

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Every year, 300.000 children go missing in Europe. AMBER Alert Europe aims for #zeromissingkids by preventing children from going missing or bringing them home safely.

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European Centre for Missing Children



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Welcome letter

Dear friends and supporters,

In 2023, AMBER Alert Europe celebrated its 10th anniversary, marking a decade of significant progress in enhancing the safety of children across Europe. Reflecting on this journey, we recognize the tireless efforts and unwavering support that have contributed to our success.

Our story began with a tragedy in The Netherlands when two young boys went missing. For two weeks, the police and public conducted a frantic, cross-border search, only to discover that their father had misled them before tragically ending his children's lives and his own. This heartbreaking incident became the catalyst for AMBER Alert Europe, uniting us with a shared purpose to prevent such tragedies from recurring.

Over the years, we have made substantial strides in increasing the chances of safely recovering the 300,000 children who go missing annually in Europe. Through partnerships with law enforcement agencies and missing persons specialists across the continent, we have laid a robust foundation for the enhanced protection of missing children.

This foundation includes improved cross-border cooperation, new tools for law enforcement, specialized training programs for missing persons professionals, better protocols for investigating missing

children's cases, and impactful prevention and awareness-raising efforts. None of this would have been possible without the steadfast support of our partners and supporters, for which we are profoundly grateful.

We extend special thanks to the European Parliament, the EU Council presidencies, and the European Commission for their cooperation and support. Their contributions were pivotal in establishing the Police Expert Network on Missing Persons (PEN-MP), adopting the EU's first Council Conclusions on missing persons during the Slovenian EU Council Presidency, and introducing the SIS Recast, a new tool in the Schengen Information System to prevent at-risk children from crossing European borders.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to our mission towards #ZeroMissingKids in Europe. With your continued support, we can create a safer environment for children across the continent. Together, let us continue to break down barriers and work towards a brighter, safer future for our children.



FRANK HOEN

Founder and Chairman
AMBER Alert Europe

10 YEARS AMBER ALERT EUROPE

EU Conference Missing Persons: Missing Information
Wednesday 25 May 2016, Amsterdam The Netherlands





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Our impact

What we achieved in 2023

Advocacy

MISSING PERSONS AND UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS IN PRÜM II PROPOSAL

In 2023, the AMBER Alert Europe Foundation was invited by the European Parliament's LIBE Committee to emphasize the significance of including missing persons and unidentified remains in the "Prüm II" proposal. This proposal aims to enhance automated data exchange and cooperation among EU law enforcement authorities. Given that 300,000 people are reported missing annually in the EU, including

150,000 children, and with 40,000 long-term missing cases and 15,000 unidentified remains, the Foundation advocated for Prüm II's potential to provide closure to families and safeguard the rights of missing individuals and their families.

CALLING ON EU COMMISSION, EU COUNCIL AND EU PARLIAMENT TO INCLUDE MISSING CHILDREN IN THE FINAL VERSION OF AI ACT

In 2023, the AMBER Alert Europe Foundation actively called on the EU Commission, EU Council, and EU Parliament to include missing children in the final version of the AI Act. The EU Parliament's vote on the AI Act was a close call, with key amendment 801 concerning the use of AI for missing children receiving substantial support. The Foundation's advocacy for AI in locating missing children, supported by the EU Commission and EU Council, highlighted the urgency of these cases, with over 250,000 children reported missing annually in the EU. As the AI Act moved into the trilogues phase, we urged continued support for using AI in searching for missing persons and children.



AMBER ALERT EUROPE AND SPANISH AUTHORITIES SHARE FOCUS ON MISSING PERSONS AGENDA DURING SPAIN'S EU COUNCIL PRESIDENCY

In September 2023, the AMBER Alert Europe Foundation conducted a productive working visit to Spain, in alignment with Spain's EU Council Presidency, which prioritized missing persons' issues. This visit reinforced our longstanding cooperation with the Spanish Ministry of Interior and various departments, including the Directorate General for International Police Cooperation, the Spanish National Centre on Missing Persons (CNDES), and the Spanish National Police Special Group on Missing Persons. Key discussions focused on challenges in locating missing persons across the EU, the necessity of swift action in non-criminal cases, and the importance of a unified European approach.

AMBER Alert Europe also engaged with Spanish civil society organizations such as Fundación Anar and Plataforma de Infancia, enhancing collaboration on children's rights. The visit highlighted CNDES's crucial role and their participation in our prevention campaign and coordination of the Spanish AMBER Alert for missing children. Notably, the initiative of missing person appeals on ATMs in Spain demonstrated innovative and successful recovery efforts.

Our commitment to fostering cooperation with Spanish authorities and civil society organizations aims to create a safer and more responsive environment for addressing missing persons across Europe.

AMBER ALERT EUROPE BACKS SPANISH EU COUNCIL PRESIDENCY'S INITIATIVE FOR EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR MISSING PERSONS

In 2023, AMBER Alert Europe supported the Spanish EU Council Presidency's initiative to establish a European Centre for Missing Persons. On October 7, the Spanish Ministry of Interior announced this proposal, highlighting AMBER Alert Europe's backing. The initiative, aligned with the Common European Approach promoted by AMBER Alert Europe and the Police Expert Network on Missing Persons (PEN-MP), received significant media attention. Frank Hoen, Founder and Chairman of AMBER Alert Europe, praised Spain's proactive stance and the efforts of CNDES, emphasizing the centre's importance due to the high number of missing individuals and its potential to aid police forces across the EU through coordination, knowledge sharing, training, research, technology, and best practices.



