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# Transparency Report for the project "Julian Assange" in project area "Moral Courage"

(April 2019 to November 2024)

## Introduction

With the arrest of Julian Assange on 11 April 2019 from the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, the Wau Holland Foundation («WHS») board of directors decided¹ to collect donations towards the legal defense against the U.S. extradition request. The Foundation takes the view that the trial against Julian Assange should be seen as a test case for freedom of the press and freedom of information. As such, the work in this context is relevant to one of the Foundation's core tasks (freedom of information), as defined in its statutes.

In the years 2019 to 2021, costs incurred were covered proportionately by advances from the WHS and earmarked donations (bank transfers and PayPal). In February 2022, the WHS received a large donation of 16,593 ETH, which was donated to the Foundation by the digital artist Pak.<sup>2</sup> With these extra funds, the Foundation was able to support and coordinate Julian's extensive legal defense and the associated public relations work; in addition, it was possible to compensate for advances made.

In accordance with the specifications of the tax office, the ETH account is treated as a foreign currency account, i.e. funds are not converted into euros according to the daily exchange rate, but rather booked in the respective foreign currency. These amounts are only shown in euros once that foreign currency has been exchanged for euros.

The exchange of ETH into euros was only possible three months after our receipt of the donation, because extensive and time-consuming KYC ("Know-Your-Customer") checks of all Board members were required. The conversion was carried out via an exchange as required at the current exchange rate. Incoming funds (in EUR) from exchanges were transferred directly to the bank account of the project area of the WHS and accounted for as (donation) receipts; in parallel, a separate ETH account (foreign currency account) is maintained.

The WHS's own costs (e.g. travel, expenses, IT infrastructure and office costs) are covered by the administrative fee of 5% of donations received and are not itemized separately in this report. The board of the WHS has worked exclusively on a voluntary basis during the entire project period, meaning that no additional remuneration / compensation was paid toward the significant amount of time that board members spent on direct coordination work.

- 1 https://www.wauland.de/en/news/2019/04/zivilcourage-julian-assange/
- 2 https://wauland.de/en/news/2022/02/donation-for-defense-of-julian-assange/

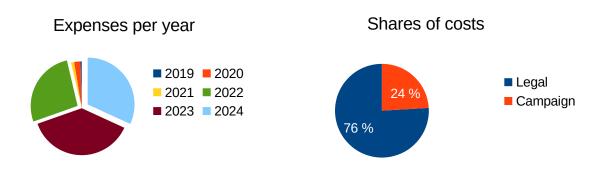
By resolution of the WHS board, the project was completed on 31 July 2024, but the final processing and follow-up work will continue until the end of 2024. This report is based on the figures recorded for accounting purposes up to 26 November 2024, which have not yet been fully recognized / allocated.

The WHS is bound to use the ETH donation exclusively in accordance with the will of the donor (Pak) in the Julian Assange project. The Foundation must decide about the remaining funds in cooperation with tax lawyers, the tax office, and the supervisory authority (« Stiftungsaufsicht»).

# **Executive Summary**

# **Income / Expenses**

Year	Expenses	Income	Current Balance <sup>3</sup>
2019	€ 80,388	€ 24,192	€ -56,196
2020	€ 399,436	€ 314,748	€ -140,884
2021	€ 194,005	€ 63,189	€ -271,700
2022	€ 4,895,790	€ 5,352,670	€ 185,180
2023	€ 6,930,373	€ 8,965,675	€ 2,220,482
20244	€ 5,834,074	€ 5,322,290	€ 1,708,698
Total:	€ 18,334,066	€ 20,042,764	



<sup>3</sup> A negative balance is covered by WHS advances from free reserves; a positive balance corresponds to the "credit balance" of the project in the internal settlement.

<sup>4</sup> Only accounting up to 26 November 2024.

# **Foreign Currency Accounts**

# ETH Account (February 2022 to November 2024)

• Income: 16,593.0343 ETH

Allocation WHS: 0.0343 ETH

o Donation from Pak: 16,593.0000 ETH

• Expenses: 12,911.4350 ETH

Exchanged: 11,337.0000 ETH

Used: 1,574.4350 ETH (see year 2022)

Account Balance: 3,681.5993 ETH

# Other Cryptocurrencies (April 2019 to November 2024)

Since 2019, donations for WHS projects have been accepted in Bitcoin (BTC), and from 2021 on in several other cryptocurrencies. The "Julian Assange" project in the area of "Moral Courage" received the following cryptocurrency donations in the above-mentioned period; none of these foreign currency units have been exchanged for euros yet.

