



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2026**

**(RELATING TO THE YEAR 2025)**

COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

Achievements 2025  
Ongoing Actions 2026

EUROPEAN LIFT ASSOCIATION

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## A message from Wim Koster

Dear Reader,

Here we are with the 2026 Annual Report, which provides a brief overview of the main activities carried out by ELA over the past year (2025).

In this easy-to-read document, you will find not only statistical and financial data but also the key topics addressed by our Committees and Working Groups.

It reflects the excellent work done by our experts, who represent the 22 Associations, official members of ELA.

For each Committee, the topics of focus for the current year (2026) are also outlined.

The annual report, as the main tool of communication, is completed with the President's report, provided during the annual General Assembly.

The projects developed by the Association in collaboration with other business associations are announced in the annual report, along with ongoing activities with European institutions and international cooperation initiatives.

At the 2026 Conference (Rotterdam, May 28, 2026), further updates and highly relevant technical information for our sector were made available to our members, who are encouraged to engage with the ongoing activities.

I invite you to read this document carefully. For any needs or clarifications, please feel free to contact the Association's Secretariat directly at: [info@ela-aisbl.org](mailto:info@ela-aisbl.org).

Kind regards,

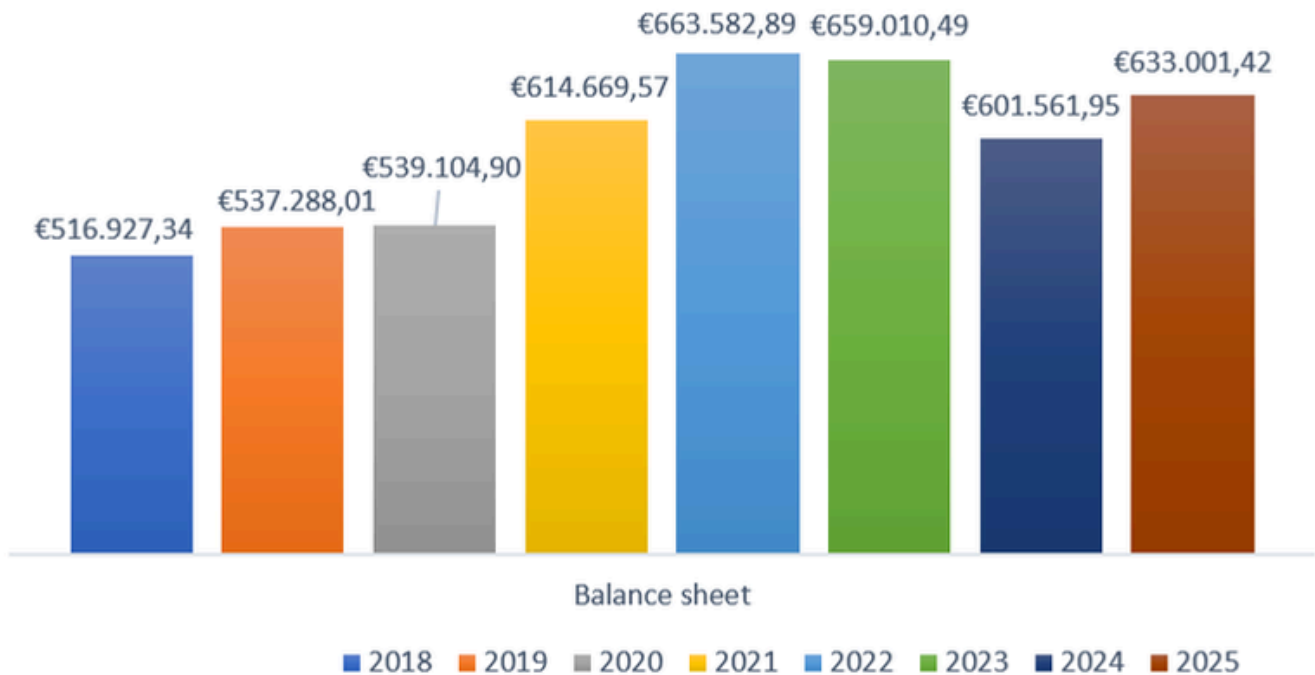
**Wim Koster**  
President

# ELA Financial Statement

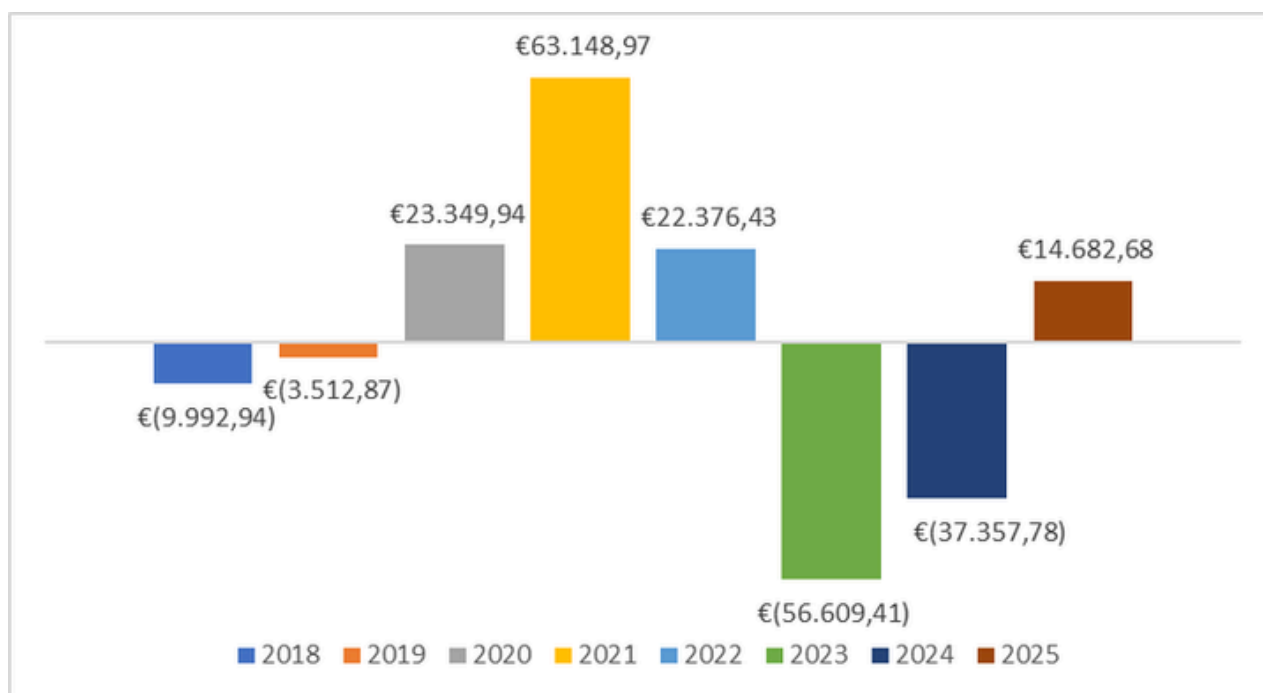
The Association confirms its commitment to a management based on the principles of prudence in incurring new expenses and absolute transparency in the visibility of the accounts towards the members.

Every year the financial decisions and activities of the association are reported in the financial statements. These financial statements are then audited by the statutory auditor to provide the assurance that they are complete and accurate. The development of the balance sheet total as well as the result of the years can be viewed graphically below:

Total Balance Sheet evolution since 2018



## Net Result evolution since 2018



A very meticulous and detailed work, as developed by the members of the Budget Committee, supported by the expertise of the Association's accountant and the daily assistance provided by the ELA Staff.

