

Finances and Fundraising

Our legal Missions can only be successful, with talented people and outstanding working conditions. We receive the funds for our human rights work through grants, gifts and donations. An overview of our income and expenses for 2021 can be found in our current annual report (page 93):

https://www.ecchr.eu/fileadmin/Jahresberichte/ECCHR_ANNUAL_REPORT_2021_EN.pdf

We secure our independence through diverse income sources and stable finances. To be able to say whatever we want at any time, we want to maintain our freedom. Against every authority, every ruler, every corporation.

Fundraising

ECCHR's Fundraising Principles for Enforcing Human Rights

- The ECCHR's primary source of income are grants. We differentiate between institutional funding and project funding. You can find an overview of our sponsors (many of these have continuously supported us for several years) here: [ECCHR: ECCHR - Funding – We thank our sponsors](#)
- However these sponsors cannot cover all of our expenses. This is why 44 percent of our income in 2022, came from gifts and donations.
- The diversification of income sources creates additional security and reduces dependence on a few individual funders.
- In principle, raising funds enables us to make an impact in the area of human rights and is in no way an end in itself.
- When raising funds, we make sure that our fundraising activities do not compromise our independence or our credibility as a power-critical human rights organization.
- In our annual report, we inform our donors, our funders and the interested public about how we use our financial means and what impact our work has.
- The ECCHR does not take funding from sources that partake or could be linked to human rights violations.
- Transparency is important to us. Therefore the ECCHR has been part of an Initiative for a transparent civil society. More information can be found here: [ECCHR: - ECCHR Transparenz - Initiative Transparente Zivilgesellschaft](#)

Finance policy

The costs that we incur each year are essentially covered from the income of this year and from earmarked reserves from the previous year. In accordance with the German Fiscal Code (AO §55), we are obliged to use the funds in a timely manner.

In addition, ECCHR has association assets that serve as working capital reserves to cover risks in the area of business operations.

ECCHR's assets are held in the form of savings accounts and/or deposits at a local cooperative bank. Risky investments in shares, bonds, precious metals, derivatives and the like are excluded.