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RESTORING ECOSYSTEMS TOGETHER

A NOTE FROM JOHN D. LIU, FOUNDER OF ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION CAMPS

Close your eyes and imagine that we can all collaboratively gather seeds, tools, kitchen equipment, needed materials, vehicles and we can join together to make restoration camps not only in Spain, but all over the world. During 2017, we started a collective journey to make this dream real. In 2018, we need to realize that the larger this movement becomes, the more we can achieve.

In each of these camps, we can arrange open-source professional seed saving and exchange, professional propagation and nursery systems, large-scale composting systems, water harvesting, and water management systems. By doing this, we can engage the largest numbers of people in research, monitoring and demonstrating the best practices in all of these fields, training more and more people in these techniques.

This is exactly what is needed to rapidly engage vast numbers of people in mitigation and adaptation to climate change and to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are as resilient as possible to extreme and erratic weather events, to ensure that there is locally sourced, healthy food available to everyone, to reduce the migration from people forced to flee degraded landscapes and to create the conditions to help end long-standing conflict and war.

This is also what is needed to experiment with creating a more collaborative and sustainable society and reduce dependence on wasteful, polluting, unhealthy and unsustainable consumption-driven culture.

"If you build them... they will come."

We are now hundreds of members of the Ecosystem Restoration Camps Foundation... the next step is to become thousands... and the step after that is to become tens of thousands and then millions. The method is there. We already know that vast numbers of volunteers will flock to the camps to help build them and to work to learn, to teach and to restore the Earth.

John D. Liu
Founder of Ecosystem Restoration Camps



(above) John D. Liu addresses a group at an Ecosystem Restoration Camps meetup event in the Netherlands this summer

A NOTE FROM FRANCOIS DE KEULENEER, CHAIR OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD

On behalf of the Supervisory Board, we welcome you to read ERC's first annual report on our activities. A year ago, the foundation was born and thanks to the involvement of so many great minds and their energy, we are, a year later, proud to share the achievements made so far and the ones to come. We are full of gratitude and thankful to everyone who has been involved in making this group a reality over the past year, and I hope to see this group continue to learn and grow even more in 2018 than we did in 2017. The challenge of turning degraded ecosystems back into functional wonders is driving all of us. And remember -- this is only the beginning!

François De Keuleneer
Chair of the Supervisory Board



S E C T I O N O N E

FOUNDATION UPDATE



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SHORT HISTORY & ORGANISATION

The idea for Ecosystem Restoration Camps (ERC) originated from an online post by John D. Liu in July 2016: Let's go camping to restore Earth and ourselves. An initial 200 supporters soon led to an energetic team of 30+ active volunteers from around the world. Slowly but surely, the group started to self-organize and smaller groups began to form around topics such as ecosystem restoration design, legal and organisational structure, communications, and more. These exploratory discussions took place around campfires, through social media, emails, phone calls, and video conferences. It brought together expert practitioners in the fields of permaculture design, soil management, media and communications, mapping, ecology, and more, to reimagine the practice of restoration as an activity for all.

In 2016, as our organisation took its first steps, ERC members began to combine sociocratic principles with a non-profit legal structure. Six groups or "circles" were created, each of which dealt with a different aspect of the organisation's goals. Representatives of these circles met periodically in a "General Assembly," with the premise that this structure could be reworked as the group developed. The circles provided transparency and a balance of power among many participants, but meetings became prohibitively long and lacked clear pathways to action. These challenges led us to pivot toward a hybrid approach that encouraged input from diverse stakeholder groups through regular meetings on restoration, communications, and fundraising.

ERC is deeply committed to being as transparent as possible. As such, meetings that involve decision making are recorded and meeting logbooks are [publicly available online](#). As the organizational structure continues to evolve in 2018, we aim to increase communication efforts and seek further input from ERC members regarding our processes.

On February 14, 2017, ERC officially became a Dutch Foundation. The founding members included Marieke Karssen as Founder and Chairman of the Board, John Dennis Liu as Chairman of the Supervisory Board, and Francois De Keuleneer as the first member of the Supervisory Board. Several months later, the Foundation also successfully obtained ANBI status, which provides legal recognition of the foundation as a charity in the Netherlands.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

By the end of 2017, ERC had over 400 supporting members from more than 30 countries, as well as an active Facebook group of over 14,000 users and a Facebook page of 3,500 fans. The widespread support of this interna-

OUR VISION

We envision a fully-functional, peaceful, abundant, biologically diverse Earth brought about through cooperative efforts for the ecological restoration of degraded lands.

OUR MISSION

To work together to restore ecological functionality (natural infiltration and retention of available rainfall and moisture, fertile organic soils and returning complete vegetative cover of trees and grasses) to designated areas and to build "Research, Training and Innovation Centers for Ecological Restoration" to engage people in inquiry into ecological restoration, to train people in existing techniques and for the innovation of new techniques for restoring degraded lands in perpetuity.