- The year 2025 closed with a balance sheet as of December 31st 2025 of euro 633.001,42, with a profit of euro 14.682,68
- The year 2024 closed with a balance sheet as of December 31st 2024 of euro 601.561,95, with a loss of euro 37.357,78
- The year 2023 closed with a balance sheet as of December 31st 2023 of euro 659.010,49, with a loss of euro 56.609,41
- The year 2022 closed with a balance sheet as of December 31st 2022 of euro 663.582,89, with a profit of euro 22.376,43
- The year 2021 closed with a balance sheet as of December 31st 2021 of euro 614.669,57, with a profit of euro 63.148,97
- The year 2020 closed with a balance sheet as of December 31st 2020 of euro 539.104,90, with a profit of euro 23.349,94
- The year 2019 closed with a balance sheet as of December 31st 2019 of euro 537.288,01, with a loss of euro 3.512,87
- The year 2018 closed with a balance sheet as of December 31st 2018 of euro 516.927,34, with a loss of euro 9.992,94



## Statistical Information

### Lifts and Escalators 2025

Countries	32
Employees	174 800
Existing Lifts	6 980 000 Units
Existing Escalators	175 000 Units
New Lifts 2025	151 400 Units
New Lifts 2025 (Value)	6.2 Billion €
Lift modernization (Value)	2.0 Billion €
New Escalators 2025	3 064 Units
New Escalators (Value)	413 Million €







## Codes & Standards Committee

### Achievements in 2025

- Responding to the enquiry to the evaluation of the Lifts Directive. ELA comments were widely accepted!
- Successful feedback for the standardization process under the new Machinery Regulation and CRA.
- Extended working together with DG-GROW for Lifts. Face to face meetings with the Policy Officer to place ELA's concerns and requirements.

### Ongoing Actions in 2026

- Supporting members in fulfilling the requirements of the new or changed EHSRs coming from the Machinery Regulation. Especially for installations planned according EN 81-20/-50.
- Working on proposals for the standards under the Machinery Regulation, covering the needs of lifts.
- Support the introduction of the “new” design standards EN ISO 8100-1/-2 through visualizing the differences.





## Lifts & Machinery WG

### **Achievements in 2025**

- Follow-up development of the Lifts Directive and provide input and position on the key issues.
- Clarify issues related to the roll-out of the new Machinery Regulation.
- Provide comments and positions on changes to other EU regulations, such as Cyber Resilience Act (CRA).

### **Ongoing Actions in 2026**

- Continue with close follow-up of the European regulatory developments and formulate ELA position and input.
- Provide answers to questions raised by ELA members on the EU regulatory matters.
- Actively participate and provide input to the Notified Bodies for Lifts Forum (NB-L) as well as EU Commission working groups and meetings.





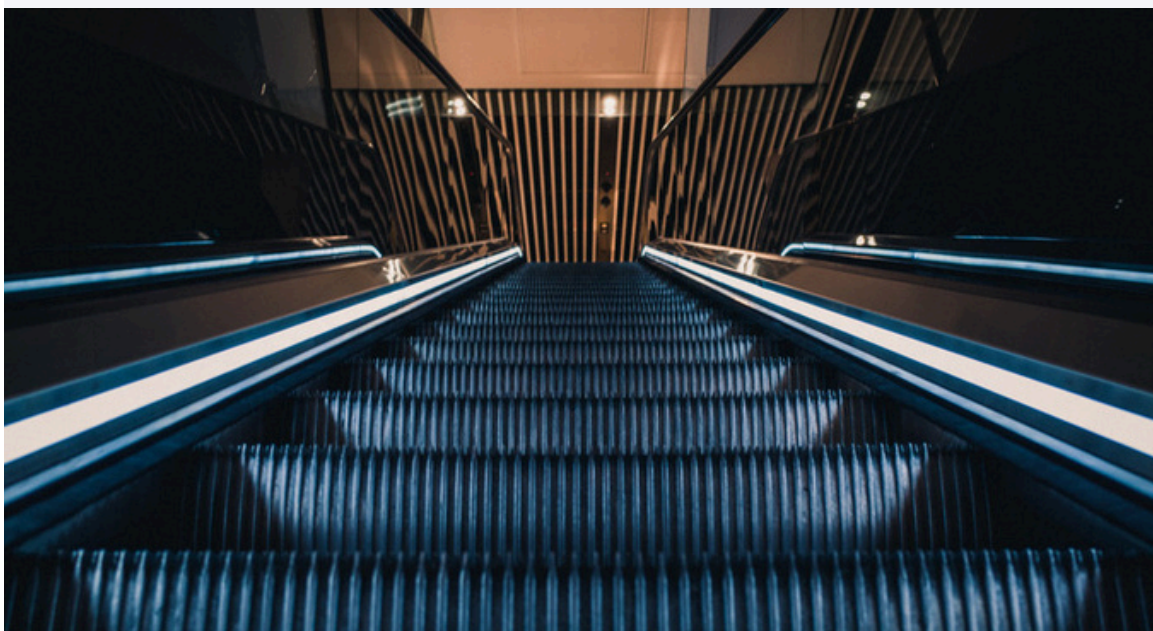
## Escalators & Moving Walks WG (ESMO WG)

