

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF FOUNDATION FOR EUROPEAN PROGRESSIVE STUDIES AISBL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2008

UNQUALIFIED AUDITOR'S REPORT

According to the audit mandate, we have audited the financial statements of the *Foundation for European Progressive Studies AISBL* prepared by its accountant for the period starting on 1 September 2008 and ending on 31 December 2008 as laid out in appendix to this document.

1. Respective responsibilities of the *Foundation for European Progressive Studies AISBL* and the auditors

The *Foundation for European Progressive Studies AISBL* is responsible to the European Parliament for the use of the grant and must comply with the provisions of the Regulation EC (No) 2004/2003 and the underlying acts. It is further responsible for the preparation of its annual financial statements.

We have the responsibility to plan and carry out the required work to verify the financial statements prepared by the *Foundation for European Progressive Studies AISBL* and to report to the *Foundation for European Progressive Studies AISBL* with a reasonable assurance our audit opinions.

2. Basis of Opinions

We conducted the audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing issued by the IAASB. This standard requires the auditor to plan and carry out his work in a way to obtain sufficient and appropriate evidences and explanations to support his audit opinions. An audit includes an examination, on a sample basis, of evidence relevant to these opinions.

The audit work included specific procedures to gather sufficient and appropriate audit evidence that

- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the national legislation applicable to the *Foundation for European Progressive Studies AISBL*, are free of material misstatement and show a true and fair view of the financial position and the operating results;



- the financial documents submitted by the *Foundation for European Progressive Studies AISBL* to Parliament are consistent with the financial provisions of the grant agreement;
- the expenditure declared was actually incurred;
- the statement of revenue is exhaustive;
- the obligations arising out of Articles 6, 7, 8, 9(2) and 10(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 have been met;
- Contributions in kind have actually been provided to the party/foundation and have been valued in compliance with the provisions of Article II.12.4 of the grant agreement.

3. Opinions

In our opinion,

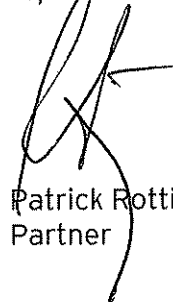
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the national legislation applicable to the beneficiary, are free of material misstatement and show a true and fair view of the financial position and the operating results;
- the financial documents submitted by the *Foundation for European Progressive Studies AISBL* to Parliament are consistent with the financial provisions of the grant agreement;
- the expenditure declared was actually incurred;
- the statement of revenue is exhaustive;
- the obligations arising out of Articles 6, 7, 8, 9(2) and 10(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 have been met;
- Contributions in kind have actually been provided to the party/foundation and have been valued in compliance with the provisions of Article II.12.4 of the grant agreement.
- We have received all necessary explanations for the purpose of our work.

Antwerpen, 5 May 2009

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Auditor

represented by



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