Training

FIFTH ICCAP BRINGS TOGETHER OVER 100 STUDENTS WORLDWIDE TO ANALYZE COLD CASES

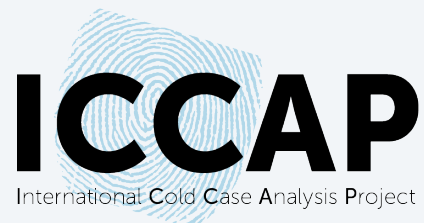
In 2023, the AMBER Alert Europe Foundation played a pivotal role in the fifth International Cold Case Analysis Project (ICCAP), held from December 2022 to April 2023. This project brought together over 100 students from universities, police academies, and law enforcement agencies across Europe and Australia. Participants analyzed ten cold cases within three investigative complexes, thanks to the partnership between the AMBER Alert Europe Foundation and Locate International.

Students from seven British universities, the US, Murdoch University in Australia, the Austrian University of Innsbruck, and German universities in Bonn, Cottbus, and Cologne collaborated with the French Gendarmerie, the German Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA), and the Police Academy of Lower Saxony. The unique international collaboration allowed continuous work on the cases across different time zones, demonstrating a high level of dedication and coordination.

The lead of the ICCAP, Karsten Bettels of the Police Academy of Lower Saxony, praised the students' dedication and their interest in taking on leadership roles in future projects. The participants examined six cases of missing young women and one homicide

case from 1977 to 1986, identifying contradictions in witness statements and comparing these cases with other regional missing persons and homicides. Additionally, they analyzed two cases of elderly women murdered while cycling and the murder of a widowed pensioner in 2004, presenting their findings and 3D crime scene models to investigators and experts over two days, totaling 13 hours of presentations.

One significant outcome was the analysis of a case involving an unidentified man found in the North Sea during a previous ICCAP, which was featured on Dutch television, resulting in over 30 new tips currently under investigation.



ZDF AIRS DOCUMENTARY ABOUT INTERNATIONAL COLD CASE ANALYSIS PROJECT (ICCAP)

In 2023, the International Cold Case Analysis Project (ICCAP), in partnership with AMBER Alert Europe, was featured in a documentary aired by ZDF, Germany's national public television broadcaster. The documentary highlighted the collaborative efforts of students from the Police Academy of Lower Saxony and higher education institutions from Great Britain, Australia, France, Croatia, and Germany, along with responsible investigators, in revisiting and uncovering new clues in two long-standing German cold cases. Since its launch in 2020, ICCAP has enabled young police officers and students to bridge theoretical knowledge and practical application in solving cold cases,

200 STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD HELP LAW ENFORCEMENT SOLVE ACTUAL COLD CASES IN 7TH EDITION OF WORLD'S LARGEST COLD CASE ANALYSIS PROJECT (ICCAP)

In 2023, AMBER Alert Europe made significant strides with the 7th edition of the International Cold Case Analysis Project (ICCAP), the world's largest cold case analysis initiative. This project, launched in partnership with the Police Academy of Lower Saxony and Locate International, engaged over 200 students from around the globe to assist law enforcement in solving actual cold cases.

ICCAP provided a unique learning experience by allowing students to work on real unsolved cases under confidentiality agreements, applying their academic knowledge to support ongoing investigations. The project gained international recognition, reflecting its impact beyond the European Union.

Participants included students from more than 20 educational and law enforcement institutions, such as the Police Academy of Lower Saxony, Glasgow Caledonian University, Maastricht University, The British Open University, The University of Ljubljana, and The National Police Academy of France. Additionally, students from Italy, Australia, the United



States, and Canada collaborated with law enforcement professionals, offering fresh perspectives on challenging cases.

providing crucial support to families in Europe seeking closure for their missing loved ones. The project's significance was further emphasized through recent media coverage related to the identification efforts of an unidentified victim from the North Sea, known as "the Gentleman."

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ICCAP's emphasis on authentic learning bridged the gap between academic studies and real-world challenges, fostering international cooperation and providing resolutions to families seeking answers about their missing loved ones. This global collaboration showcased AMBER Alert Europe's commitment to supporting law enforcement and enhancing the practical education of students worldwide.

AMBER ALERT EUROPE ORGANISES WEBINAR IN COOPERATION WITH UK MISSING PERSONS UNIT

In 2023, AMBER Alert Europe organized a successful webinar in cooperation with the UK Missing Persons Unit titled “Unidentified Remains: How the UK MPU Positively Identifies the Unknown.” Held on February 28th, the webinar attracted 130 participants from 21 different countries. The event featured Ms. Louise Newell from the UK Missing Persons Unit, who shared her valuable expertise on the identification of unidentified remains.

CEPOL WEBINAR: THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN MISSING PERSON CASES

On June 6th, 2023, AMBER Alert Europe hosted a CEPOL webinar titled “The Use of Social Media in Missing Person Cases.” This webinar was targeted at law enforcement officials dealing with missing persons, unidentified remains, and cold cases. The session equipped participants with crucial skills to enhance their use of social media effectively in their investigations. By the end of the webinar, participants were able to apply the knowledge gained in their decision-making processes regarding the channels and content shared with the public. They also learned how to clearly communicate the intentions behind requests for information or cooperation to the public. Furthermore, the webinar provided insights on how to implement, adjust, or increase the use of social media to gather information from the public, aiming to locate missing persons, identify unknown remains, and provide closure to those left behind.

