



Annual report 2019

Association of Charity Lotteries in Europe (ACLEU)

Foreword by the President

Welcome to the first annual report under my presidency. We had to say goodbye to our beloved president Wim Jacobs because of his retirement. We thank him for his dedication to our cause for more than a decade and I look forward to continue his legacy.

Lotteries are a form of entertainment since many hundreds of years. Lotteries organised for charitable causes also have a long tradition. In the Middle Ages, for example, lotteries were run to raise funds for orphanages or for victims of the Plague. Nowadays, most lotteries are organised by the state to collect

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money for the state treasury or for other public benefit purposes. However, the concept of private charity lotteries is getting more familiar as a fundraising tool for charity organisations.

Over a decade ago a number of these lotteries united in the Association of Charity Lotteries in the EU. In 2018 we broadened our scope and name to Association of Charity Lotteries *in Europe*, because of Brexit and

because we welcomed two new members from non-EU member state Norway. Today ACLEU is still a relatively small association, with 16 members from 6 European countries but we hope to welcome more members in the future.

There are only a handful of other privately-operated charity lotteries that operate at a national level in Europe. Most countries only allow a state lottery to operate nationally whereas charity lotteries are only permitted to operate at a local or regional level. We believe there is a large potential for growth. More than 10 billion EUR could be raised for NGOs *every year* if all European countries would allow private charity lotteries.

The reason why our lotteries have been established was not to run just another lottery, but to create sustainable funding for charitable organisations. Fundraising is the objective of these charity lotteries, it's their *raison d'être*; the lottery is simply a tool. In 2019, our members supported hundreds of organisations, and thousands of projects with more than 800 million EUR by selling lottery tickets. Funds that would otherwise just lay out there and that are additional to state subsidies and private donations. Moreover, our members provide unrestricted, flexible and long-term support which is crucial for charities to sustain their long-term impact.

In 2019, two new members have joined our association: Lot of Happiness from the Netherlands and the St. John of God Foundation from Ireland. We look forward to cooperate at the European level with these two organisations.

The coming years we will continue to raise awareness among politicians, policy makers and NGOs throughout Europe for this unique fundraising tool.



Eva Struving

President ACLEU

Turning chance into change

What is the Association of Charity Lotteries in Europe (ACLEU)?

In 2007 a number of charity lotteries joined forces and ACLEU. We are a non-profit association, registered in Amsterdam. ACLEU promotes the interests and rights - at Brussels level and in the individual European countries – of:

- Private charity lotteries that are regulated and licensed in (one of) the European countries
- Their beneficiaries: the charity organisations

What is a charity lottery?

- 1) The **primary aim** of a charity lottery is to **raise funds** for charitable organisations (the charity lottery is a tool). The fundraising efforts are not used as a mere excuse for organising the lottery, but are indeed the main reason. Therefore, **no private profits** should be made.
- 2) Following from 1), a **substantial** part should go to the benefiting organisations. Ideally, the operational costs of the lottery do not exceed 20% of turnover, with the remaining 80% equally divided between donations to charities (40%) and prize money (40%). We have to take into account however that these percentages depend on the maturity of the lottery, the legal national requirements and the market situation.
- 3) A charity lottery provides **institutional support** - beneficiaries can spend the money as they see fit. A charity lottery supports the objectives of an organisation, rather than specific projects or activities.
- 4) A charity lottery should be a reliable partner to the organisations it supports, therefore **funding should be long-term**.
- 5) Following from 4), there is **no political interference** in the allocation and distribution of the funds – funding decisions are made by an **independent board**. The most effective way to achieve long term funding is without political interference in the allocation and distribution of the funds. After all, when politics are involved distribution funds can change, especially after elections, in order to match government policies. In our opinion, charity lotteries can best be private organisations and make their own decisions on allocations and the distribution of the funds to ensure that funding is additional to government subsidies, instead of replacing them.

Who benefits from charity lotteries?

ACLEU members support a wide range of NGOs; from the well-known brands as Amnesty International, WWF and Unicef, to smaller local good causes.

In 2019 ACLEU members supported more than 600 organisations and thousands of projects in the fields of development cooperation, social cohesion, nature & environment, human rights, health & well-being and culture with more than 800 million EUR.

