



# ANNUAL REPORT 2024

COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

Achievements 2023  
Ongoing Actions 2024

EUROPEAN LIFT ASSOCIATION

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## A message from Roberto Zappa

PRESIDENT

Dear Reader,

Here we are with the annual presentation of the main activities of the Committees and Working Groups of our Association in the year 2023 (Annual Report 2024). Although just described shortly, I believe that the results achieved by ELA are eloquent, both in terms of quality and quantity. The merit certainly goes to our excellent experts who know how to combine thematic priorities with time schedules that allow us to always maintain an open dialogue with the European institutions.

Alongside the 'internal' activities, there is of course the activity of external representation, which more and more characterises ELA's work and is developed at several levels, starting with the numerous officials of the European Commission, who are increasingly connected to the meetings of our Committees, up to the meetings of the ELA Presidency with the Directors General and Commissioners of the Brussels' Executive. Of course, our Association's interactions with the other European organisation (EFESME) are also becoming increasingly frequent. Further, ELA is present in the worldwide sector representations, within the World Elevator & Escalator Federation - WEEF, which ELA proposed and founded together with 10 other partners in 2019 in China. The history of ELA is full of important moments and prestigious achievements, and 2023 was the year of the celebration of 25 years of our history.

An impressive event was held in Lucerne, on the occasion of ELA's Annual General Assembly, on Saturday 6 May 2023. The year that just ended was also the year that marked the inauguration of the new offices in Brussels of our Association (GLAVERBEL BUILDING, Chaussée de la Hulpe 166, B-1170 Brussels), which now has more elegant and functional offices for the activities of ELA, to the benefit of all our members.

With this Annual Report 2024, my second term at the helm of the Association comes to an end, and I leave the new President with the responsibility of presenting the activities of the coming year, in the knowledge that I am entrusting him with a very significant legacy, both in terms of achievements and challenges. I wish you all a pleasant reading.

Kind regards,

**Roberto Zappa**  
President



## ELA Financial Statement

As far as the economic and financial situation is concerned, 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.

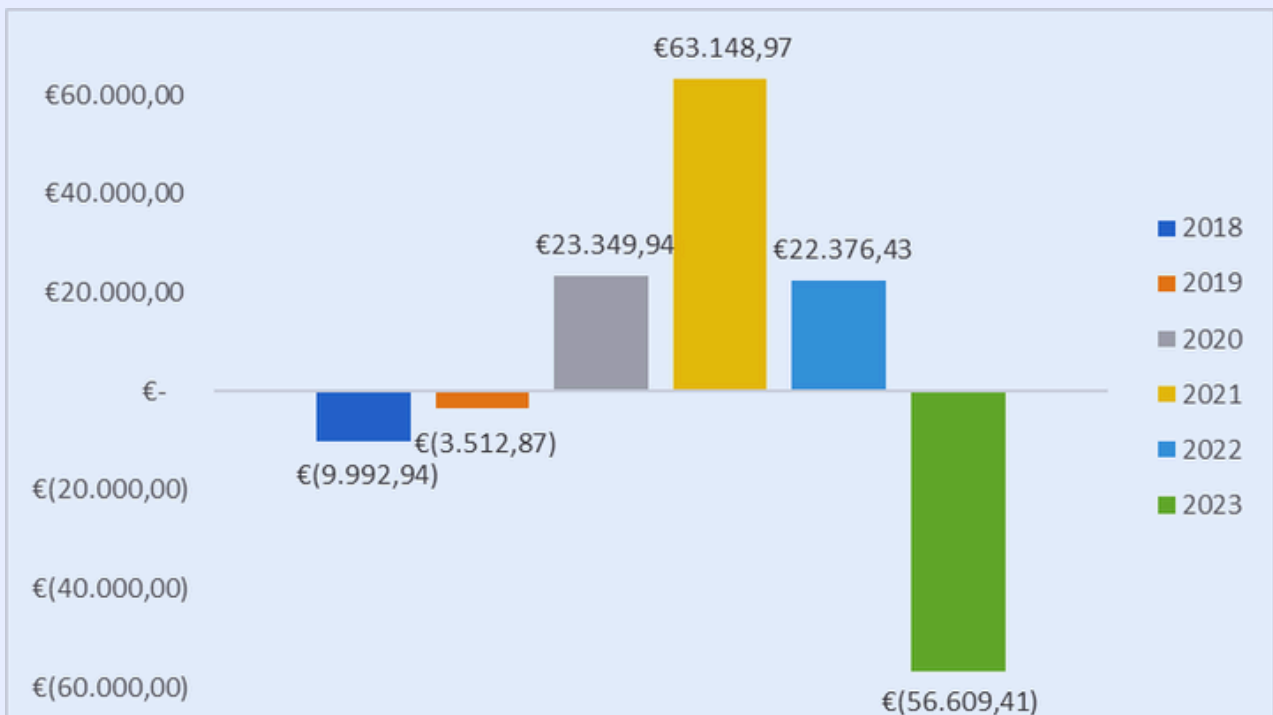
Every year the financial statements are audited by the statutory auditor to provide the assurance that they are complete and accurate. The development of the balance sheet total as well as the result of the years can be viewed graphically below.

