**

**and**

**intangible**

**fixed**

**assets**

Tangible fixed assets are valued at acquisition cost, and intangible fixed assets are valued at cost of own management, possibly supplemented by the acquisition cost. Cumulative depreciation is listed separately. Depreciation is based on the estimated economic lifespan and is calculated using a fixed percentage of the acquisition cost, taking into account any residual value. Depreciation starts from the moment the asset is put into use.

### **Receivables**

Receivables are valued at nominal value, less provisions considered necessary for bad debts.

### **Cash**

**and**

**cash**

**equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are valued at nominal value. If funds are not freely available, this is taken into account in the valuation and explicitly noted.

### **Equity**

Surpluses and deficits in the income and expenditure statement are added to (surplus) or deducted from (deficit) the equity.

## **Principles for determining income and expenses**

### **General**

Income and expenses are attributed to the year to which they relate or to the foundation once committed. Profits are only recognized to the extent that they have been realized as of the balance sheet date. Liabilities and potential losses originating before the end of the reporting year are considered if they became known before the financial statements were prepared.

### **Income**

Income includes project income and grants, subsidies and donations. Income from externally funded trainings are matched with the actual training costs if and to the extent that external funding is available.

### **Expenses**

Expenses are the costs of acquired goods and services. Specifically, these include the development costs for the different training activities and operational costs of the organisation.

### **Depreciation on assets**

Depreciation on intangible and tangible assets is calculated based on the acquisition or production cost. Depreciation is done using the straight-line method based on the estimated economic lifespan of three years.

### **Direct training costs**

External costs directly related to training and separate from the execution costs of the organization itself are presented as a separate category within expenses.

## **D. Notes to the balance sheet 2025**

### Cash and cash equivalents

Current account ABNAMRO 929 EUR

The cash and cash equivalents are at the free disposal of the organization.

### Reserves

Reserve starting position	1.271	EUR
Changes in reserves during the year	0	EUR
Result current book year	-341 EUR	

**Final reserve 929 EUR**

Trade creditors 0 EUR

### **Off-balance sheet commitments**

Symi has rental commitments which relate to our office in The Hague. The commitment is annually, starting in March every year, EUR 1.481.

## E. Notes to the statement of income and expenses 2025

Donations 2.000 EUR

Donations have been received from a number of our board members.

### Personnel / hired staf

No personnel or own staff was hired by SYMI in 2025.

The board and staff volunteered.

### Operational costs

Office costs (rent)	1.332	EUR
Admin and bank charges	179 EUR	
Internet / website costs	830	EUR
Other costs	<u>0</u> EUR	
Total operational costs	2.341 EUR	

### Direct training costs

Since the training is in the start up phase there were no costs made.

## Signing

The Hague, June 26

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*Chair*

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*CEO*

Robert van Veen  
*CFO / COO*

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