### **Achievements in 2025**

- Publication of an overview of the ISO Roadmap for Escalators and Moving Walks.
- Follow-up on the implementation of the Machinery Regulation.
- Finalization of an overview of the EN115 family of standards (including the new EN115-5).

### **Ongoing Actions in 2026**

- Follow-up on the implementation of the Machinery Regulation and preparing an Information Note regarding Escalators and Moving Walks.
- Publication of an overview of the EN115 family of standards (including the new EN115-5).
- Review and monitor the revision of ISO 8103-1 : 2024.





## Safety, Accessibility & Energy Efficiency in Existing Lifts WG (SAEL WG)

### Achievements in 2025

- Release of the ELA Modernization Toolbox on the ELA website and its presentation at the ELA Conference 2025.
- Regular communication and deployment campaign regarding the Modernization White Paper and the SAEL White Paper (e.g. articles, translations, etc.).
- Publication of an Information Note on EN 81-76:2025 "Evacuation of Persons with Disabilities Using Lifts".

### Ongoing Actions in 2026

- White Paper on new lifts in existing buildings without lift shafts.
- Contribute to ELA's position on modernization of existing lifts and any deliverable required to support ELA Committees and Working Groups on this subject (e.g. the update of the ELA Accessibility Survey).
- Prepare ELA Information Notes on updated standards.





## Components Committee

### Achievements in 2025

- Mapping of the main standards used worldwide and impacting the components.
- Monitoring of the impact of Digital & Cybersecurity normative developments on components.
- Monitoring of European Duty on Import/Export of Components.
- Impact of the revision of EN ISO 8100 -1/-2 on components.

### Ongoing Actions in 2026

- Sustainability impact on components.
- Update the ELA Information Note on the traceability of Safety Component.
- Reusable components in the context of circular economy.
- Replacement parts in the ELA Information Note for selection and risk management.





## Digitalization & Cybersecurity Committee

### Achievements in 2025

- Release of the Information Note “Cybersecurity and operational aspects of VoIP two-way communication systems”.
- Review the “Smart Readiness Indicator” white paper.
- Initiation of EU Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) Q&A jointly with Legal Committee.

### Ongoing Actions in 2026

- Preparation of an Information Note on the EU Cyber Resilience Act (CRA).
- Monitor standardization activities related to the CRA, DA, DPP, including the EU Commission High-Level Forum on Standardization.





## Data WG

### Achievements in 2025

- New Working Group established Autumn 2025.

### Ongoing Actions in 2026

- Prepare an Information Note on the EU Data Act.





## Energy & Environment Committee

### Achievements in 2025

- On the circular economy agenda, the Committee strengthened collaboration with the Components Committee on reusable components.
- The Committee supported emerging standardization topics, including discussions on potential ISO standardization of carbon footprint calculations for lifts, with the support from the Product Ecology Working Group.
- Creation of a dedicated EPBD Task Force to prepare a strategy and position for the ELA Board for a decision on inclusion of elevators and escalators in the EPBD.

### Ongoing Actions in 2026

- Support the circular economy agenda by collaborating with the Components Committee on the ELA Information Note on component replacement, reuse, and modernization.
- Continue evaluating the policy tracker with other Committees to monitor regulatory developments.
- Address non-product-related topics, including decarbonization, supply chain, and regulatory engagement.





