

Annual Report 2024

Introduction

The Crosspoint Europe Association was registered in the Liechtenstein Public Register on March 30, 2009, with registration number FL – 0002.316.706-8.

On April 2, 2009, the Crosspoint Europe Association opened an account with the Liechtenstein Landesbank AG, Vaduz, to manage the association's financial affairs.

Purpose of the Association

The association operates selflessly and pursues exclusively charitable and non-profit purposes. The association is non-partisan, non-denominational, international in nature, subject to the principle of democratic structure, and focuses on people, their culture and environment, as well as on nature.

The purpose of the association is to create and promote social, humanitarian, and cultural solidarity in the broadest sense, as well as to take measures for the benefit of children, young people, and their families, as well as in the areas of culture and education, lifelong learning and research, the fight against violence and abuse, and the exploitation of nature.

The purpose of the association is to be in harmony with people, nature, and the environment.

The association operates worldwide.

Governing Bodies

The governing bodies of the association are:

- the Board of Directors
- the Audit Office

Project Activities

Crosspoint Europe (CPE) develops programs to support communities and disadvantaged individuals and through cooperation with local institutions and governmental and non-governmental partner organizations at the national and international levels. CPE implements projects to benefit people in difficult life situations, particularly those living in areas affected by environmental or industrial disasters. Activities encompass social, medical, educational, and cultural areas and aim to support children, young people, and families in disadvantaged environments and help them achieve a better quality of life. Support is provided to families in conflict situations, as well as through general prevention and the fight against poverty, social disadvantage, and exclusion.

In addition, CPE is active in the areas of social exchange, recreation, intercultural and peace dialogue, active citizenship, and contributes to the formulation of community goals in EU policy, North-South dialogue, and the volunteer movement. In 2024, Crosspoint Europe implemented projects in Northern Iraq, Eastern Europe (Ukraine) and Southeast Asia (Vietnam), continuing its impact and reach in regions facing social, economic, political and humanitarian challenges.

Promoting social support for Yazidi women and children in Northern Iraq

Since 2014, the rise of ISIS led to the occupation of Mosul and parts of Nineveh Province, making the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) a vital line of defence and refuge for displaced people, including Yazidis, Christians, and others. In 2024, although ISIS was territorially defeated, the humanitarian crisis persisted due to ongoing instability. Kurdistan continued to host a large number of Syrian refugees, accounting for nearly 10% of the region's population. Approximately 97% of these refugees live in camps in the governorates of Dohuk, Erbil, and Suleimania, while others have been relocated to urban areas. The region has consistently faced significant economic challenges, including rising living costs, housing shortages, and very limited resources, which continued to require international assistance. The humanitarian needs of displaced people in Kurdistan remained significant, as the region was under pressure to maintain its infrastructure and basic services while supporting both the local population and the large number of refugees from Syria and displaced Iraqis. Health and education services remained under pressure due to increasing demand from displaced populations, particularly vulnerable groups such as women, children, orphans, and people with disabilities.

Crosspoint Europe collaborated with the Jinda Center, established in early 2015 in response to the Daesh attack on Yazidis in August 2014. The group most affected by the hostilities in this region are children, orphans, young Yazidi girls, women, and their children living in six camps in the Duhok region (Kabarto 1, Kabarto 2, Shreya, Eryan, Rawanga, and Khanke) in northern Iraq.

As part of its ongoing commitment to empowering women, girls, and children through skills development and education, Jinda successfully launched several initiatives in 2024 with the support of Crosspoint Europe. These initiatives included sewing and computer training courses in the Kalkche district, the establishment of a computer lab for digital literacy training in Dohuk, and STEM education programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

The sewing courses focused on teaching tailoring and fabric handling techniques to **80 women and girls aged 15 to 55**. The program enabled participants to produce marketable products, thus improving their ability to generate income. Kalkche district was selected due to its significant need for educational and economic empowerment programs, particularly for women and girls who face barriers to employment and education. Tailoring is a critical skill that offers pathways to self-employment and financial independence. Women who completed the courses gained the skills to start their own businesses or find employment in local markets. Furthermore, the activity provided a therapeutic outlet that reduced stress and fostered a sense of achievement. **Fifteen sewing machines** were provided to widows upon graduation so they could use their skills to generate income.