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Becoming an official Dutch foundation





(above)
Campers having fun while filming the ERC promotional video



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Screenshot of an animation in the video

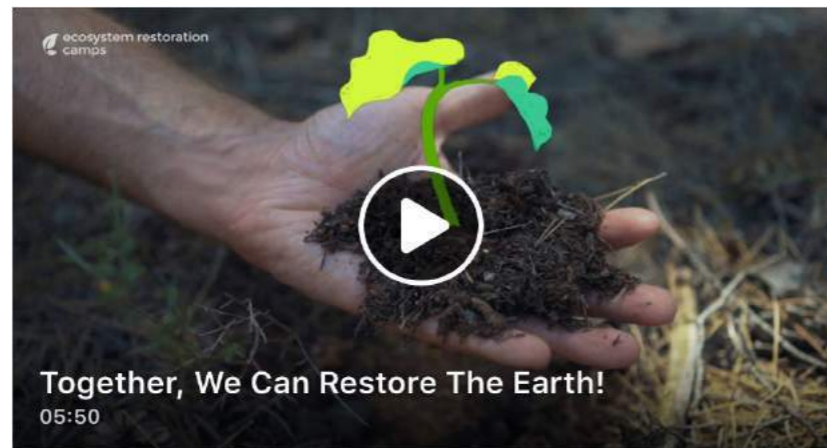


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Screenshot of the website's homepage

tional membership base indicates the transformative power and potential of Ecosystem Restoration Camps.

LAUNCHING THE ERC PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

In the early stages of our work, the most powerful way to share our message quickly around the world has been through visual storytelling. ERC team member Cori Chong produced an inspirational call to action which explains our vision, and we encourage you to [watch and share](#) if you haven't seen it!



WEBSITE

ERC team members Marieke Karssen and Cori Chong led the creation and maintenance of the official website. The website's goal is to not only inform people about our mission, vision and foundation structure, but also to allow people to become members of ERC and receive donations. Furthermore, the website is a platform used to inform the public about the foundation and camp and also recruit new volunteers. Members are able to write [blog](#) posts and use the online forum for discussion. Over the last few months, forum discussion transitioned to in-person implementation at the first pilot camp in Spain (Camp Altiplano).

The site in its current form went online on April 1, 2017 and has since then received over 30,000 visits from 17,500 visitors, half of whom came via social media. The majority of ERC's site traffic comes from the United States, the Netherlands, United Kingdom and Spain.

NEWSLETTER AND SOCIAL MEDIA

We use several communications channels through our website and social media to share our story with audiences around the world. This includes:

- **A monthly newsletter** for ERC members, providing updates on the foundation and detailing progress at the first ERC camp in Spain. (~ 400 recipients)
- **A bi-monthly general newsletter** sent to a wider audience of interested supporters and allies to share important updates and achievements. (~ 1,300 recipients)
- **On Facebook**, we manage a **non-profit organisational page** with 3,500 followers/fans.
- **On Facebook**, we also manage a **group page** that invites a broad exchange of information around ecosystem restoration and also provides a platform for sharing our story, campaigns, and other news. The reach of this group has been essential to sharing our message and building an online community. (~ 14,000 members)
- **Through Twitter**, we share **restoration news** from ERC and from the broader restoration community, reaching between 2,000 and 4,000 readers per month. (~ 330 followers)
- **Our Instagram account shares images of our first camp in Spain** and documents progress that volunteers are making daily to restore the land. (~ 388 followers)

FUNDRAISING THROUGH EVENTS & CROWDFUNDING

During 2017, the foundation received funding from three primary sources:

1. Direct donations from private donors
2. Online donations received through the website, mostly memberships
3. Our end of year #LetsRestore crowdfunding campaign on the 1%Club

Live events and meetups significantly contributed to new membership and engagement in 2017. ERC hosted four events in the Netherlands, one in the UK, and members hosted viewings of the documentary Green Gold in the USA and Canada. These events proved to be significant, not only for awareness, direct funding, and membership, but also for strategic partnerships with organizations including Commonland, Permaculture Magazine, and other non-profit institutions.

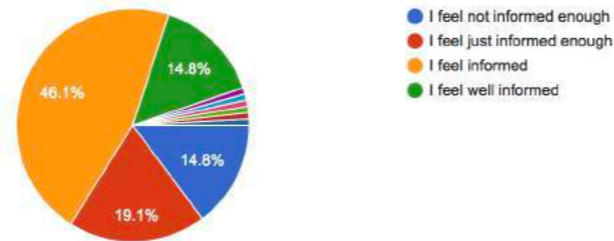


Our first crowdfunding campaign on the 1%Club funding platform focused on raising money to provide seeds, trees, tents, and other materials for building Camp Altiplano in Spain. The campaign increased public awareness of ERC and boosted the number of new supporters. By the end of the campaign, we successfully raised €28,890 from 350 supporters online.