AMBER ALERT EUROPE HOSTS DIGITAL WORKSHOP FOR VICTIM SUPPORT EUROPE

On March 7th, Julie Bellinkx, Head of Unit at AMBER Alert Europe, conducted a digital workshop for Victim Support Europe. During this session, she shared her extensive expertise on successful online prevention and awareness-raising campaigns. Julie discussed best practices and lessons learned, providing valuable insights into effective strategies for engaging the public and increasing awareness.



CEPOL WEBINAR: LINKING MISSING PERSONS AND UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

On March 27th, AMBER Alert Europe facilitated a significant educational outreach through a CEPOL webinar titled “Linking Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains Nationally and Internationally.” The webinar aimed to provide training and practical insights into the complex investigations of missing persons and unidentified human remains. Participants were equipped with knowledge of the latest techniques used in these investigations. They also learned how to effectively engage specialized officers, units, or external organizations when leading such intricate inquiries.

CEPOL WEBINAR: ELDERLY MISSING PERSONS

On September 12th, AMBER Alert Europe collaborated with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) to host a webinar focused on elderly missing persons. The session was presented by Dr. Zena Aldridge, a Clinical and Care Specialty Advisor and an expert on law enforcement's involvement with elderly persons living with dementia. This webinar addressed crucial aspects of the challenges and strategies involved in locating and assisting elderly individuals who are missing, enhancing the knowledge and capabilities of law enforcement personnel in dealing with such sensitive cases.

CEPOL WEBINAR: SEARCH METHODS FOR MISSING PERSONS: SEARCHED FOR AND NOT FOUND, WHAT'S NEXT?

In 2023, AMBER Alert Europe strengthened its collaborative efforts with international law enforcement agencies by hosting a critical webinar on November 14th, titled 'Search Methods for Missing Persons: Searched for and Not Found, What's Next?' This event was conducted in partnership with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL). The webinar was led by Carlo Schippers, AMBER Alert Europe's training coordi-



nator and a former specialist in missing persons from Dutch Law Enforcement. He shared valuable insights and addressed challenges encountered when initial searches for missing persons are unsuccessful. Law enforcement officials from across Europe participated, gaining crucial knowledge on handling such cases, especially under the constraints of limited investigational legal options when no evidence of a crime exists.

Prevention

AMBER ALERT EUROPE FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW PICTURE BOOK TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ON INTERNATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

In 2023, the AMBER Alert Europe Foundation marked International Missing Children's Day by launching a new picture book titled *The Rumbling Adventure of Hare*, which aims to educate young children on safety measures to prevent them from going missing. This book was released as part of an annual prevention campaign and has been made available for download in 20 languages. Shared across 23 countries, including both EU members and nations like Canada and the United States, the initiative involved collaboration with national ministries, law enforcement, and NGOs specializing in child protection.

The book conveys five key safety tips, emphasizing the importance of trusting one's instincts, and was developed in consultation with experts in missing children's issues. To ensure the content was engaging and age-appropriate, the Foundation collaborated

with children's book authors, illustrators, child psychologists, behavioral scientists, and pediatricians. This resource is designed for use by parents and caregivers as a gentle conversation starter about personal safety.

Frank Hoen, Chairman of the AMBER Alert Europe Foundation, expressed the organization's commitment to child safety and highlighted the book as a crucial tool for educating children and preventing disappearances. The initiative reflects the Foundation's ongoing efforts to raise awareness and promote preventive measures among Europe's youth, aiming to decrease the high number of children reported missing each year.

For further details on the campaign and to access the e-book, stakeholders and the public can visit the Foundation's dedicated campaign webpage:

www.amberalert.eu/the-rumbling-adventure-of-hare



Statistics

STATISTICS 2023: NATIONAL AMBER ALERTS AND CHILD ALERTS

AMBER Alert Europe only maps AMBER Alerts and Child Alerts issued by law enforcement authorities across Europe. The aim of this data collection is to gain better knowledge of the number of AMBER Alerts and Child Alerts shared by law enforcement or police-mandated organisations and the use of AMBER Alert systems in Europe.

The data in this report are collected by daily monitoring of law enforcement and police-mandated organisations' websites from European Union

Member States. This data does not represent the total number of children who annually go missing in Europe.

Yearly statistics

In 2023, 35 national AMBER Alerts or Child Alerts were issued by competent law enforcement in Europe. In 87 percent of the cases, the children were safely recovered.



Quarterly statistics

Quarter 1: January-March



Quarter 2: April - June



Quarter 3: July - September



Quarter 4: October - December



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Our organisation

AMBER Alert Europe Foundation

About us

AMBER Alert Europe, the European Centre for Missing Children, is a foundation that strives to improve the protection of missing children and to prevent children from going missing by empowering them and raising awareness on the issue of missing children and its root causes. We connect experts from 44 governmental organisations, in particular ministries of the interior and police forces, and non-governmental organisations from 27 countries in our mission towards zero missing children in Europe.

Our activities

Our activities cover training, research, child alerting, and prevention and awareness-raising, as well as launching initiatives aimed at impacting policies and legislation in the area of children's rights. Our joint efforts with police experts in the field of missing children even paved the way for a European police expert network in this area.

All of our activities are implemented in line with the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child and with respect for the privacy of children and data protection laws.