By establishing a dedicated computer lab, Jinda expanded digital literacy programs for women, girls, and children in Dohuk. The courses provided practical knowledge of basic computer skills and prepared participants for future academic and professional opportunities. Digital literacy improved employability and provided **30 women** with access to online job opportunities, entrepreneurship, and remote work opportunities. It also facilitates financial management, communication, and access to essential services such as healthcare and government resources. Early computer literacy fosters problem-solving, creativity, and critical thinking in children. It prepared **40 youth** for future

careers in technology-related fields, improved their academic performance, and connected them to global educational resources.

The STEM education program is designed to introduce children to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through interactive and engaging activities. A total of **75 children** participated in practical workshops, exploring fundamental scientific principles through experiments and practical applications. The sessions focused on developing problem-solving skills and computational thinking. Activities such as bridge building and simple mechanical engineering designs encouraged teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking. The program aimed to spark curiosity and foster a long-term interest in STEM subjects, preparing children for future educational and career opportunities in science and technology.

During the Christmas season, an activity was conducted in which local communities engaged to distribute Christmas food baskets and school bags to children in the camps. The main goal of this activity was to bring joy to the children during the festive season. Gloves, scarves, socks, notebooks, pens, toys, water bottles, and school bags were distributed to **200 children**. The initiative also aimed to foster a sense of community and solidarity.

Humanitarian Aid and Support Measures in Ukraine

The situation in Ukraine remained challenging in 2024. Countless children and families continue to be affected, and the threat of ongoing violence and insecurity persists. Crosspoint Europe continued to work with its local partner, Agora International NGO, to provide humanitarian assistance and social support to internally displaced people. Thanks to the support of CPE, local authorities, charities, and religious institutions, **130 displaced families** received essential food packages, hygiene products, and household items. This helped improve hygiene and reduce financial burdens, positively impacting the daily lives and health of vulnerable families. Health promotion programs offered therapeutic activities and play opportunities for **170 children**, including creative workshops, psychological support, and cultural excursions to promote relaxation, socialization, and well-being. **Twenty-four children** were also able to participate in a summer camp. In addition, regular meetings, legal counselling, and psychological support were organized for **200 war-affected single mothers**. In addition, two training sessions and a course were held to further empower those affected and offer them long-term prospects.

Help for orphans and children with severe disabilities in Southeast Asia

Vietnam

In collaboration with the local partner center Kon Tum, activities in 2024 focused on supporting orphans, children and young people with disabilities, and single people. These initiatives included providing medical and psychological support, training on various topics, and improving living conditions to combat poverty. Most activities took place in Kon Tum's orphanages. Sewing machines and fabrics were distributed to sew clothes for the children. Caregivers participated in training programs to improve their skills and better support the children. Crosspoint Europe provided ongoing support to **40 children** with multiple disabilities, ensuring access to specialized care and services. In addition, recreational and therapeutic programs were organized for **20 young people**, focusing on emotional well-being and social integration. Special attention was paid to the

annual fitting of prostheses and/or orthotics for **120 children** to improve their mobility and quality of life. In addition, **120 mothers and fathers** of physically disabled children from remote rural areas received targeted counselling to help them cope with their challenging daily lives. To further improve care, **30 caregivers** received special training to optimize support for children with disabilities. New community projects were launched to strengthen social ties and promote individuals' active participation in society. More than **100 people** benefited from these measures over the course of the year.

Project Costs

In 2024, CHF 38,275 was allocated to the projects. The main activities of the Crosspoint Association were the acquisition of new donors, the preparation of the necessary documents, the preparation and dispatch of grant applications, and the coordination and monitoring of projects.

Notes to the Balance Sheet

Liability and Subsequent Liability

The association's assets are liable for the association's liabilities.

Resources

- Contributions and grants from public and private institutions
- Donations and other gratuitous contributions
- Income from other activities consistent with the association's purpose
- Annual and extraordinary membership fees

Cash and cash equivalents

This item includes the bank account number LI62 0880 0548 2093 9200 1 of LLB-Vaduz.

Notes to the Income Statement

Personnel Expenses

Personnel expenses do not include any expenses.

Compensation of members of the governing bodies/free services

The members of the Board of Directors and the experts provide their services on a voluntary basis. Various specialist staff provided services, some of which were paid (fundraising, building a network movement, project descriptions, and project budgets).

The audit was carried out by MKY, Treuhandpartner GmbH, Industriestrasse 28 | CH-9100 Herisau, and the audit report was prepared.

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