(right)
This response shows that most people feel informed (enough), but improvement is possible

Do you receive enough information about ERC's work?

115 responses



(right)
ERC's newsletter, website and Facebook presence are important communication channels for members to stay informed

(Respondents could select more than one source of information)

How do you access information from us?

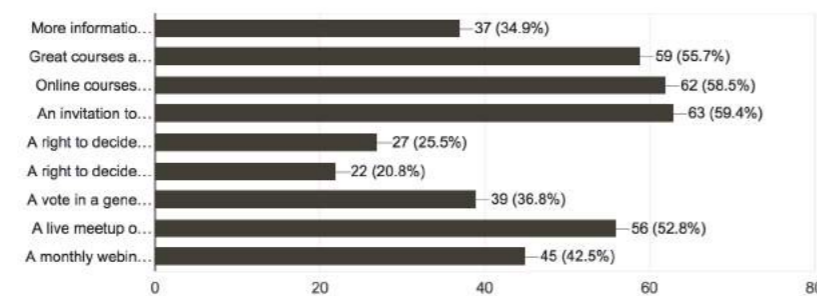
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ERC members prefer educational courses (both in-person at camp and online), live meetups, or a monthly webinar, while a smaller group was interested in decision making

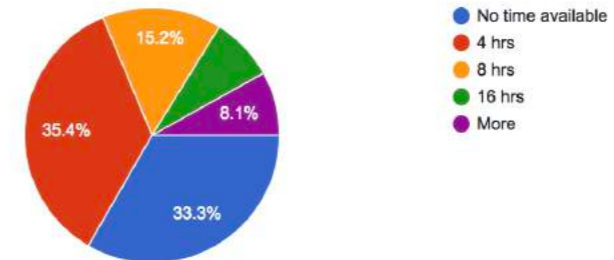
What would you like to be part of the membership in the future?

106 responses



How much time per month do you want to invest?

99 responses



(left)
Two-thirds of respondents are willing to spend 4 hours or more per month to help Ecosystem Restoration Camps.

We are currently using the survey information to better engage the diverse skills, motivation, and knowledge of our members, and offer more opportunities for learning, exchange, events, and connections with the global restoration community. A detailed analysis of the member survey will be shared online through our email newsletter in 2018. We will include information for ERC members who would like to get more involved with the foundation.

SUPERVISORY BOARD & ADVISORY COUNCIL

In early 2017, as ERC became a more consistent group and began to develop concrete activities for the first pilot camp, John D. Liu held an open call for an ERC Supervisory Board¹. The purpose was to provide strategic guidance to the foundation's director and team, as well as ensure financial responsibility and sustainability of the foundation. The articles and responsibilities of the Supervisory board were adopted in 2017 are [available online](#). During 2017, the board decided to support a part-time staff to help with the day-to-day work of creating the ERC Foundation. This staff included a director, a community coordinator, and online manager, as well as other volunteers who provided their knowledge, skills, and energy to advance the Ecosystem Restoration Camps Foundation.

In addition, the foundation welcomed a volunteer [Advisory council of 17 recognized leaders](#) who support ERC's mission, and who are available to provide strategic advice on a range of issues to the Boards and staff. As soon as the Supervisory board was established, John D. Liu founded the Advisory council and then became its Chairman.

¹ In 2017, Members of the ERC Supervisory Board included Francois De Keuleneer (elected chair), Raye Hodgson (till august 2017), Rhamis Kent, Pieter van der Gaag, and Erin Beasley. Marieke Karssen chaired the Board of Directors and Jan Hein van der Hoeven served as Treasurer of the ERC Foundation.

S E C T I O N T W O

ERC OUTLOOK FOR 2018



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During 2017, our founding year, we witnessed rapid growth in membership, funding, and support. In 2018, we will focus our efforts in expanding our membership base, as well as refining our unique contribution to restoring degraded land worldwide. ERC's most important asset is its members and volunteers. Our work in the coming year will focus on fortifying those relationships.

Now that we have successfully established our governance and legal status as a charity, we will focus on further developing a 2018 work plan and long-term business plan. The business plan's goal is to develop a model that ensures sustained financial and operational support of Ecosystem Restoration Camps foundation, including our first camp in Spain. In 2018, the foundation will also discuss the establishment of new camps around the world. Furthermore, we will focus on improving our ties with academic institutions and other initiatives where ERC can contribute, including those with a focus on regenerative agriculture, permaculture and ecosystem restoration. In our camps, we will build partnerships with academic institutions by providing opportunities for research and learning.

