

# Annual Report 2016

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## Greeting

Dear readers,

2016 was an exciting year for CADUS. Not only have we added a new field of operation to our humanitarian efforts, we have also made strides in completing our mobile hospital, which we have been working on for more than a year. Additionally, we are also working in a new field of humanitarian aid.

Since 2014 we have witnessed people fleeing atrocities in Syria, risking their lives to flee their home for an uncertain future. At the same time, we see a change in the attitudes of people in Europe with the rise of an anti-immigration right wing and increased numbers of xenophobic crimes such as the ones we have been familiar with since the 90's.

In addition to providing humanitarian aid in Syria, we have decided to also partake in the sea rescue efforts in Ägäis. While providing sea rescue has pushed us to our limits, we feel that it was an absolutely logical and correct decision to pour our efforts into this important mission. Our Search and Rescue teams have saved over 2,500 people from acute distress.

As medical personnel is being trained for their mission in Syria, we have started the construction of our Mobile Hospital, and worked on finding innovative solutions for urgent problems that we have been confronted with in Syria.

At the end of 2016 we can say with certainty that, despite feelings of aggravation and weariness, we have chosen the right path. It is with this sentiment that we look forward to 2017 and the tasks it will hold for us.



Sebastian Jünemann

## **What is CADUS - Redefine Global Solidarity e.V.**

CADUS is a charitable and independent aid organisation located in Berlin Neukölln. We initiate innovative and sustainable projects centered around need-oriented assistance with the goal of self-help.

Working with a variety of partners with diverse backgrounds and the consideration of social and environmental aspects are matter of course for our organisation. After all, the development of all projects is based on the wide range of professional backgrounds and competences within our team.

In 2014 Cadus was born under the name Phoenix e.V.. For reasons of recognisability and the positive association with the new name, Phoenix e.V. was named CADUS in 2015. Today, a team and network of associations, organisations and individuals has grown: we have numerous supporters who provide us with answers and important work. Progress is most valuable to an organisation such as ours and to avoid stagnation, we are constantly striving to grow our network and to keep it dynamic.

## **Why do we exist and what are our goals?**

CADUS - Redefine Global Solidarity e.V. was founded because we were not satisfied with the work of other NGOs. We also felt strongly that we wanted to realize a concept of humanitarian aid in the 21. century by incorporating a variety of competences and skill sets.

After years of working in different organisations, we realized that our requirements for the work of a humanitarian relief provider were different. Instead of arduous bureaucratic processes, paternalism, selfish and aggressive mindsets, as well as dependency, we want innovation, flexibility, networks, and the freedom of action and movement.

Of course, the words "Redefine Global Solidarity" are substantial and we know our goal is no small feat. However, we want to face this tremendous task, redefining global solidarity, by being true to our motto. It is our aim to work in humanitarian aid in a manner that focuses on involving local communities, explores new and alternative financing options, and combats causes rather than symptoms. Furthermore, the effective and sustainable realisation of our projects is far-reaching and encompasses technical, social, environmental, and economic aspects. We feel this approach allows for our projects to be effective and sustainable.