### BALANCE SHEET



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

- 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.

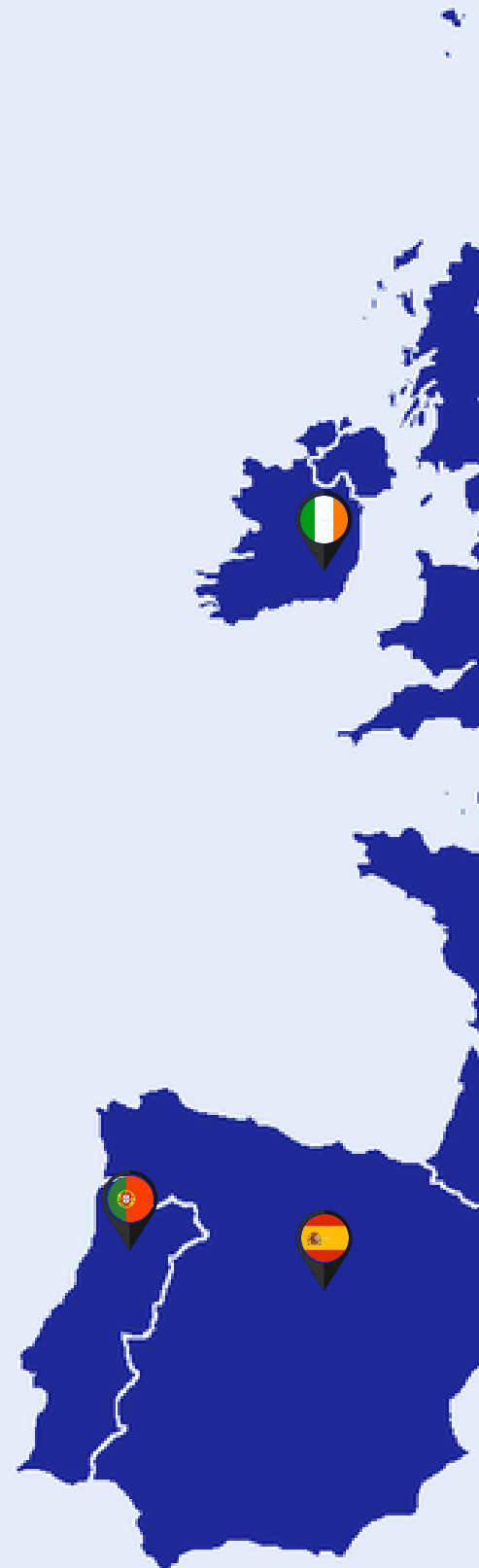




## Statistical Information

### Lifts and Escalators 2023

<b>Countries</b>	31
<b>Employees</b>	164,900
<b>Existing Lifts</b>	6,735,000 Units
<b>Existing Escalators</b>	168,000 Units
<b>New Lifts 2023</b>	136,000 Units
<b>New Lifts 2023 (Value)</b>	5.6 Billion €
<b>Lift modernization (Value)</b>	1.8 Billion €
<b>New Escalators 2023</b>	3,390 Units
<b>New Escalators (Value)</b>	440 Million €