At our current level of membership income and donations, we are not able to fully realise the ERC mission. Therefore, we will approach larger donors in 2018 in order to secure sufficient resources for our practical work at the camps. To expand this funding base, we will finalize our official charity status for multiple EU countries. We will also launch a campaign called "100 Founding Friends," which asks individual supporters to help us create a strong financial base through larger individual donations. Combined with larger grants from charitable foundations and a growing membership base, we will be able to kickstart new camps and hire professional staff for our foundation. The new staff will help coordinate our growing group of volunteers, ensuring we achieve our mission and vision.



SECTION THREE

PROGRESS AT THE CAMP IN SPAIN

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CAMP ALTIPLANO: STARTING FROM THE GROUND UP

Perhaps our most exciting outcome in 2017 was breaking ground on the first pilot camp in south eastern Spain. Camp Altiplano is an opportunity for ERC to demonstrate and “ground-truth” our ideas about creating volunteer camps for restoration, so that we can best support other sites in the future. Camp Altiplano is located in a semi-arid agricultural area about two hours from Murcia. The initial campground is an experimental 5-hectare plot of degraded farmland that will serve as the launch pad for restoration work in the region. Conventionally, in this part of Spain, tractors open the soil in seemingly endless motion – in fact, tilling for weed control can happen eight to ten times per year! Any vegetation that isn’t controlled by tractors is grazed by local sheep, leaving a cloud of fine topsoil to blow into the Mediterranean ocean. At the same time, this site includes protected riparian areas and a reliable water source, which provide the ecological foundation of ERC’s restoration work.

The Camp Altiplano land is owned by Alfonso de Guzman, a farmer active in Commonland’s Spanish project, Alvelal. In 2017, the foundation signed a contract to rent 5 hectares for the camp. The designated land is the site of the camp and ecological restoration. The idea was to work with volunteers to build a showcase for restoration that served as a learning environment for farmers participating in the Alvelal project. Volunteers would be trained and educated in restoration, and could support restoration efforts and exchange of knowledge with more than 200 farms in the surrounding area. Volunteers would be trained and educated in restoration, and could support restoration efforts and exchange of knowledge with more than 200 farms in the surrounding area.

In our first year, the initial campers arrived on site in Spain. They built out a carpentry workshop, invited local farmers for an open-house visit, and started the first earthworks and revegetation of the land.

During this first phase, in spring and summer 2017, the ERC foundation worked to establish a separate legal entity for Camp Altiplano, and the formal Association was established in September of 2017. One of the important actions for Camp Altiplano in 2018 is broadening the Association’s board to better integrate with the local community. Also, the rental contract will be amended so that the agreement is held between the local Association and the landowner.



(right - clockwise from top left)

The devastating scope of desertification is evident across the Murcia region of Spain

Team Camp Altiplano looking happy after a successful day

Little moisture and organic matter are left in this dusty sample of infertile soil

A delicious harvest from the vegetable garden



CAMP WORKSHOP

Working at the camp would not be possible without the workshop. In 2017, the first ERC camper, Adam Van Es, arrived on site to plan, budget, build, and equip a functional carpentry workshop. Once the workshop was established, volunteers were able to construct structures and shelters such as skeletons for two yurts, desks, shelves and beds for housing eight volunteers, a group kitchen, two composting toilets for the restoration site, and made preparations for a roundhouse on the campsite. Volunteers skilled in woodworking, design, or other construction methods are encouraged to bring their knowledge to camp!

RESTORATION: FROM DESIGN TO ACTION

The restoration at Camp Altiplano was designed through a collaborative process involving experienced permaculture planners such as Regina Cobo, Daniel Halsey, Paul Cereghino, Raye Hodgson, Jillian Hovey, Maria del Carre, Jose Ansoleaga Ayala, Sara Garcia, and others. The design incorporated principles like increasing perennial vegetative cover, restoring water infiltration capacity of the soil, slowing rainwater runoff, and planning for long-term economic and nutritional productivity of the site. After site visits and working with some of the first camp volunteers, the restoration design moved into the implementation stage. First, the swales, access road, and earthworks for the greywater system were implemented. The next stage was to decompact the soil, using machinery to open up the compressed layers that lay beneath. This step was essential for building soil fertility and the long-term functional viability of the restoration site through increased aeration and water infiltration. Sourcing and applying high-quality compost on selected sections of the land has been challenging due to the lack of adequate compost supply in the region, but the soil decompaction process ensured improved fertility and water retention of the soil onsite.