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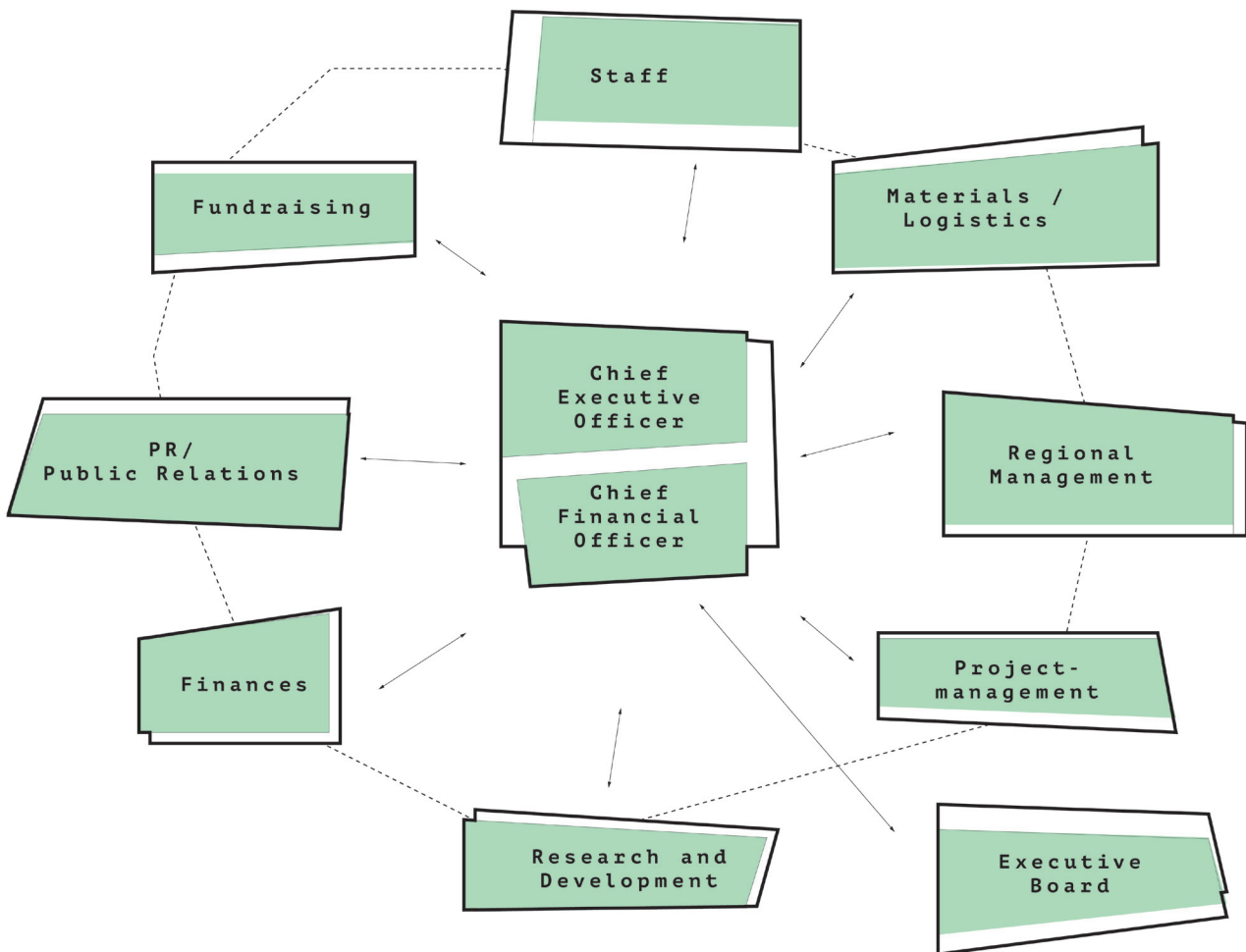
CADUS is a registered charitable association with the Amtsgericht (city court) Berlin Charlottenburg. Our representing board members are Matthias Grott, Simone Schrempf, Anna Sauerwein und Jonas Grünwald. Moreover, we are a blended mix of individuals and organisations with various social backgrounds and competences. For example, some of our members are paramedics, graphic designers, biologists, engineers, and fund-raisers, to name a few. We are all united by the common goal of wanting to create unconventional and critical humanitarian aid.

## How we work

2016 was a year of internal changes. It was our goal to structure our work in a fashion that would provide all CADUS members with the freedom to fully realise their potential, skills and interests. However, we learned that as an organisation we needed to create certain areas of competency and responsibility within which we structure our work.

The best solution for us is a breakdown of eight specialized departments. All areas are in constant contact, but are able to work independently from one another. Those departments are headed by the CEO and CFO of CADUS, Sebastian Jünemann and Nico Zerbian.

In 2016 the majority of the work was done by five to six individuals, who are permanent volunteer supporters of CADUS. In addition to our core team members we receive support from a number of volunteers, sometimes up to 20 persons.



## What we do

During the summer and fall of 2016 we took several boats to the Aegean and Mediterranean Sea where we were able to rescue thousands of people from distress at sea. Simultaneously, we spent countless hours of hard work on making our mobile hospital for Syria operable. Additionally, we were able to switch most of the medical education for North Syria to e-learning. We worked on a number of small projects such as organizing an aid transport for the people who fell victim to the untenable situation in Idomeni in the spring.



## Mobile Hospital

The situation in Syria has been getting worse steadily in 2016. Acts of war continue on the backs of the civil population. The offensive to liberate Mosul started in October 2016, leading to tens of thousands internally displaced people. Due to a lack of medical infrastructure and the destruction by the so-called Islamic State (IS), the Kurdish region of North Syria (Rojava) has struggled to provide people with adequate medical care.

For over a year CADUS has been planning a mobile hospital to provide medical emergency care in areas such as Northern Syria and Northern Iraq. This mobile hospital allows for swift, sustainable and self-sufficient deployment to areas in most need. One of the biggest hurdles was to secure financing in advance. However, despite our small budget, we made the decision to proceed with the construction. With the help of volunteers we have our two all-wheel trucks and trailers almost ready to go.