Our beginnings

As a response to missing children cases exceeding geographical borders, the AMBER Alert Europe Foundation was founded in 2013 to contribute to better cross-border coordination and cooperation in the search for missing children.

Since then, our network has expanded and now encompasses different experts from a variety of backgrounds who make their know-how and expertise available to improve existing practices and procedures for a fast and safe recovery of missing children and safeguarding of children against going missing or an abduction.

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Highlights

AMBER ALERT EUROPE FOUNDATION STRENGTHENS BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH ADDITION OF CARLO SCHIPPERS

On February 21st, the AMBER Alert Europe Foundation welcomed Carlo Schippers to its Board of Directors. With his experience as a former Behavioral Consultant and Missing Persons Expert for the Dutch National Police, Schippers brings a wealth of expertise to the role.

During the last 31 years of his career with the police, Schippers served on the Investigative Psychology Team, where he provided support to investigators working on high-profile cases involving serious crimes. He also supported local police forces with their active and cold case missing persons cases.

Schippers was involved in developing the use of the Internet and social media for urgent missing person and missing children cases, while he coordinated this social media use for many years on a national level. Schippers' training included a one-year fellowship in Criminal Investigative Analysis from the FBI Academy. He has worked as a lecturer and instructor at conferences and law enforcement training centers in several countries, including lecturing on criminal



profiling, homicide, stalking, missing persons, AMBER Alerts, and related behavioral topics. Schippers has also published articles and book chapters on these topics, including being a co-author of the Dutch National Police Missing Persons Handbook.



NPCC'S ALAN RHEES-COOPER JOINS AMBER ALERT EUROPE FOUNDATION'S ADVISORY BOARD

In 2023, the AMBER Alert Europe Foundation was pleased to welcome Mr. Alan Rhees-Cooper to its Advisory Board. Effective April 25th, Mr. Rhees-Cooper, who has served as the Staff Officer to the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) Missing People Lead, brought over 33 years of policing experience to the Board. Having specialized in missing persons since 2004, his vast expertise significantly strengthened our organization's capabilities. In his advisory role, Mr. Rhees-Cooper contributed to enhancing our collaborative efforts across all 46 UK police forces, thereby improving the policing response to missing persons cases throughout the UK.



CHRISTIAN MADER JOINS AMBER ALERT EUROPE FOUNDATION'S ADVISORY BOARD

AMBER Alert Europe was delighted to welcome Christian Mader to its Advisory Board in 2023. Mr. Mader, the Chairman of Österreich Findet Euch, has been a staunch advocate for missing persons both in Austria and across Europe. His extensive background with the Ministry of Interior of Austria and his role at Österreich Findet Euch have been pivotal in advancing the protection of missing children. This strategic appointment has not only strengthened the partnership between AMBER Alert Europe and Österreich Findet Euch but also bolstered the foundation's capabilities in enhancing the recovery and safety protocols for missing individuals.

CHARLIE HEDGES APPOINTED TO AMBER ALERT EUROPE FOUNDATION'S ADVISORY BOARD

In 2023, AMBER Alert Europe was delighted to welcome Charlie Hedges to its Advisory Board. A leading global expert on missing persons and the developer of the Missing Persons Risk Triage system, Mr. Hedges brought decades of experience from his work with the UK Police Force, the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP), and the UK National Crime Agency (NCA). Throughout his career, he significantly influenced policies and strategies for handling cases of missing, abducted, and trafficked children. His international work includes enhancing child alert systems and providing essential training to law enforcement professionals globally, making him a key asset in advancing the safety and recovery initiatives for missing individuals.