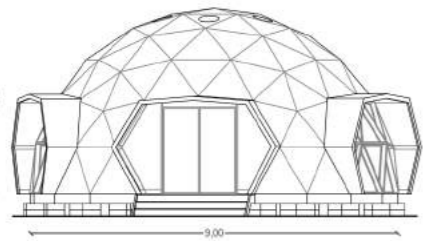
The site design and the selection of plant species was a continuous process throughout 2017, including research on regional climatic and economic factors, as well as the availability of local resources. A significant factor affecting the selection of potential plant species for the site was an agreement with the landowner requiring that 90% of the tree species should produce economic value. Volunteers have selected a diverse group of cover crops that provide ecological benefits to the site and soil and are well-suited to the climate, which consists of low rainfall and temperature extremes ranging from -15°C in winter and 35°C in summer. The initial tree and shrub species were acquired and planting along the border began with native pioneer species leading the way (including *Rosa canina*, *Retama spaeocarpa* and *Juniperus phoenicea*). In 2018, designs for the forest garden will be completed and the planting process will begin.

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Campers ceremoniously celebrating the first tree planted in the restoration process

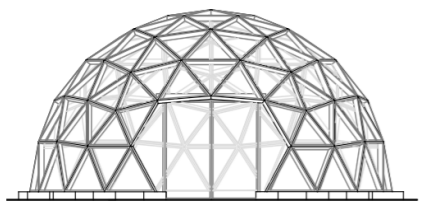


(below)
Adding the fungus mycorrhiza before planting





(above) Graphic rendering of the Community Hall design at Camp Altiplano



(above) Graphic rendering of the Greenhouse design at Camp Altiplano

DESIGN OF THE CAMP AREA

In 2017, volunteer housing was a primary constraint at the camp. Camp Altiplano offered temporary housing for volunteers, but we will need to build out more accommodations and additional structures for a functional camp such as meeting rooms, cooking areas, bathroom and shower facilities, and more. The team at Camp Altiplano requested proposals and selected a local bio-architecture firm to design several structures using local materials appropriate for our needs.



(above) Graphic rendering of the Bunkhouses at Camp Altiplano

KITCHEN GARDEN

The first kitchen garden was started near La Junquera village on a small patch of land shared with Camp Altiplano by the landowner.

The land was cleared, ridged and furrowed, and an irrigation system installed. Volunteers then top-dressed the soil with compost and in May, they planted tomatoes, courgettes, broccoli, sweet peppers and aubergines. Once the seedlings appeared, volunteers applied straw mulch to retain moisture, keep the soil cool, prevent weeds, and add organic matter. The plants prospered with very little damage despite the huge numbers of snails (except for the tomatoes). By summer and well into autumn, the camp was swimming in vegetables! The surplus that couldn't be eaten immediately was processed and volunteers made huge quantities of tomato sauce, roast peppers in oil, ratatouille, and chutney.

Corn, beans, and squashes were planted in June. Volunteers experimented with two techniques: 1) seed first and then mulch (with straw) around the seedlings, and 2) mulch the whole area first, and then seed the soil through holes made with a wooden pole. The second method worked much better than the first, with more regular germination and stronger plants. Volunteers were able to harvest corn and squash in spite of the late planting, however, the bean harvest was very poor. The team stored and ate the squash over the winter and hung the corn up in the house to dry. In the future, a simple, manually operated grinder will help to make corn flour and mash.

Towards the end of the season, large amounts of wild amaranth broke through the straw mulch and grew like mad amongst the corn. Instead of treating this as a weed problem, the gardeners harvested the amaranth. Some of it went to the chickens (who loved it), and some was threshed and winnowed to obtain the seeds. These were used in porridge and added to homemade bread and cakes, much like poppy seeds.

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE FIRST MARKET GARDEN:

- Plant earlier in the season (April) to ensure healthier, stronger plants.
- String tomatoes up, or give them support so they don't rot before ripening.
- Mulch before planting, not after.
- Add mulch throughout season to keep the weeds down.

VOLUNTEER LIFE AT CAMP

- Cooking vegetarian meals chock full of vegetables daily, eating together
- Developed team organising system:
- Every day: Start the day at 8:30 with a meeting to review and assign the tasks of the day (Eg. feed chickens, water garden, restoration work at camp, propagation of seeds, social media, carpentry, cooking, shopping, cleaning, biotics)
- Twice weekly: Team meeting
- Found local markets to purchase local goods
- Men and women's dorms for 8 volunteers



(above) Excited volunteers and camp visitors pose to promote the #LetsRestore crowdfunder



(above) Eggs in abundance at Camp Altiplano



(above) Harvesting from the vegetable garden



(above) Hanging market garden produce in the volunteer house



(above) The volunteers enjoy some live music after a successful day at camp.



(above) Camper Arthur Nooren working in the vegetable garden.

CAMP ALTIPLANO VOLUNTEERS - 2017

Thank you to the 16 volunteers who stayed at the camp for more than two weeks during 2017, and to the many others who were able to join for a few days. This is the foundational group of people from around the world who helped make this first camp a reality.