## Codes & Standards Committee

### Achievements in 2023

- Active support to the transformation of the EN 81-20 and -50 into ISO 8100-1 /-2
- Active participation in the work with the new EU-C standardization request
- Monitoring the development of the legislation on Cyber Resilience and Data Protection
- Joint working team with the Legal Committee on this issue

### Ongoing Actions in 2024

- Starting the development of an ELA Position Paper on Standardization. Analyze how the EU Standardization Strategy will impact the industry and how ELA can optimize the invested resources and simplify the “environment” of standards for the industry
- Take an active part on the standardization request development for the machinery regulation
- Support to the transformation of the EN 81-20 and 81-50 into ISO 8100-1 / 8100-2







## Lifts & Machinery Directive WG

### **Achievements in 2023**

- Close communication and collaboration with the EC on the Machinery Regulation
- Answering questions and publication of the ELA Information Note on the Machinery Regulation
- Follow-up of the standardization requests for lifts and machinery

### **Ongoing Actions in 2024**

- Follow-up the evaluation of the Lifts Directive and prepare ELA contribution as well as comments on the EC survey questions
- Prepare ELA contribution and proposals for the Guide of Application for the Machinery Regulation as well as on the digital documentation
- Identify, analyze and provide proposals for ELA position on other relevant new EU directives, regulations and acts

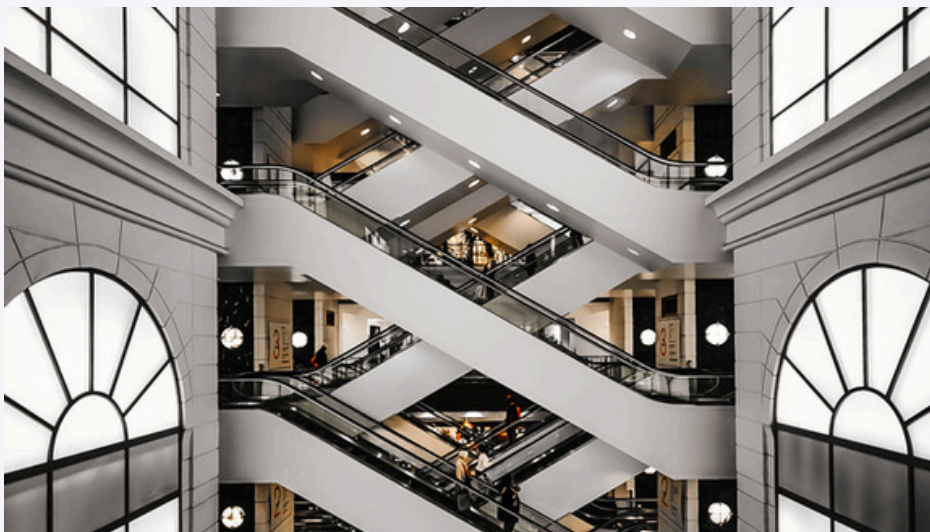


### **Achievements in 2023**

- Contribution to the finalization of the PCR for Escalators & Moving Walks
- Publication of the enhanced SNEE Brochure based on the EN 115-2: 2021
- Contribution to the introduction / implementation of the EU Machinery Regulation

### **Ongoing Actions in 2024**

- Follow up the implementation of the EU Machinery Regulation
- Preparation of an overview of the EN115 family (including New EN115-5)
- Review and follow up of ISO Road map for Escalator and Moving Walks





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

### Achievements in 2023

- Publication of the SAEL White Paper and its Executive Summary in March 2023
- Regular communication and deployment campaign regarding the SAEL White Paper has been delivered
- An Information Note on EN-81-70:2021 +A1:2022 (Summary of the document and main changes from EN 81-70:2003) has been finalized and submitted to the ELA Board for approval