## Product Ecology WG

### Achievements in 2025

- Publication of an Information Note on the assessment of ecology related EU Policies, Directives and Regulations.
- Publication of the revised c-PCR-008 for lifts with its validity extended until November 2029.
- Initiating the formation of a cross-functional EPBD Task Force.
- Revision and preparation of the ecological data collection questionnaire, including modernization, for its launch in 2026.

### Ongoing Actions in 2026

- Monitor and assess ecology-related initiatives of the EU Policy Framework (Green Deal & Fit for 55).
- Monitor and assess revisions/recasts of product ecology related EU Directives and Regulations (e.g. REACH, RoHS, ESPR, etc.).
- Perform ecology data collection.





## Safety, Education & Training Committee

### Achievements in 2025

- Minimum skills guidelines for elevator installers recognized, promoted, and implemented.
- Develop minimum skills guidelines for modernization technicians.
- Fatality prevention strategy focuses on enhancing high-risk safety awareness education for elevator technicians (installer, maintainers, modernization and repairer) and on defining critical safety topics.

### Ongoing Actions in 2026

Fatality prevention strategy focuses on enhancing high risk safety awareness education for elevator technician (installer, maintainers, modernization and repairer):

- Developing the 10 topics contents.
- Finalizing the 10 topics contents.





# Statistical Committee

## Achievements in 2025

### 1. European Market Data

#### **Industrial and Basic Statistics 2025**

- Collection of the number of Existing Lifts and Escalators for 32 European Countries.
- New Lifts and Escalators (units and value) for 32 European countries and other EMEA countries (Middle East and Africa).
- Modernization (value) of Replacement Lifts for European countries.
- Number of employees in 32 European countries.
- Half year collection (1. Half 2025) of Industrial Statistics for Netherlands and Germany.

### 2. Worldwide Data

#### **Non-EU data collected from Member Associations of WEEF**

- Data on existing lifts/escalators
- Data on new lifts/escalators

### 3. Accident Statistics

#### **Finalization of Accident Statistics 2025**

- Lift Accident Statistics 2025 with main risks referring to SNEL
- Escalator Accident Statistics 2025 with main risks referring to SNEE

## Ongoing Actions in 2026

### Cooperation with Eco Data Collection

- Share the market statistics new lifts traction/hydraulic, geared/gearless with the Product Ecology WG.

### Worldwide data from Member Associations of WEEF

- Non EU data collected from Associations outside of Europe to get worldwide data.
- Data on existing lifts/escalators and Data on new lifts/escalators.

### Modernization of Statistics

- Improvement of collected data (Definitions, additional items to collect, etc.).
- Modernization of collection process.



## Budget Committee

### Achievements in 2025

- 4 Committee meetings spread throughout the year to review the financial situation in terms of income, expenses, and cash position, ensuring the financial stability of the association.
- Production of a budget proposal for 2026 to be approved at the next General Assembly of May 27th 2026.
- Close follow-up with ELA Staff, the President & the Task Force and providing more clarity on all expenses & revenue over 3 rolling years.

### Ongoing Actions in 2026

- Monitor, validate & control the financial situation, including income & costs, and their impact on cash position.
- Maintain the financial control framework and planning cycles by performing three-year forecasts and proposing a budget for 2027.
- Close bank guarantee with previous landlord and CBC.
- Continue to review all possible optimization of costs & income (SLA, membership fees, etc).





## Legal Committee

### **Achievements in 2025**

- Provided legal input on the EU Cyber Resilience Act and EU Data Act.
- Supported ELA Committees and Working Groups from a legal perspective.
- Professional contribution and legal assistance in support of the Association's activities.

### **Ongoing Actions in 2026**

- Follow key EU regulatory developments and provide a forum to discuss legal regulatory issues as appropriate.
- To support ELA Committees and Working Groups from a legal perspective while ensuring strict adherence to regulatory requirements.





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