We thank each person here for their contribution:

- **Adam Van Es (Canada)** - Involved from beginning of camp organisation team, first on-site camper, designed and equipped the carpentry workshop
- **Ricardo Cabo (Spain)** - Led and coordinated outdoor camp life
- **Arthur Nooren (Netherlands)** - Helped to plan and plant the first vegetable garden
- **Robin Woolner (USA)** - Restoration volunteer, provided support in developing and writing about work at camp on the ERC blog
- **Frances Osborn (UK)** - Restoration volunteer, led the creation of the camp vegetable garden, supported outreach to local community and partners
- **Anne-Chloe Destremau (New Zealand/France)** - Camp manager, led camp life, volunteer orientation, and internal administration
- **Clinton Callahan (USA)** - Volunteer, led workshops on community building
- **Ashleigh Brown (UK)** - ERC Foundation business development manager, led camp planning, fundraising and business planning
- **Teresa Pinheiro (Spain)** - Restoration volunteer
- **Jonathan Church (UK)** - Coordination of camp garden, design and implementation of forest garden
- **Jake Corin (UK)** - Coordination of restoration, led restoration implementation
- **Habet Ogmichael (Germany/Eritrea)** - Restoration volunteer, provided support for community building and restoration
- **Kirsten van Reisen (Netherlands)** - Supported camp planning, administration, and system for ecological monitoring
- **Jo Denham (UK)** - Restoration volunteer and volunteer manager
- **Ides Parmentier (Belgium)** - Volunteer, led building teams, managed carpentry workshop, led building of initial camp structures
- **Tim Sexauer (USA)** - Restoration volunteer

Camp Altiplano also partnered with environmental organisations Ecosia and Alvelal to support a reforestation project of 50,000 trees on a nearby mountain called La Muela. ERC volunteers stayed in the region for 2-6 weeks each, dug holes, and planted trees with the Alvelal team. Thank you to the ERC volunteers who supported this effort, Justin (USA); Mahfuj (UK);

Ghuilherme (Portugal); Ottavia (Italy); Cassandra (Mexico); Alex (Netherlands); Inge (Netherlands); and Patrick (Germany).

CAMP PLANS FOR 2018

WINTER

This winter, we continued to build the Ecosystem Restoration Camp. We completed the first two yurts and will finish the roundhouse. We have cover cropped the land and applied compost. Next, we will finish the kitchen garden, collect more data on soil health and other biodiversity indicators, and prepare for the 2018 Re-Generation festival. We are also regularly supporting Alvelal farmers and continuing to build relationships with local organisations.

SPRING

In the spring, we are planning to hold a meeting at the camp about the festival planning, prepare and plant the kitchen garden, build the first phase of the kitchen, construct a bunkhouse install solar and water systems, and begin large-scale creation of compost. In June, the first Permaculture Design Course (PDC) will be given by the Permaculture Research Institute at a site owned by an Alvelal farmer, 30 km from the camp.

SUMMER

In the summer, we will continue to build the camp, design the forest garden for planting in the winter, and prepare for the festival. We will also begin advertising our first courses.

AUTUMN

In the autumn, we aim to have the camp ready to accommodate 30 volunteers. We will also start planning the first phase of the food forest, and host the ReGeneration festival.

S E C T I O N F O U R

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2017



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DECISION MAKING

The foundation was founded on February 16, 2017 and structured so that power is evenly distributed throughout the organisation. The Director of the Board is a paid role, accountable to a Supervisory board, which is comprised of volunteers. This structure allowed us to become an official Dutch Charity (ANBI, Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling).

[Download the articles of the foundation in English](#)

[Download the articles of the foundation in Dutch](#)

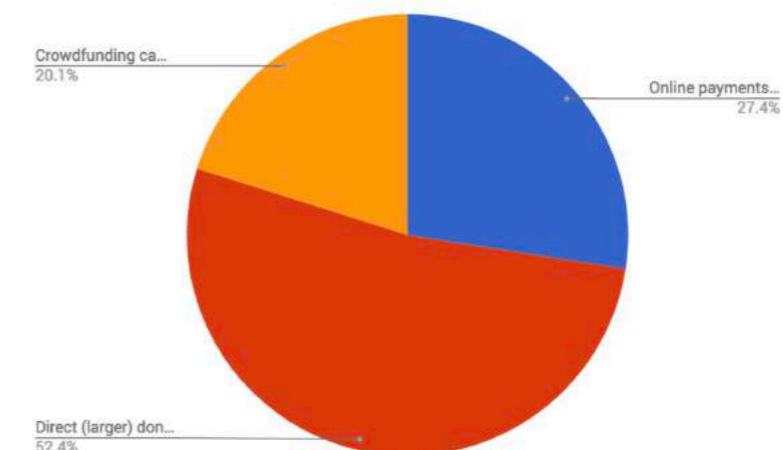
In 2017, we were guided by the idea that as many funds as possible must go to restoring the land at Camp Altiplano and that good organisation is imperative to success. While many activities were volunteer based, we also needed a small team of moderately paid staff members to help run the foundation and keep everything organised.