Organisations that support us

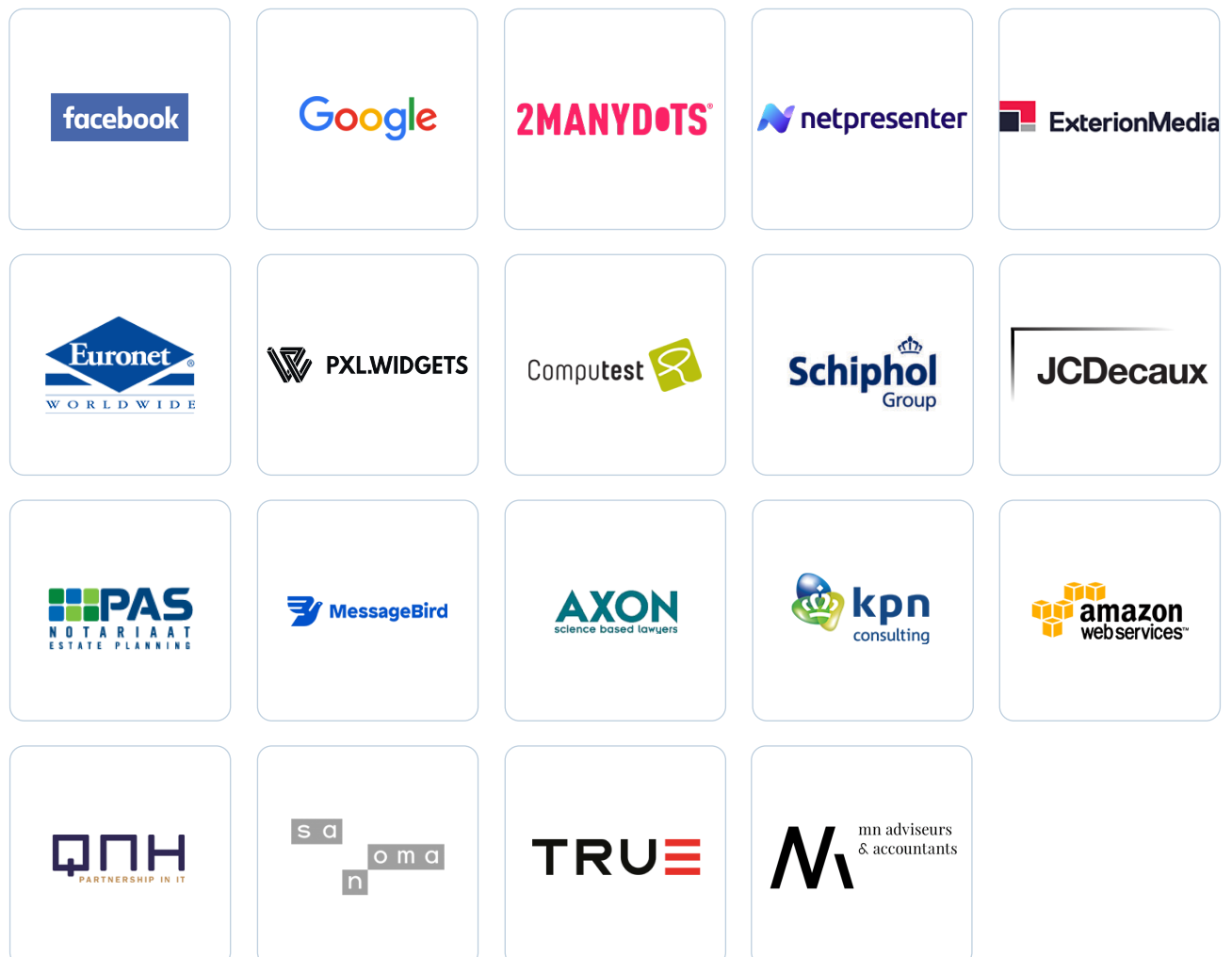
Participating organisations



Participating organisations



Partners



Sponsors

In 2023, AMBER Alert Europe had the support of multiple organisations that contributed to the cause by providing us with valuable in-kind services.

2MANYDOTS

Website builder and hosting partner 2MANYDOTS sponsored the redesign of the AMBER Alert Europe website and subsequently also hosts our website. The services are provided entirely free of charge and can be quantified at an amount of approximately € 7,000 annually. In 2022, 2MANYDOTS valued its one-time in-kind contributions at € 24,840.

Axon Advocaten

Axon is a law firm based in Amsterdam that specializes in internationally oriented services. They apply an hourly rate of € 325 (excl. VAT). The service, as requested by AMBER Alert Europe, is provided free of charge. An exact amount to be quantified cannot be provided in advance. No min-max has been agreed upon between parties.

MN Adviseurs & Accountants

MN Adviseurs & Accountants provides AMBER Alert Europe with financial advice, as well as financial statements. This service, costing around € 10,000 annually, is provided free of charge.

Dominicanen bookstore

Dominicanen bookstore sponsored a number of copies of "The Rumbling Adventure of Hare" as part of AMBER Alert Europe's campaign for International Missing Children's Day 2024. In addition to providing the sponsored books, Dominicanen bookstore also pledged a percentage of their commission to support the campaign, demonstrating their commitment to the cause and community.

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Annex

Financial Report 2023

**YOUR FUTURE
IS OUR MISSION**



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**Stichting AMBER Alert Europe
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Stichting AMBER Alert Europe
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1. REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

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Stichting AMBER Alert Europe
To the board of directors
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Reference: 11489
Subject: Annual report 2023

Sittard, June 25, 2024

Dear board of directors,

Herewith we submit you a report of our activities on the annual account 2023 of your foundation.

The balance sheet as of december 31, 2023, the statement of income and expenses 2023 and the notes, together forming part of the financial statements 2023 are components of this report.

1.1 Accountant's compilation report

The financial statements of Stichting AMBER Alert Europe (AMBER Alert Europe Foundation, registered charity under Dutch law, RSIN 852414183), Beek have been compiled by us using the information provided by you. The financial statements comprise the balance sheet as at december 31, 2023 and the statement of income and expenses for the year 2023 with the accompanying explanatory notes. These notes include a summary of the accounting policies which have been applied.

This compilation engagement has been performed by us in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standard 4410, "Compilation engagements", which is applicable to accountants.

The standard requires us to assist you in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. To this end we have applied our professional expertise in accounting and financial reporting.

In a compilation engagement, you are responsible for ensuring that you provide us with all relevant information and that this information is correct. Therefore, we have conducted our work, in accordance with the applicable regulations, on the assumption that you have fulfilled your responsibility.

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To conclude our work, we have read the financial statements as a whole to consider whether the financial statements as presented correspond with our understanding of Stichting AMBER Alert Europe.

We have not performed any audit or review procedures which would enable us to express an opinion or a conclusion as to the fair presentation of the financial statements.

During this engagement we have complied with the relevant ethical requirements prescribed by the "Verordening Gedrags- en Beroepsregels Accountants" (VGBA). You and other users of these financial statements may therefore assume that we have conducted the engagement in a professional, competent and objective manner and with due care and integrity and that we will treat all information provided to us as confidential.