In 2019, ACLEU members supported more than 600 civil society organisations with more than 800 million EUR

Where can we find charity lotteries?

As you can see on the map charity lotteries only exist in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Sweden, Norway, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark and Spain (marked in green).



Almost every country in Europe has small-scale charity lotteries, frequently organised by clubs and associations themselves. Unfortunately, charity lotteries on a national scale are often not able to operate because:

- States tend to protect national lotteries as national monopolies;
- Domestic legislation tends to prevent charity lotteries from “competing” with national lotteries;

The degree of discrimination is very variable across Europe and a level playing field is required.

ACLEU members believe that NGOs in every European country should be enabled to use (national) charity lotteries as a fundraising tool. According to rough estimates, more than 10 billion EUR could be raised *every year* to support the irreplaceable work done by NGOs in Europe if all countries would have private charity lotteries.

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That is why ACLEU has committed itself to promote the model of a charity lottery and its benefits for civil society and we will continue to do so in the coming years.

Financial account

The following information is derived from the balance and income statement drafted by Acade Accountants. The full account and explanation are available upon request at Acade or at ACLEU.

	2019	2018
	€	€
<u>5. Net turnover</u>		
Contribution members	480	-
	<u>480</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Staff</u>		
During 2019, no employees were employed on a full-time basis.		
<u>6. Other operating expenses</u>		
Office expenses	3,618	2,689
General expenses	1,719	10,165
	<u>5,337</u>	<u>12,854</u>
<u>Office expenses</u>		
Office supplies	868	-
Contributions and subscriptions	2,750	2,689
	<u>3,618</u>	<u>2,689</u>
<u>General expenses</u>		
Audit costs	726	7,832
Notarial charges	-	2,333
Board meetings	993	-
	<u>1,719</u>	<u>10,165</u>
<u>7. Financial income and expenses</u>		
Interest and similar income	12	36
Interest and similar expenses	-154	-128
	<u>-142</u>	<u>-92</u>
<u>Interest and similar income</u>		
Interest income	<u>12</u>	<u>36</u>
<u>Interest and similar expenses</u>		
Bank charges	<u>-154</u>	<u>-128</u>

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Beneficiaries of ACLEU members

Germany

The **Deutsche Postcode Lotterie** supports hundreds of local organisations across Germany active in social and humanitarian areas and environmental protection

Ireland

The St. John of God Foundation supports people with intellectual disabilities and those dealing with mental health problems.

The Netherlands

- The **Dutch Postcode Lottery** supports over 100 NGOs in the fields of human rights, nature & environment, social cohesion in the Netherlands, and international cooperation;
- The **BankGiro Loterij** supports 57 cultural heritage organisations and museums in the Netherlands;
- The **VriendenLoterij** supports 46 health & wellbeing organisations and 3,300 (sport)clubs and associations;
- The **Zonnebloem Lottery** supports De Zonnebloem, the largest volunteer organisation in the Netherlands that adds positive value to the lives of people with physical limitations because of illness, handicap or age;
- The **Jantje Beton Lottery** supports Jantje Beton that stands up for the chance to play for all children in the Netherlands;
- The **Scouting Lottery** supports Scout groups in the Netherlands;
- The **Grote Clubactie** supports thousands of sports clubs and associations in the Netherlands;
- **Raffld** supports 4 charities: KNGF guide dogs, Ronald McDonald Children's Fund, Conservation International and CliniClowns;
- **Lot of Happiness** supports 4 charities: Make-A-Wish Foundation, CliniClowns, Kika and Strong Babies.

Norway

- **Norsk Postkode Lotteri** supports WWF and SOS Children's Villages
- **UNICEF lotteriet** supports UNICEF Norway

Sweden

The **Svenska PostkodLotteriet** supports 57 NGOs in the fields of health and well-being, development cooperation, children & human rights and nature & wildlife conservation

United Kingdom

- The **People's Postcode Lottery** promotes lotteries on behalf of 20 Trusts. These trusts in turn provide grants to a range of charities and community projects. In addition, 32 British NGOs are supported directly by the lottery
- The **Health Lottery** distributes funds across Great Britain to health related good causes, through 12 different local societies