“From Community to Impact”

METU Alumni Association NL
Annual Report (Jaarverslag) 2025

1. General Information (Algemene Gegevens)

Name: METU Alumni Association NL
Legal Form: Vereniging
Statutory Seat: The Netherlands
KvK: 92566839

✓ Active social media presence and growing online community

✓ Strong ties with other Alumni groups in the Netherlands for building connections to create lasting impact across our alumni network

✓ Cross-city alumni network spanning the Netherlands

A. About the Association

1. Mission, Vision and Values

The mission of METU Alumni Association NL (“The Association”) is to create a lifelong community of alumni in the Netherlands through increased opportunities for meaningful engagement in order to increase awareness, pride, participation, volunteer involvement, and philanthropic commitment to Middle East Technical University.

Establishing a mutually beneficial partnership with the alumni, University and other stakeholders in the Netherlands.

2. Values

- **Loyalty** - Pride in and commitment to the future that we are creating together as an alumni community, while honoring our history, traditions and achievements.
- **Integrity** - Transparency and ethical behavior in all of our interactions.
- **Diversity** - Recognizing and valuing differences and seeking alternative perspectives and inclusiveness in all that we do.
- **Innovation** - Striving to be an industry leader in alumni relations through a creative and transformational business model.
- **Continuous Improvement** - Pursuit of excellence through agility and responsiveness to stakeholders and the environment.

2. Back to 2024

2024 marked the **first operational year** of the association, focusing on:

- Establishing institutional presence
- Building initial alumni network
- Launching community engagement activities

The Timeline to build METU Alumni Association NL is summarized below;



3. Organizational Structure & Roles and Responsibilities in Summary

Board of Directors

- Managing the Association by protecting the interests of the Association and the organization (members and volunteers) connected with it and representing the Association towards the members, volunteers and other stakeholders.

- **Committees:**
    - **Events & Social Activities Committee**

- Organizing networking events and encouraging professional solidarity between the Members and the Companies they work.
    - **External Relations Committee**

- Establishing strong relationships between METU and Dutch universities as well all external stakeholders.
    - **Communications & Social Media Committee**

- Developing a shared social strategy; facilitating two-way communication about social media initiatives; share ideas and strategies to promote social engagement; and encourage social participation across the members and external stakeholders.
    - **Fundraising & Scholarship Committee**

- Establishing relations and obtaining donations/sponsorship with local and international organizations
    - **Member Relations Committee**

- Increase the number and diversity of the members, follow up the membership records and transactions, and foster quick communication between the members and the Board of Directors.
    - **Ethics and Audit Committee**

- Developing Code of Good Governance and Ethical Standards to be observed by the members of the Association subject for approval of the Board of Directors and ratification of the General Assembly.

B. Year in Review

1. Community Engagement & Visibility

We have continued to arrange hosted our events, unveiling our mission, objectives, and activities to the alumni community.



- Number of events : 8

8 events have been organized in 2025 to get together with an approximate participation of 400 graduates. Below is the list;

04.02.2025	Reunion	Visit METU graduates at Rabobank by Board Members
21.02.2025	Reunion	Rotterdam
02.03.2025	Game Play	Amsterdam
16.03.2025	Breakfast	Amsterdam
13.07.2025	Picnic	Amsterdam
05.10.2025	Lunch	Amsterdam
30.10.2025	Republic Day Celebration	Amsterdam
06.12.2025	90`s Party	Amsterdam

The main objective of all these activities was to concentrate on building strong relationship and networking opportunities among our graduates in the Netherlands.

Unfortunately, 2025 was year in which the Association could not widespread the events through the other cities in the Netherlands.



The impacts of all activities were;

- Formal recognition
- Strengthened alumni bonding
- Increased visibility
- Cultural cohesion
- Cross-community participation

C. Membership Development





In 2025, 8 new members joined the Association while 18 members did not renew their membership. Total number of members was 46 as of 31 December 2025.

Membership Fees remained the same in 2025 being EUR 50.00 for one year and EUR 90.00 for two years.



D. Financial Overview

Income & Cost Statement and the Balance Sheet of 2025 is shown at the below lists. Main income items are composed of membership fees and contributions generated from events and activities.

The Board of Directors decided to close Donation Account due to the increased costs. Besides, the loan amount transferred from 2025 has been paid. The Association has no debts as of 31 December 2025.