Cryptocurrency	Amount Received	Abbrev.
Bitcoin	8.11671933	btc
Bitcoin Cash	11.29403381	bch
Ethereum	1.3253713	eth
Ethereum Classic	4.99000000	etc
Litecoin	3.28646419	ltc
Vertcoin	4.40693466	vtc

# **Income / Expenditure Overview (in EUR)**

## 2019

Income: € 24,192

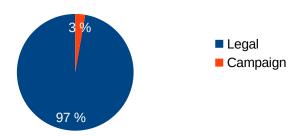
• Donations: € 24,192

**Expenses**: **€ 80,388** 

• Lawyers: € 78,193

• Campaigns & public relations work: € 2,195

#### Shares of costs 2019



Balance: € -56,196

The negative balance of € 56,196 was covered by the WHS (advance).

## 2020

Income: € 314,748

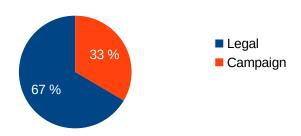
• Donations: € 314,748

**Expenses**: **€ 399,436** 

Lawyers: € 265,812

• Campaigns & public relations work: € 133,624

#### Shares of costs 2020



Balance: € -73,688

The negative balance of  $\in$  73,688 was covered by the WHS. The total accrued advance amounts to  $\in$  140,884.

## 2021

Income: € 63,189

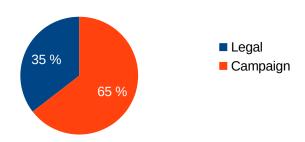
• Donations: € 63,189

**Expenses**: € 194,005

• Lawyers: € 68,815

• Campaigns & public relations work: € 125,190

#### Shares of costs 2021



Balance: € -130,816

The negative balance of  $\in$  130,816 was covered by the WHS. The total accrued advance amounts to  $\in$  271,700.

Income: € 5,352,670

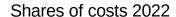
• Donations: € 264,393

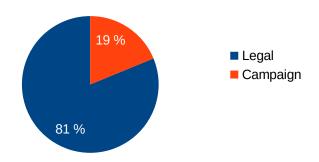
• Exchange of ether (3800 ETH) € 5,088,277

**Expenses**: **€ 4,895,790** 

• Lawyers: € 3,975,692

• Campaigns & public relations work: € 920,098





Balance: € 456,880

The positive balance of € 456,880 is offset against the advances paid; the surplus amounts to € 185,180.

#### **Expenses in ETH:**

1,574.4350

- The establishment of a multi-signature wallet and the provision of hardware tokens to the members of the executive board cost 5.03 ETH.
- Since it was not possible to exchange ETH for fiat until the end of May, lawyers and campaigns were paid directly in ETH where possible:
  - 08.04.2022: Payment to the Assange Campaign International (ACI) in the amount of 580.755 ETH (3.5 %) as a commission for fundraising
  - 09.05.2022: Payment to the Human Rights Institute (HRI)<sup>5</sup> in the amount of 35 ETH for campaign work
  - 11.05.2022: Payment to Barry Pollack (US lawyer) in the amount of 124 ETH for legal work
  - 09.05.2022: Administrative fee in the amount of 829.65 ETH (5%) retained by / booked to WHS.

#### 2023

Note: The figures are still provisional because the accounting processing for 2023 had not yet been finalized at the time of this report. This should be completed by the end of 2024 and become available in 2025.

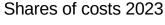
Income: € 8,965,675

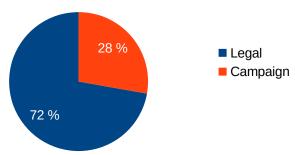
• Donations: € 21,287

• Exchange of ether (5700 ETH): € 8,944,388

• Lawyers: € 5,005,780

• Campaigns & PR work: € 1,924,593





Balance: € 2,035,302

The positive balance of  $\in$  2,035,302 brings the total surplus to  $\in$  2,220,482.

Note: The amount stated in the preliminary transparency report for public relations / campaigns for 2023 was too high because, due to an oversight in the spreadsheet, parts of the legal fees from 2024 were allocated to the 2023 public relations account; we apologize for this oversight. As a result, the legal fees for 2024 were also understated in the preliminary report, which has been corrected accordingly in this report.