A lot of materials still need to be sourced and packed, but thanks to the tents donated by More Than Shelters, we now have a complete mobile hospital infrastructure that we can put up in a matter of just a few hours.

All this was made possible with limited financial means and the hard work of amazing people. It is possible that we will be able to deploy the Mobile Hospital as early as the end of January or beginning of February 2017.

## Sea Rescue

At the beginning of the year 2016 the dramatic situation on the Mediterranean Sea had not changed much- a safe passage was unheard of. Since the deal struck between the EU and Turkey made passage via the Greek Islands impossible, thousands of refugees chose the central Mediterranean Sea as their route. For many this route means certain death, which is why in 2016 we decided to broaden our horizons and assist with sea rescue. We worked in Lesvos and the central Mediterranean Sea to support the civil sea rescue. We operated on the Mediterranean Sea with three boats from March till October.



Since March a number of CADUS teams worked with teams from SeaWatch on the rescue boat H.E. Thomsen. We loaned our speedboat Rezai to the Bask sea rescue organisation Salvamento Maritimo Humanitario (SMH) for their work around the island of Chios.

In July CADUS worked as part of an international crew aboard the rescue cruiser "Minden", operated by lifeboat GmbH. We supported the teams with our speedboat, the RHIB Isabell, and took over the coordination of the international crew that consisted of lifeboat GmbH seamen, members of CADUS, the British Atlantic Pacific International Rescue Boat Project, as well as the Andalusian aid organisation Proem-Aid. It was our goal to actively support the rescue efforts of refugees in distress on the coasts of Libya and Tunisia.

## Relief Transport to Idomeni

In the spring CADUS was able to organize a relief transport filled with clothing and food to Idomeni. It was with the help of our network and the spontaneous assistance provided by our numerous donors, other organizations and initiatives, that we were able to pull off something within a few days, which larger organizations, the international community, and the EU have not been able to do for months.

## E-Learning Platforms and Telemedicine

Since 2015 persons traveling to Syria faced problems crossing borders prohibiting medical training on location. CADUS developed two approaches to continue the necessary training, as medical professionals are still lacking in many areas. One approach is the first Kurdish- Arabic e-Learning platform, which is a project that allows the education of paramedics via a local server that does not need a constant internet connection. Along with the knowledge transfer and education of multipliers, the local server can be utilized as a library and provide students with access to learning materials that can be downloaded to their mobile devices. The server can also be utilized as a virtual classroom and videos and recordings of lectures can be shown regardless of the political climate or change thereof.



Additionally, in 2016 CADUS began working on a telemedicine platform which is supposed to counteract the lack of medical professionals. It is our goal to create a network of various medical professional departments. We have developed an app which allows local medics to upload medical emergencies for immediate feedback which enables appropriate and timely treatment. We spent the last few months of 2016 to acquire such a platform and to build a network of doctors to accompany and oversee those projects with their professional expertise.

## Data Project

In 2016 we continued working on our long-term project: a communication- and network tool for NGOs in disaster areas where phone and internet services have been cut off. In 2015 we presented our Data Project in detail at the CCC (Chaos Computer Club) congress in Hamburg (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DYNPTGzge0>). As we continued working on the project in 2016 a bachelor thesis was written about the design of the tools and presented at the University of Applied Science Berlin (HTW). We applied to and participated in the google impact challenge and out of more than 1000 participating projects, we made it to the final qualifying round. According to the jury, the only reasons why we did not make it any further was that we have no qualifying experience with larger funding sums, and that we have not yet been able to you successfully implement any field tests. As such, the data project continues to be a CADUS venture that we continue to work on and improve with our operational experience.

## Our Partners

It is one of CADUS's main goals to actively participate in the networking efforts of NGOs, which is why in 2016 we continued to work with a variety of other organisations. Our sea rescue efforts were in cooperation with organisations such as Lifeboat, Seawatch and Salvamento Maritimo Humanitario (SMH). In the cultural sector we worked with Offtheradar and Hafenklang Hamburg, for example. Our efforts for the mobile hospital are in coalition with More Than Shelters and the Kurdish Red Crescent (Iraq/Syria).