We acknowledge that the people spending a significant amount of time to realise this endeavour should be paid a fair wage for their work. The Supervisory Board discussed the topic of paid staff and decided on the payment/hour proposal for specific paid roles. Generally, paid functions use a freelance structure with a maximum hourly rate of €40. Additional expenses, such as travel to the camp, are currently not paid for by ERC.

During the second half of 2017, the ERC staff met at least every two weeks, took operational decisions, and prepared Supervisory Board decisions. The Supervisory Board met at least every month, but sometimes more frequently.

INCOME

ERC received funds across three main categories during 2017: direct private donations, a crowdfunding campaign, and online payments (donations and monthly/annual membership).



ONLINE MEMBERSHIPS & ONLINE DONATIONS

ERC closed 2017 with 400 members. Not everyone donated in the form of a membership. Some people donated directly to the foundation through the website. In total, we received €36,622 via our standard online channel.

DIRECT DONATIONS

We are very grateful to have received funds from some amazing benefactors who believe in our movement. €70,000 in direct donations was contributed largely by 6 generous benefactors.

CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN

During the last 8 weeks of 2017, we ran a crowdfunding campaign (#Lets-Restore) to raise funds for the first round of land restoration and the realisation of Camp Altiplano in Spain. We raised €26,700 directly through the campaign, and an additional €6,600 in direct donations, with the platform fees totalling €2,190. We announced proudly that we received €35,490. In total, 350 people donated online and 5 people donated directly.

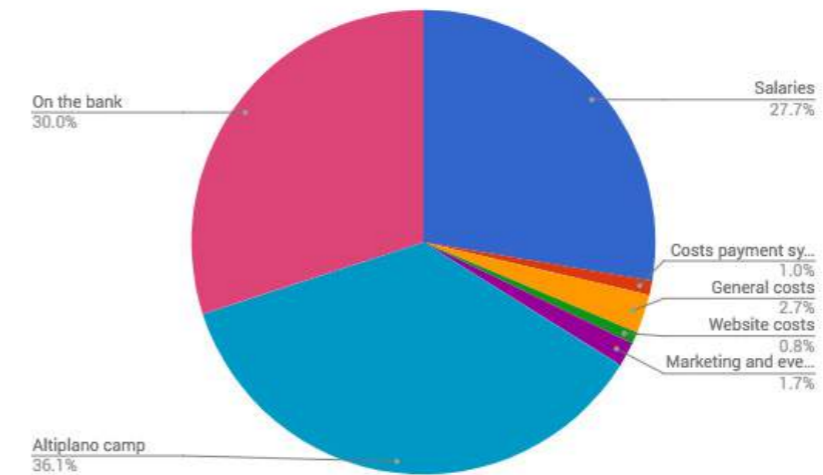


GRANT APPLICATIONS

ERC is working to diversify our funding base through grants and competitive funding opportunities. In 2017, we prepared and submitted our first external grant applications, and are building a database of potential grant funders who align with ERC's mission in order to submit additional proposals to new funders in 2018.

Total income to ERC in 2017: €133,420.35

EXPENSES



ERC's expenses in 2017 supported the creation and functioning of the ERC foundation and Camp Altiplano. Our current financial resources rolled over from 2017 came from our end-of-year campaign, which ran from October until December.

ERC staff and paid volunteers have worked to organise our marketing, events, and website functionality. The general costs mostly consist of legal and insurance expenses. We do not rent an office and the staff meets and works as an online group.

Looking more closely at the Camp Altiplano expenses, roughly 1/3 was spent on startup costs like the restoration and camp designs, purchasing a truck, tools and other materials, setting up the initial volunteer house, creating a fully functioning carpentry workshop, and building structures. The remaining 2/3 of Camp expenses in 2017 have been spent on getting camp life organized and up and running for 9 months.

To the Board of the
Ecosystem Restoration Foundation
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Annual Report 2017

To the Board of the
Ecosystem Restoration Foundation
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VOORLOPIG

Bennekom, 12 June 2018

Bespreking
Moeten er reserveringen worden opgenomen?
Doelen?

Dear Member of the Board,

As requested, we have prepared the Annual Report 2017 for your Foundation

The Foundation is registered at the Dutch Chamber of Commerce , number 68105800.