For further information on the nature and scope of a compilation engagement and the VGBA we refer you to www.nba.nl/uitleg-samenstellingsverklaring.

We have compiled these financial statements for the management of Stichting AMBER Alert Europe to enable Stichting AMBER Alert Europe to comply with the obligation to prepare the financial statements. Our compilation report is intended solely for the management of Stichting AMBER Alert Europe and should not be distributed to or used by other parties.



Stichting AMBER Alert Europe

1.2 General

Incorporation

The Stichting AMBER Alert Europe was incorporated by way of deed dated January 23, 2013. The company has been registered at the Chamber of Commerce under file number 57040559.

Foundation

Stichting AMBER Alert Europe (AMBER ALert Europe Foundation), the European Centre for Missing Children, is a charitable foundation based in the Netherlands that strives to improve the protection of missing children and to prevent children from going missing by empowering them and raising awareness on the issue of missing children and its root causes. Its activities cover training, research, child alerting, and prevention and awareness-raising, as well as launching initiatives aimed at impacting policies and legislation in the area of children's rights.

Board of directors

The management is conducted by:

- F.C.C. Hoen
- P. Binkova
- C. Schippers



Stichting AMBER Alert Europe

1.3 Results

Below we provide an analysis of the foundation's results, based on the statement of income and expenses.

	2023		2022	
	€	%	€	%
Income	185,857	100.0%	169,606	100.0%
Sum of the benefits	185,857	100.0%	169,606	100.0%
Expenditures towards fulfilling the foundation's objectives	427,421	230.0%	485,454	286.2%
Office costs	5,584	3.0%	5,699	3.4%
General costs	18,734	10.1%	46,598	27.5%
Other operating costs	451,739	243.1%	537,751	317.1%
Balance before financial income and expense	-265,882	-143.1%	-368,145	-217.1%
Interest and similar expenditure	7,768	4.2%	-4,713	-2.8%
Total financial income and expenditure	7,768	4.2%	-4,713	-2.8%
Other reserves	-258,114	-138.9%	-372,858	-219.9%



1.4 Comparative overview

Below we provide an analysis of the foundation's results, based on the statement of income and expenses.

	2023 €	2022 €	Budget 2023 €	Difference €
Income	185,857	169,606	300,200	-114,343
Sum of the benefits	185,857	169,606	300,200	-114,343
Expenditures towards fulfilling the foundation's objectives	427,421	485,454	573,200	-145,779
Office expenses	5,584	5,699	9,000	-3,416
General expenses	18,734	46,598	19,400	-666
Total operating costs	451,739	537,751	601,600	-149,861
Balance before financial income and expense	-265,882	-368,145	-301,400	35,518
Interest and similar expenditure	7,768	-4,713	-600	7,168
Total financial income and expenditure	7,768	-4,713	-600	7,168
Other reserves	-258,114	-372,858	-302,000	42,686



Stichting AMBER Alert Europe

1.5 Financial position

Below we provide an analysis of the foundation's financial position, based on the balance sheet.

	december 31, 2023		december 31, 2022	
	€	€	€	€
In short term available:				
Receivables	20,096		9,434	
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>796,409</u>		<u>1,240,495</u>	
Total current assets		816,505		1,249,929
Less: current liabilities		<u>1,372,179</u>		<u>1,553,065</u>
Working capital		-555,674		-303,136
Fixed on long term:				
Tangible fixed assets	<u>20,873</u>		<u>26,449</u>	
		<u>20,873</u>		<u>26,449</u>
Funded with on long term available assets		<u><u>-534,801</u></u>		<u><u>-276,687</u></u>
Funding occurred as follows:				
Reserves and funds		<u>-534,801</u>		<u>-276,687</u>
		<u><u>-534,801</u></u>		<u><u>-276,687</u></u>

According to this analysis the working capital as of december 31, 2023 compared to december 31, 2022 decreased by € 252,538.

We trust to have been of service. We are available to provide further explanation.

Yours sincerely,
MN adviseurs & accountants B.V.

M.A.A.M. Mulders
accountant-administratieconsulent



2. DIRECTORS' REPORT



Stichting AMBER Alert Europe

2.1 Directors' report

General

The report is available for inspection at the partnership's premises.



3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



Stichting AMBER Alert Europe

3.1 Balance sheet as of december 31, 2023

(After result appropriation)

	december 31, 2023		december 31, 2022	
	€	€	€	€
ASSETS				
Fixed assets				
<i>Tangible fixed assets</i>	[1]			
Equipment	<u>20,873</u>	20,873	<u>26,449</u>	26,449
Current assets				
<i>Receivables</i>	[2]			
Taxes and premiums social insurance	1,292		-	
Other prepayments and accrued income	<u>18,804</u>	20,096	<u>9,434</u>	9,434
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>	[3]	796,409		1,240,495
Total assets		<u>837,378</u>		<u>1,276,378</u>

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3.1 Balance sheet as of december 31, 2023

(After result appropriation)

LIABILITIES		december 31, 2023		december 31, 2022	
		€	€	€	€
Reserves and funds	[4]				
Other reserves		<u>-534,801</u>	-534,801	<u>-276,687</u>	-276,687
Current liabilities	[5]				
Accounts payable		14,025		21,942	
Taxes and premiums social insurance		15,534		19,839	
Accrued liabilities		<u>1,342,620</u>		<u>1,511,284</u>	
			1,372,179		1,553,065
Total liabilities			<u><u>837,378</u></u>		<u><u>1,276,378</u></u>

