

Board Announcement: SWO UvA Update

Status: Informational

Dear GMA,

With this document, we would like to inform you about the developments regarding the UvA SWO negotiations. Given that these developments—and the decisions made by the board—have implications for the entire association, we believe it is important to keep you informed, as well as to receive your input and answer any questions you may have.

We have added an attachment to this piece for members who would like to review all the information again before reading this update.

We hope this has provided you with sufficient information.

With comradely regards,

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SWO UvA Update

As mentioned in our previous update, discussions with the UvA are still ongoing. Several developments have emerged from these discussions in recent times. First and foremost, we want to state that we have found the process to be very complicated; certainly, the UvA's attitude has not always been conducive to a fruitful collaboration. However, we now have a bit more clarity regarding next year's grant amount, which we'd like to share with you in this update.

Instead of cutting our funding by 77,000 euros next year, the UvA has given us the following two options: either we receive a 177,000-euro grant, of which 20,000 euros is earmarked for an "external consultant," or our funding is reduced by 20,000 euros, without receiving any of that money for an "external consultant."

This "external consultant," as the UvA calls it, is a new proposal from the UvA. This would mean that we would hire someone to assist us in evaluating how we want ASVA's organizational structure to look. We are still considering whether to hire this person, but at this point we are leaning toward hiring this external consultant. The process involving the "external consultant" is, first and foremost, an internal ASVA process. ASVA remains responsible for its own direction, organization, activities, and budget. The "external consultant" supports the process, provides structure, and can assist in making decisions. It is important to note that the advice of the "external consultant" **is not binding** and **does not need to be shared with the UvA**. The conclusions and decisions resulting from this process are ASVA's own, not those of the "external advisor" or the UvA. It is also worth noting that the "external advisor" is independent of KaBeCo and that both have different long-term approaches. Naturally, we are curious to hear how the GMA views this situation.

Regardless of the choice we make, the bottom line is that we will have only 157,000 euros to spend at our discretion next year. The reason why the UvA suddenly realized that we cannot really function as a union with 77,000 euros less is a mystery to us, but we are relatively satisfied with the outcome.

Furthermore, we know that the UvA intends to reduce the subsidy even further over the next two years, but that they cannot look any further into the future. We will, of course, do everything in our power to prevent this, and we will also work to ensure that the amount is not reduced any further after 2028.

Finally, we would like to note that we reached this decision in close collaboration with KB82, and that we have full confidence in the steps KB82 will take.

With our ever-combative regards,

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