## 2024 (until 26.11.)

Note: The figures are still provisional because the accounting processing and finalization of 2024 has not yet taken place. Reliable figures can only be presented after the 2024 annual financial statements have been prepared at the end of 2025.

Income: € 5,322,290

Donations: 
€ 22,395

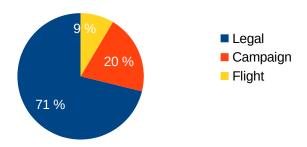
• Exchange of ether (1837 ETH): € 5,299,895

• Lawyers: € 4,153,496

Campaigns & PR work: € 1,181,660

Charter flight<sup>6</sup> for J. Assange + lawyers: € 498,918

#### Shares of costs 2024



Balance: € -511.784

The negative balance of € 511,784 is offset against the existing surplus; the total surplus amounts to € 1,708,698.

The costs of the charter flight were paid by the WHS, which had made a binding guarantee ('deed; bond') with the Australian government. Contrary to the Foundation's previous assessment, the costs of the flight have not been reimbursed by the Assange campaign team before this report was finalized.

The flight was necessary within the legal context of the «plea deal» after which a U.S. court in Saipan ended the extradition proceedings and released Julian Assange. The incurred costs are thus in accordance with the will of the donor (Pak).

# **ETH / EUR - Conversions**

Datum	ETH	EUR Value
2022-06-03	50	83,431.16
2022-06-08	150	251,332.13
2022-06-20	150	158,964.69
2022-07-04	150	155,035.80
2022-07-13	150	159,537.09
2022-07-14	150	163,844.50
2022-07-20	150	223,661.48
2022-07-25	150	222,154.92
2022-08-09	150	244,503.04
2022-08-17	150	268,050.14
2022-09-09	150	249,388.81
2022-09-23	150	196,690.02
2022-09-26	150	202,024.96
2022-09-27	150	215,176.73
2022-09-28	150	197,874.06
2022-10-26	150	230,007.83
2022-10-31	150	237,163.96
2022-11-02	150	234,778.74
2022-11-14	150	178,793.89
2022-11-23	150	167,400.52
2022-12-06	150	178,082.79
2022-12-09	150	181,075.20
2022-12-15	150	178,394.33

Datum	ETH	EUR Value
2022-12-20	150	170,503.65
2022-12-21	150	169,995.95
2022-12-23	150	170,410.78
2023-01-03	150	171,450.90
2023-01-05	150	174,968.98
2023-01-27	150	216,135.65
2023-01-30	150	217,338.74
2023-01-31	150	217,552.02
2023-02-27	150	230,704.59
2023-03-06	150	219,008.23
2023-03-09	150	215,996.98
2023-03-17	150	244,376.53
2023-03-22	150	246,767.56
2023-03-23	150	250,382.64
2023-03-28	150	237,752.77
2023-05-02	150	248,040.26
2023-05-12	150	242,072.61
2023-06-05	150	260,103.14
2023-06-07	150	256,695.34
2023-06-19	150	235,007.66
2023-06-22	150	256,671.63
2023-06-27	150	254,739.64
2023-07-05	150	263,222.90

Datum	ETH	EUR Value
2023-07-19	150	253,149.67
2023-08-11	150	250,983.79
2023-08-14	150	250,602.77
2023-08-24	150	228,801.16
2023-09-06	150	225,161.67
2023-09-20	150	225,749.70
2023-09-28	150	234,026.84
2023-09-29	150	234,370.60
2023-10-04	150	231,810.02
2023-10-09	150	223,958.39
2023-10-10	150	219,492.65
2023-10-11	150	221,129.34
2023-10-18	150	221,730.40
2023-10-19	150	220,488.36
2023-10-23	150	235,473.64
2023-10-27	150	251,704.99

Datum	ETH	EUR Value
2023-10-31	150	251,371.34
2023-12-21	150	305,393.64
2024-01-23	150	304,265.77
2024-02-16	150	389,979.23
2024-03-06	100	344,453.53
2024-03-10	100	355,065.65
2024-05-01	150	425,886.78
2024-05-22	145	498,435.50
2024-05-29	142	492,539.50
2024-06-19	150	488,597.58
2024-07-16	150	472,937.98
2024-07-17	150	467,791.99
2024-08-02	150	429,792.04
2024-09-04	150	322,902.12
2024-09-18	150	307,247.24