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3.2 Statement of income and expenses

		2023 €	Budget 2023 €	2022 €
Income	[6]	185.857	300.200	169.606
Sum of the benefits		<u>185.857</u>	<u>300.200</u>	<u>169.606</u>
Expenditures towards fulfilling the foundation's objectives	[7]	427.421	573.200	485.454
Office costs	[8]	5.584	9.000	5.699
General costs	[9]	18.734	19.400	46.598
Total operating costs		<u>451.739</u>	<u>601.600</u>	<u>537.751</u>
Balance before financial income and expense		-265.882	-301.400	-368.145
Interest and similar expenditure	[10]	7.768	-600	-4.713
Total financial income and expenditure		<u>7.768</u>	<u>-600</u>	<u>-4.713</u>
Other reserves		<u><u>-258.114</u></u>	<u><u>-302.000</u></u>	<u><u>-372.858</u></u>

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3.3 Notes to the financial statements

General notes

Activities

The activities of Stichting AMBER Alert Europe, having its registered office at Beek primarily consist of:

- Stichting AMBER Alert Europe, having its registered office at Peter Treckpoelstraat 4, 6191 VK Beek, The Netherlands, aims to contribute, on the one hand, to the protection of missing persons in Europe, particularly missing children due to their vulnerability, and on the other hand, to the prevention of disappearances in Europe by undertaking activities that contribute to this goal in any way possible and by carrying out all that is related or conducive to the aforementioned objectives.

The foundation seeks to achieve this goal by:

- a. overcoming barriers in terms of bureaucratic, legal, geographical, or linguistic boundaries. With a view to this objective, the foundation will seek cooperation with organizations that pursue the improvement of safety within European society.
- b. promoting the involvement and participation of relevant governmental and non-governmental organizations, businesses, and civil society to achieve its objective.
- c. supporting national or international police organizations and encouraging cooperation between them for the aforementioned goal.
- d. facilitating and organizing education and training on the subject of missing persons, especially missing children, and closely related topics for a wide range of stakeholders and actors.
- e. engaging in activities focused on prevention and increasing public awareness regarding the subject of missing persons, especially missing children, and closely related topics.
- f. conducting research on the subject of missing persons, particularly missing children, and closely related topics.
- g. upon request from national authorities, contributing to the implementation of an AMBER Alert system and other forms of citizen participation in European member states, or connecting these or similar systems.
- h. launching initiatives aimed at influencing legislation and legal processes in the field of children's rights and other relevant regulations.
- i. carrying out all further actions that are broadly related to or conducive to the aforementioned, provided that the foundation operates independently, neutrally, and based on expertise and evidence.

Registered office, legal form and registration number at the chamber of commerce

Stichting AMBER Alert Europe, at Beek has been registered at the Chamber of Commerce under file number 57040559.

The foundation is a registered charity under Dutch law as ANBI, #852414183.



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3.3 Notes to the financial statements

General accounting policies

General

The financial statements are prepared according to directive Rjk.C2 "Kleine fondsenwervendeorganisaties". The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with directive RJ650 "Fondswervende organisaties van de Raad voor de Jaarverslaggeving".

The annual accounts have been prepared based on the historical cost. Valuation of assets and liabilities and determination of the result takes place under the historical cost convention.

Given that the budget of this foundation is not used as an important steering tool for controlling the activities, the differences between the budget and the balance aren't analyzed.

Comparison with previous year

The valuation principles and method of determining the result are the same as those used in the previous year, with the exception of the changes in accounting policies as set out in the relevant sections.

Exceptional items

Exceptional items are items of income and expense from the normal, non-incidental activities or transactions, but which need to be disclosed separately on the basis of the nature, size or incidental character of the item.



3.3 Notes to the financial statements

ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED TO THE VALUATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Tangible fixed assets

Other tangible fixed assets are valued at historical cost or production cost including directly attributable costs, less straight-line depreciation based on the expected future life and impairments.

Accounts receivable

Receivables are initially valued at the fair value of the consideration to be received, including transaction costs if material. Receivables are subsequently valued at the amortised cost price. Provisions for bad debts are deducted from the carrying amount of the receivable.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represent cash in hand, bank balances and deposits with terms of less than twelve months. Overdrafts at banks are recognised as part of debts to lending institutions under current liabilities. Cash at bank and in hand is carried at nominal value.

Reserves and funds

When the foundation purchases treasury shares, the consideration paid is deducted from other reserves or any other reserve if the articles of association allow so) until the shares are cancelled or reissued. Where such shares are subsequently reissued, any consideration received is included in other reserves or any other reserve. The consideration received will be added to the reserve from which earlier the purchase price has been deducted.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the purchase, sale and/or issue of new shares are shown in reserves and funds as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

Current liabilities

On initial recognition current liabilities are recognised at fair value. After initial recognition current liabilities are recognised at the amortised cost price, being the amount received, taking into account premiums or discounts, less transaction costs. This usually is the nominal value.



3.3 Notes to the financial statements

PRINCIPLES FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE RESULT

General

The result is the difference between the realisable value of the goods/services provided and the costs and other charges during the year. The results on transactions are recognised in the year in which they are realised.

Costs

Costs are determined on a historical basis and are attributed to the reporting year to which they relate.

Exceptional items

Exceptional items are items of income and expense from the normal, non-incidental activities or transactions, but which need to be disclosed separately on the basis of the nature, size or incidental character of the item for reasons of analysis and comparability of the results.