### Ongoing Actions in 2024

- ELA Industry Position on modernization of existing lifts and any deliverable requested to support ELA Committees and WG on this subject
- White Paper on New lifts in existing buildings without lift shafts
- Monitoring of European & international standardization and regulatory framework related to the safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency to identify upcoming requirements for existing lifts



## Telecommunication WG (TELCO WG)

### Achievements in 2023

- Publication of the Information Note « Voice over IP for EN81-28 communication system »

### Ongoing Actions in 2024

- TELCO will proceed in accompanying the transition to a fully digital connectivity for the lifts and escalators. It will address the phase out of legacy system and the improvement of lift standards in relation to new technologies and cybersecurity





## Standardization WG

### New ELA Working Group since January 2024

#### Ongoing Actions in 2024

- Perform an analysis of the standards contained in the EU-Standardization Request, to determine which priority and importance the individual standard has for the Industry. The outcome shall give information on the questions about the need of citation in EU-J
- Make a proposal to reduce the complexity in the standardization work.





## Components Committee

### **Achievements in 2023**

- Publication of the Brexit Information Note
- Mapping of the main standard used worldwide and impacting the components
- Cooperation with the Digitalization & Cybersecurity Committee

### **Ongoing Actions in 2024**

- Review the impact of the Machinery Regulation on maintenance and repairs (components point of view)
- Updating of the Information Note on traceability of Safety Component
- Cooperation with the Energy & Environment Committee



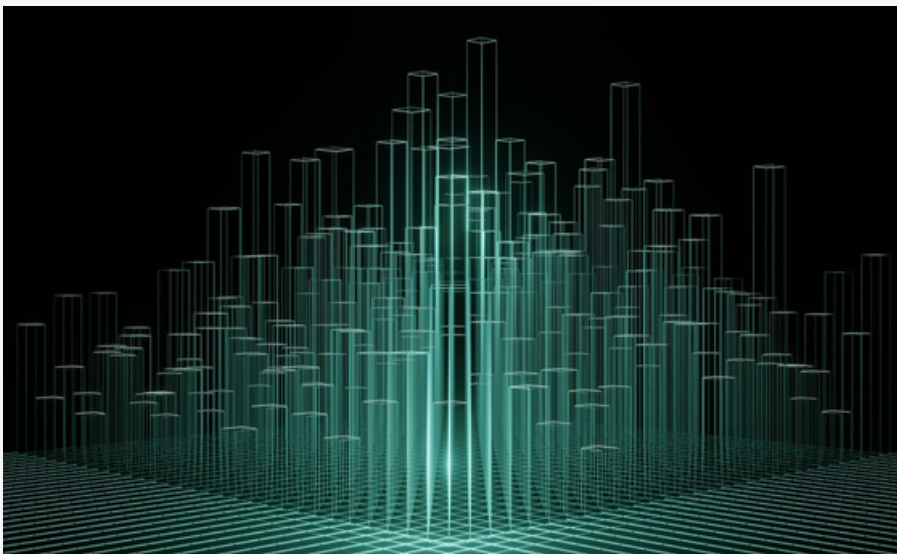
## Digitalization & Cybersecurity Committee

### Achievements in 2023

- Publication of the BIM Information Note

### Ongoing Actions in 2024

- ETSI ontology model upgrade by ETSI WG
- Digital Log-book Position Paper
- Data Act - co-operation with the Legal Committee





## Energy & Environment Committee

### Achievements in 2023

- SRI technical assessment against Lifts & Escalators for regulatory engagement
- Publication of the C-PCR for escalators and moving walks
- Launch of the ECO data collection

### Ongoing Actions in 2024

- Preparation of the ELA conference “Transition towards Global Sustainability”
- SRI projects implementation follow-up and draw proposal for White Paper and guideline for final decision by ELA Board
- Continue to monitor EPBD revision and strive towards an inclusion of lifts in line with ELA Position