The Board Members are:

President	M.H. Karssen-Helwig,	The Netherlands
Supervisory	J.D. Liu,	U.S.A.
Supervisory	F. Dekeuleneer,	Belgium

This report has been prepared in agreement with all available financial statements and through the control and evaluation of your administrative activities .

The Profit and Loss Statement closes with a balance of 40238,99 euro.

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We are prepared to provide any further information upon request.

Respectfully Yours,

Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2017

	<u>16.02.2017</u>	<u>31.12.2017</u>
Variable Assets		
Debtors	0,00	0,00
Expenses Payed in Advance	0,00	169,90
Accounts Receivable	0,00	26.868,44
	<u>0,00</u>	<u>27.038,34</u>
Liquid Assets		
Triodos		13.386,17
Paypal	0,00	15,00
Cash in transit	0,00	1.474,73
	<u>0,00</u>	<u>14.875,90</u>
	<u>0,00</u>	<u>41.914,24</u>
Net Worth		
Net Worth	<u>0,00</u>	<u>40.238,99</u>
Short-term Debt		
Creditors	0,00	67,25
Income Received in Advance	0,00	0,00
Accounts Payable	0,00	1.608,00
Reservation doubtful Receivables	0,00	0,00
Reserve	0,00	0,00
	<u>0,00</u>	<u>1.675,25</u>
	<u>0,00</u>	<u>41.914,24</u>

Profit and Loss Statement 2017

	<u>2017</u>
Income	
Donations	106.954,68
Accounts Receivable	26.868,44
	<u>133.823,12</u>
Minus: Project Expenses Camp Altiplano	
Travel Expenses	4.039,80
Costs Camp Manager	2.000,00
Machinery/ equipment	20.070,40
Car and other Expenses	12.691,01
Officesupplys	1.023,53
Food and Living Costs	5.648,95
Variable Expenses	3.751,02
	<u>49.224,71</u>
	<u>84.598,41</u>
Overhead Expenses	
Organizational Expenses	36.846,19
Administrative Expenses	5.581,40
Sales Expenses	236,35
Other Expenses	0,00
	<u>42.663,94</u>
	<u>41.934,47</u>
Bank Account Interest/Expenses	1.695,08
	<u>40.239,39</u>
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Variable Expenses	0,40
Write-off Debtors	0,00
Reservation doubtful Receivables	0,00
	<u>0,40</u>
Profit/Loss	<u><u>40.238,99</u></u>

Expense Analysis 2017

		<u>2017</u>
Organizational Expenses		
Expenses Board	REISS	2.800,00
Idem	Cor Chong	7.285,01
Board Meetings		915,58
Translations		0,00
Organization Expenses	Salary director	25.845,60
		<u>36.846,19</u>
Administrative Expenses		
Officesupply		615,68
Telephone		0,00
Administration Expenses		1.573,00
Legal Counselor Expenses		2.908,78
Insurance		483,94
		<u>5.581,40</u>
Sales Expenses		
Promotion		<u>236,35</u>
Other Expenses		
Exchange Differences		<u>0,00</u>
Bank Account Interest/Expenses		
Expenses		1.573,07
Interest		122,01
		<u>1.695,08</u>

**Clarification of the Balance Sheet
as of 31 December 2017**

Variable Assets

Debtors

A clarification of the debtors as of 31 December 2017 is in our possession.

Accounts Receivable
Donations

26.868,44

The debtors and the Accounts Receivable are initially recognized at fair value, and subsequently accounted for at amortized cost and reviewed for impairment on an ongoing basis.

Liquid Assets

The balances of the Liquid Assets are in full accordance with the provided information. The Cash and Banks Assets are measured at fair value.

Net Worth

For an overview of the change in the Net worth during the Fiscal year 2017, we direct you to Page 5.

Short-term Debt

Creditors

A clarification of the creditors as of 31 December 2017 is in our possession.

Accounts Payable

Administration Expenses 2017
Legal Counselor Expenses 2017
Bank Account Interest/Expenses
Direct Expenses

1.573,00

0,00

35,00

0,00

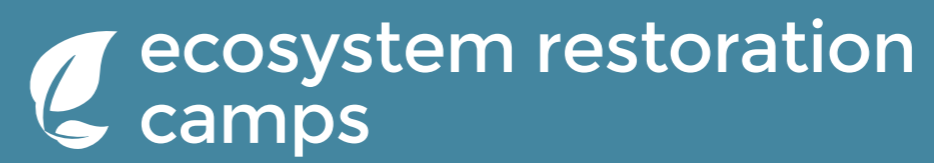
1.608,00

The creditors and the Accounts Payable are recognized at fair value.

**Overview of the change in the Net Worth
during the Fiscal Year 2017**

Net Worth

Balance 01.01.2017	0,00
Plus Profit	<u>40.238,99</u>
Balance 31.12.2017	<u><u>40.238,99</u></u>



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