Financial income and expense

Interest income and interest expenses

Interest income and expenses are recognised on a pro rata basis, taking account of the effective interest rate of the assets and liabilities to which they relate. In accounting for interest expenses, the recognised transaction expenses for loans received are taken into consideration.

Currency translation differences

Currency translation differences arising upon the settlement or conversion of monetary items are recognised in the income statement in the period that they are realised, unless hedge accounting is applied.



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3.4 Notes to the balance sheet

ASSETS

FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets [1]

A summary of the movements of tangible fixed assets is given below:

	Equipment €	Total 2023 €
Acquisition value	30,885	30,885
Accumulated depreciations	-4,436	-4,436
Book value as of januari 1, 2023	26,449	26,449
Depreciations	-5,576	-5,576
Movements 2023	-5,576	-5,576
Acquisition value	30,885	30,885
Accumulated depreciations	-10,012	-10,012
Book value as of december 31, 2023	20,873	20,873

Depreciation percentages:
Equipment

20 %

CURRENT ASSETS

Receivables [2]

	december 31, 2023 €	december 31, 2022 €
Taxes and premiums social insurance		
Value added tax	1,292	-
Other prepayments and accrued income		
Other receivables	18,804	9,434

Cash at bank and in hand [3]

Rabobank NL31RABO0177498633	15,471	40,407
Rabobank NL58RABO3464305996	780,780	1,200,000
Rabobank NL43RABO0189059168	70	-
Cash	88	88
	796,409	1,240,495



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3.4 Notes to the balance sheet

LIABILITIES

Reserves and funds [4]

	2023	2022
	€	€
Other reserves		
Value as of januari 1, 2023	-276,687	96,171
From proposal result appropriation	-258,114	-372,858
Value as of december 31, 2023	<u>-534,801</u>	<u>-276,687</u>

Proposed appropriation of result for the financial year 2023

The purpose of the foundation is to contribute, on the one hand, to the protection of missing persons in Europe, particularly missing children due to their vulnerability, and on the other hand, to the prevention of disappearances in Europe by undertaking activities that contribute to this goal in any way possible and by carrying out all that is related or conducive to the aforementioned objectives. In accordance with the statutes of the foundation there is no profit motive.

The result from the current financial year is allocated to the other reserves.

The statutes of the foundation don't determine a minimum or maximum balance of the other reserves.

The foundation hasn't formed a specific allocation reserve.

In accordance with the legal provisions, the loss for the financial year 2023 in the amount of € 258,114 has been deducted from the other reserves. This has already been incorporated in the annual accounts.

CURRENT LIABILITIES [5]

	december 31, 2023	december 31, 2022
	€	€
Accounts payable		
Creditors	<u>14,025</u>	<u>21,942</u>
Taxes and premiums social insurance		
Value added tax	-	3,576
Wage tax	<u>15,534</u>	<u>16,263</u>
	<u>15,534</u>	<u>19,839</u>
Accrued liabilities		
Vacation pay still to be paid	18,599	19,077
Bank charges / insurance costs	56	4,270
Cost still to be paid	2,312	641
Compensation Amber Alert	1,321,653	1,486,859
Net wages payable	-	437
	<u>1,342,620</u>	<u>1,511,284</u>



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3.5 Notes to the statement of income and expenses

	<u>2023</u>	<u>Budget 2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	€	€	€
Income [6]			
Donations and gifts from organisations	0	0	0
Donations and gifts from individuals	8.400	20.000	3.160
income from other not-for-profit organisations	0	115.000	0
Income as a counter performance for goods delivered and / or services	12.250	0	0
Other benefits	<u>165.207</u>	<u>165.200</u>	<u>166.446</u>
	<u>185.857</u>	<u>300.200</u>	<u>169.606</u>

Besides mentioned income, Stichting AMBER Alert Europe receives most of its sponsorships in kind. Several companies and individuals offer their services free of charge in the context of their Corporate Socials Responsibility (CSR). These sponsorships in kind are specified and valued in the management report of the foundation.

Expenditures towards fulfilling the foundation's objectives [7]

To contribute tot the protection of missing persons in Europe, particularly missing children due tot thier vulnerability, and to the prevention of disappearances in Europe.

<u>427.421</u>	<u>573.200</u>	<u>485.454</u>
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Honorarium of directors and supervisory directors

The honorarium of the directors totals at € 0.

Staff

At partnership during 2023, an average 5,3 employees were employed (2022: 5,4).

Office costs [8]

Other office costs

<u>5.584</u>	<u>9.000</u>	<u>5.699</u>
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General costs [9]

General costs

<u>18.734</u>	<u>19.400</u>	<u>46.598</u>
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3.5 Notes to the statement of income and expenses

Financial income and expenditure

	<u>2023</u>	<u>Budget 2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	€	€	€
Interest and similar expenditure [10]			
Banking fees and provision	<u>-7.768</u>	<u>-600</u>	<u>4713</u>

Beek, June 25, 2024
Stichting AMBER Alert Europe

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Annex

Specification of Expenditures towards fulfilling the foundation's objectives

	2023	2022
	€	€
Wages	282.280	283.182
Social security costs	55.522	58.770
Pension costs	26.985	20.283
Other personnel costs	17.086	21.369
Costs of work by third parties	9.840	17.526
Other costs	35.708	84.324
Total	427.421	485.454

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