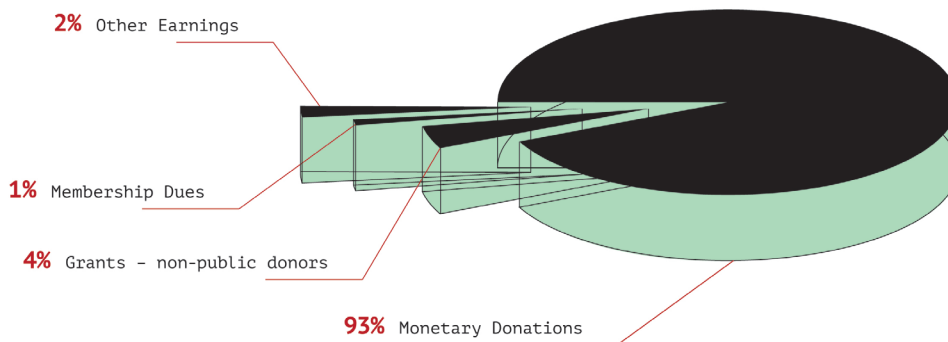


## Finances

2016 was CADUS's year of financial stability. Many info sessions and the first media attention to the projects of the group prompted a heightened willingness to donate. Efforts to receive public and private funding lead to positive results, too.

## Earnings

In 2016 we received more than € 170,000.00 in funding - more than what was available in the year prior. One of the reasons for this increase in donations is the campaign for the mobile hospital with was run in the last two months of the year. We even gained some of our first regular supporters, enabling CADUS's long- term engagement.

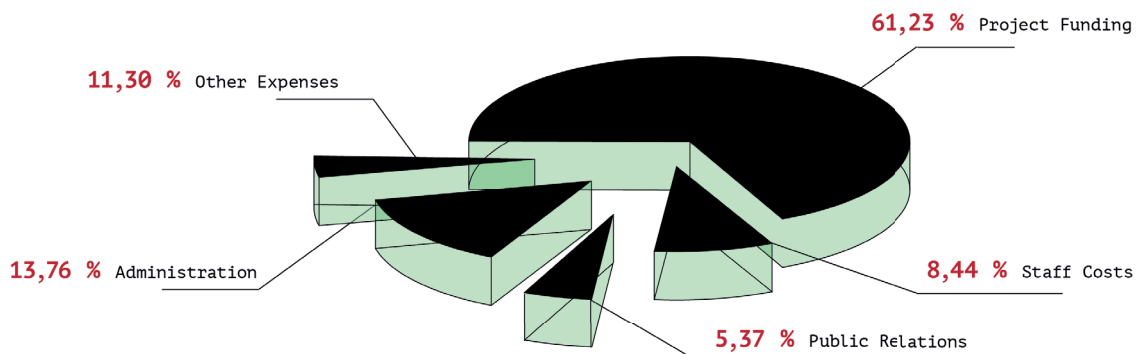


Monetary Donations	164.546,38 €
Grants - non-public donors	7.680,00 €
Membership Dues	660,00 €
Other Earnings	3.702,92 €
<b>Total Earnings</b>	<b>176.589,30 €</b>

<sup>1</sup> This financial report is not final as a year-end Profit and Loss statement has not been completed

## Expenses

€ 70,817.82, or 61.23%, of our 2016 expenses went straight to the funding of our project. € 15,806.92 (13.67%) went into our second largest expense factor, administration. Even though we are a small organization, we are comprised of a large number of volunteers, and for a meaningful cooperation large spaces are necessary. Thanks to our volunteers, we were able to keep our staff costs fairly low with a total of € 9,759.30. Staff costs were made up of a small number of professional fees, as well as the crew's room and board during their deployments. Expenses for public relations were at € 6,212.85 or 5.37% of our total expenses. The fairly large item "other expenses" entails € 6,900.00 for vehicles that were purchased, as well as € 2,200.00 donation to a Greek partner organization.



Project Funding	70.817,82 €
Staff Costs	9.759,30 €
Public Relations	6.212,85 €
Administration	15.806,92 €
Other Expenses	13.066,29 €
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>115.663,18 €</b>

## Outlook 2017

Our small organisation grew tremendously in 2016.

Our Mobile Hospital will be deployed for the first time, allowing us to gain our first experiences on ground. We will also continue working on our first research project with the HTW Berlin and the Beuth Hochschule Berlin. The project aims to scrutinize current common practices and find new ways that align with our work.

In 2017 we will continue to intensify our research activities with various professorial chairs. This will enable us to get closer to our dream of creating an International Emergency Response Makerspace in Berlin. Our work continues to be exciting and we look forward to the challenges ahead of us as we want to continue to help where only few want or can help.

Without you everything we accomplished so far would have not been possible and will not be either in the future. Our sincerest thanks goes out to all of our supporters - past, present, and future.

### Impressum

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