## Product Ecology WG

### Achievements in 2023

- Publication of the C-PCR for escalators and moving walks
- Launch of the ECO data collection
- Initiatives of the EU Policy Framework (Green Deal & Fit for 55) analysed and prioritized, impacts and opportunities identified
- Revisions/recasts of product ecology related EU Regulations (REACH, RoHS, WEEE, Battery directives and more) analysed and prioritized, impacts identified
- Publication of the Information Note on the ban of FL tubes

### Ongoing Actions in 2024

- Finalize and communicate ECO data collection results
- Monitor EPBD revision and strive towards an inclusion of lifts in line with ELA Position
- Continue to monitor and assess initiatives of the EU Policy Framework (Green Deal & Fit for 55)
- Continue to monitor and assess revisions/recasts of product ecology related EU Regulations (REACH, RoHS, WEEE, Battery directives and more)
- Participation in public consultations for GPI and PCR
- Prepare for validity extension of c-PCRs for lifts and for escalators and moving walks



## Smart Readiness Indicator WG (SRI WG)

### Achievements in 2023

- SRI technical assessment against Lifts & Escalators and White Paper for regulatory engagement

### Ongoing Actions in 2024

- SRI projects implementation follow-up (SRI testing phase in Member States and engagement with SRI WG2)
- Draw proposal for final decision by ELA Board (White Paper and Guideline)





## Safety, Education & Training Committee

### Achievements in 2023

- Finalized the lift installer minimum skills and competencies concept based on ELA stakeholder feedback
- Proposed long term roadmap plan on reducing serious injuries and fatalities

### Ongoing Actions in 2024

- Work with the European Commission to have the qualification levels in the lift industry recognized and implemented across Europe
- Continue to establish cooperation between European training institutions and ELA





## Statistical Committee

### Achievements in 2023

- Collection of Industrial and Basic Statistics 2022
  - Collection of the number of Existing Lifts and Existing Escalators for 31 European countries
  - New Lifts and Escalators (units and value) for 31 European countries
  - Modernization (value) for 31 European countries
  - Number of employees for 31 European countries
- Half year collection (1. Half 2022) of Industrial Statistics for Netherlands and Germany
- Creation of a European Map with number of Existing lifts and New lifts 2022
- Non EU data collected from Member Associations of WEEF
  - Data on existing lifts/escalators
  - Data on new lifts/escalators
- Finalization of Accident Statistics 2022
  - Lift Accident Statistics 2022 with main risks referring to SNEL
  - Escalator Accident Statistics 2022 with main risks referring to SNEE

### Ongoing Actions in 2024

- New Collection for Basic and Industrial Statistics 2023
- New Collection for Accident Statistics 2023
- Lift Index – Support the collection of National Associations
- Worldwide data in the frame of WEEF
  - Non EU data collected from Associations outside of Europe to get worldwide data
  - Data on existing lifts/escalators
  - Data on new lifts/escalators



## Budget Committee

### **Achievements in 2023**

- Four committee meetings spread throughout the year to review the financial situation in terms of the income, expenses and cash position to ensure financial stability of the association
- Production of a budget proposal for 2023 for approval at the next General Assembly of May 17th 2024
- Follow-up in close collaboration with the ELA Staff of the costs versus budget for the new ELA premises project

### **Ongoing Actions in 2024**

- Monitor the financial situation, control the costs and the cash position
- Validate actual income and costs against the approved budget
- Maintain the financial control framework and the planning cycles by performing 2024 forecasts and proposing a budget for 2025





## Legal Committee

### **Achievements in 2023**

- Supported ELA Committees/Working Groups from a legal perspective
- Professional contribution and legal assistance in support of the Association's activities
- Initiated work on ELA Position Paper on Data Act

### **Ongoing Actions in 2024**

- Prepare ELA Position Paper on EU Data Act
- Follow key EU regulatory developments and provide a forum to discuss legal issues as appropriate and within a strictly monitored and fully compliant and transparent environment
- Support ELA Committees/Working Groups from a legal perspective while ensuring strict adherence to regulatory requirements







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