- **Income and Cost Statement 2025**

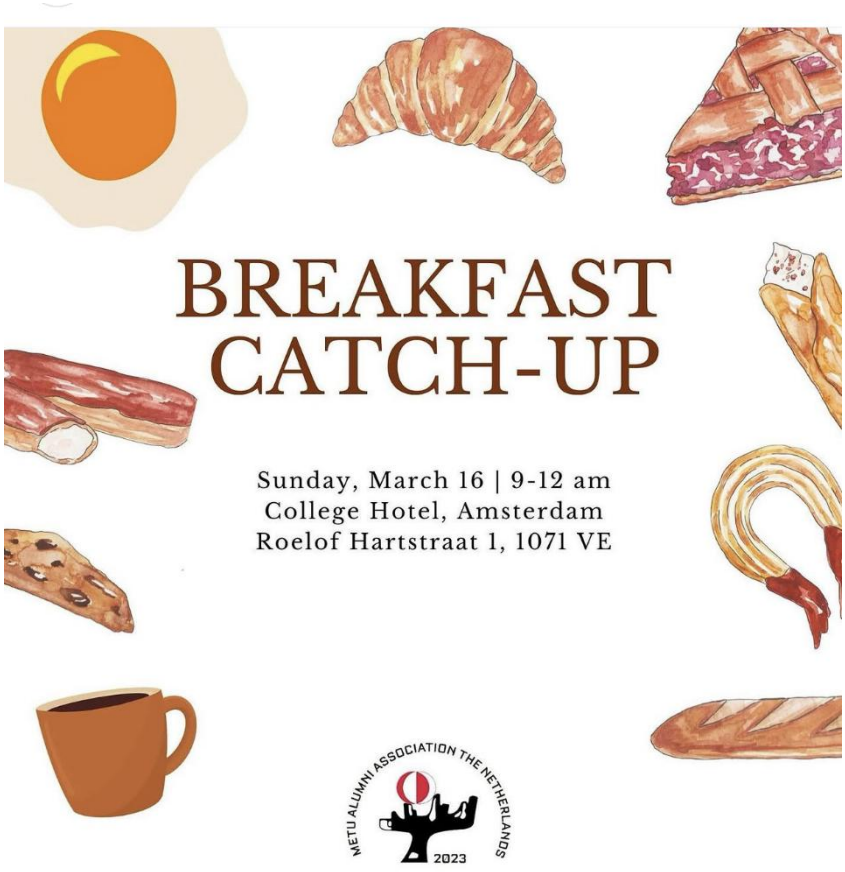
METU Alumni Association NL

Income & Cost Statement 31 December 2025

	Income (Gross)	Costs (Net)
	10,250.47	
	1,480.00	
	86.98	
Loan to be Paid	0.00	
Payment Costs - Stripe		80.44
Costs for Software and Services - Stripe		0.00
Bank Charges - Current Account		250.71
Bank Charges and Interest - Donation Account		65.55
Hostnet.nl		294.03
Paid Membership Pro		371.31
The College Hotel Amsterdam - Breakfast 16.03.2025		1,512.50
Seats for Picnic Event 13.07.2025		391.20
Food Offered for Picnic Event 13.07.2025		1,749.45
05.10.2025 Event - Amsterdam		2,277.00
Republic Day Event 30.10.2025 - Amsterdam		3,147.00
90s Party Amsterdam		596.27
Verenigingen.nl Membership - Renewal		69.00
Loans Repaid		1,586.98
TOTAL INCOME & COSTS	**11,817.45**	**12,391.44**
BALANCE - CURRENT ACCOUNT	**1456.39**	**882.40**
BALANCE - DONATION ACCOUNT		**0.00**
TOTAL	13,273.84	13,273.84

- **Balance Sheet 2025**

ASSETS		31.12.2025 EUR	LIABILITIES		31.12.2025 EUR
Liquid Assets					
ABN AMRO Balance 31.12.2024		1456.39	Loans to be paid 31.12.2024		1,586.98
ABN AMRO Bank Current Account			ABN AMRO		882.40
ABN AMRO Bank Donation Account			ABN AMRO		0.00
			Costs		10,804.46
Income		11,817.45			
	TOTAL	13,273.84		TOTAL	13,273.84
Gürbüz Salman		**Sibel Mısır**		**Özge Aşcıoğlu**	
Chairperson		**Treasurer**		**Auditor**	



- **Statement of Audit and Financial Committee 2025**

  The following were appointed as the Audit and Financial Committee of METU Alumni Association NL for the 2025 audit and approval of financial statements

  The audit was conducted in person and thoroughly reviewed the documents presented by the METU Alumni Association NL. The Audit and Financial Committee found the following documents belonging to the Association and audited them in full :

- Balance sheet as at 1 January 2025 and as at 31 December 2025, and the statement of income and expenses for 2025;
- Overview of bank transactions for 2025 (no cash transactions);
- Bank statements 2025;
- Number of Membership for 2025;
- Detailed review of income transactions,
- List of invoices paid in 2025.The audit and financial committee has made the following findings and recommendations:

1. The balances of the bank accounts on 1/1/2025 and 31/12/2025 matched the balances in the accounts.

2. The items on the statement of income and expenses were checked in full, and the items showed a 100% match with the accounting records.

3. Based on the initial advice of the audit and financial committee, the Executive Board has arranged the bank account in such a way that authorized board members always apply the four-eyes principle for bank transfers regardless of the amount.

4. Based on the advice of the audit and financial committee, the treasurer has determined that the association has sufficient financial resilience to comfortably meet the expenses and administrative obligations of an average year. This provides administrative stability and certainty to the members for the longer term.

Finally, the audit and financial committee is of the opinion that, based on its investigation, the figures processed in the records for 2025 and included in the balance sheet as at 31 December 2025 present a true and fair view. It proposes to the General Meeting of METU Alumni Association NL to grant the treasurer acquittal and discharge for the financial policy conducted by her/him in an excellent manner, and to adopt this in its entirety.

Furthermore, this signed statement must be added to the documents of the General Meeting.

E. Budget 2026

		METU Alumni Association NL - BUDGET 2026			
INCOME			**EXPENSES**		
	EUR				**EUR**
Membership Renewal Fees	1,500.00		Bank Costs		300.00
New Membership Fees	2,000.00		Website, Domains & Hosting		400.00
Events Participation Fees	9,000.00		Events		10,500.00
Sponsorships	0.00		Gifts for events (Quiz winners)		100.00
Donations	300.00		Unforseen Costs		250.00
			Reserve Funds		1250.00
TOTAL INCOME	**12,800.00**		**TOTAL EXPENSES**		**12,800.00**

F. Challenges

- Engagement consistency
- Membership growth
- Resource constraints

G. Strategic Outlook & Lessons Learned for 2026

- Creating more bondage in the alumni community
- Professional networking events
- Stronger engagement
- Mentorship programs
- Sponsorship development
- Joining marathons to raise funds
- Regular event calendar
- Corporate Partnerships



H. Acknowledgement

We extend our deepest gratitude to all our members and volunteers whose dedication, passion, and generosity of time made this journey possible. This community exists because of you.

