



**STICHTING ENVIRONMENTAL
INVESTIGATION AGENCY**

ACTIVITY REPORT 2021-2026

Governance and Compliance

Since obtaining ANBI status in 2021, Stichting EIA has maintained its governance and administrative arrangements in accordance with Dutch legal and regulatory requirements. The Board has overseen the Stichting's activities, reviewed governance arrangements, addressed Chamber of Commerce registration requirements, and undertaken work to meet ANBI transparency and reporting obligations. Recent activity has included reviewing the Stichting's Articles of Association, ensuring compliance with publication requirements, and strengthening governance processes to support future development.

European Development and Stakeholder Engagement

Following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union, Stichting EIA has supported the development of EIA's presence within the Netherlands and wider Europe. During 2023, representatives engaged with Dutch government bodies, financial institutions, legal advisers, business support organisations and international NGOs to explore opportunities for strengthening EIA's long-term European footprint and to better understand the operating environment for charities and NGOs in the Netherlands.

This included discussions regarding governance, funding opportunities, banking arrangements, organisational structures and approaches to building an effective European presence. These activities helped strengthen relationships within the Dutch non-profit and policy community and provided valuable insight into how international organisations have established and expanded operations within the Netherlands following Brexit.

In October 2024, Stichting EIA organised a networking reception at the Hague Humanity Hub to mark EIA's 40th anniversary. The event provided an opportunity to raise awareness of EIA's environmental mission, strengthen relationships with stakeholders and partners, and increase the organisation's visibility within the Netherlands and Europe.

Employment and Operational Development

The Stichting has reviewed practical operational arrangements in the Netherlands, including banking facilities, correspondence services, office accommodation, telecommunications and administrative infrastructure required to support future activities and potential growth. Discussions with legal, financial and operational advisers during 2023 helped improve understanding of the requirements associated with establishing and operating a stronger presence within the Netherlands.

From early 2026, the Board began a formal assessment of whether Stichting EIA could serve as an employing entity for EIA staff based within the European Union. This review has included consideration of governance, legal, financial and operational requirements, together with an evaluation of the potential advantages and challenges of direct employment arrangements compared with existing Employer of Record models. Specialist advice has been sought to support the assessment, which forms an

important part of the Stichting's future development planning.

Strategic Planning and Future Direction

During 2026, the Board developed and approved Stichting EIA's Strategic Policy Plan 2026-2028 and Annual Operating Plan 2026-2027. These plans establish a framework for governance, stakeholder engagement, fundraising, operational development and strategic growth, while supporting EIA's long-term environmental mission within the Netherlands, the European Union and wider Europe.

The Board has also explored future funding and partnership opportunities within Europe, including engagement with potential funders and consideration of how Stichting EIA can contribute to EIA's long-term fundraising, partnership development and stakeholder engagement activities.

Through these activities, Stichting EIA is continuing to strengthen its governance, operational readiness, stakeholder network and strategic position, ensuring that it is well placed to support EIA's future activities and environmental objectives across Europe.