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BOARD REPORT

Foreword

The year 2025 was marked by both progress and uncertainty. As the full-scale invasion of Ukraine entered its fourth year, organizations working on accountability, human rights documentation, and counter-disinformation efforts faced an increasingly complex operating environment. Across Europe and beyond, funding for international development, democracy support, and justice initiatives came under growing pressure, creating challenges for civil society organizations committed to long-term accountability efforts.

Despite these developments, OSINT For Ukraine continued its activities. Throughout the year, the organization further professionalized its operations, deepened strategic partnerships, and broadened its contribution to accountability efforts related to the Russo-Ukrainian war.

A significant milestone was reached in January 2025 with the submission of a communication to the International Criminal Court concerning the forcible transfer of Ukrainian children to the Russian Federation. This submission reflected years of investigative work and demonstrated the growing role that open-source evidence can play in international justice processes. During the year, OSINT For Ukraine also formalized its collaboration with the International Commission on Missing Persons and joined the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, further embedding the organization within the international accountability community.

At the same time, the organization continued to invest in its research and investigative capabilities. Through the International Crimes Investigation Group (ICIG), investigations into international crimes and sanctions evasion were expanded. Through the Center for Influence and Disinformation Research (CIDER), research into Russian influence operations and disinformation networks continued to grow in scope and impact. Project Mariupol and other technical initiatives remained central to the organization's efforts to document, preserve, and analyze information relevant to accountability and historical memory.

The year also represented an important step toward organizational sustainability. In response to a changing funding landscape, OSINT For Ukraine diversified its sources of income through training and capacity-building activities, creating a more resilient financial foundation while continuing to support its core mission.

BOARD REPORT

Foreword — continued

OSINT For Ukraine was fortunate to be in a unique position. The organization is built on a network of highly skilled volunteers who contribute their expertise on a largely pro bono basis. This allowed us to continue delivering meaningful results despite limited resources and an increasingly difficult funding environment. The dedication of our investigators, researchers, legal experts, technologists, and volunteers enabled us to maintain our activities and pursue several important milestones throughout the year.

At the same time, 2025 highlighted the limitations of a volunteer-driven model. While our network remains one of our greatest strengths, the year demonstrated that sustainable growth requires a stronger organizational foundation and a greater focus on long-term continuity. Building that foundation will be one of our central priorities in the years ahead.

The lessons of 2025 have also informed our direction for 2026. Rather than pursuing growth for its own sake, we focused on becoming a more sustainable, efficient, and professional organization. This includes narrowing our focus to projects with the greatest impact and reducing the size of our active network to fewer than fifty members and volunteers. We believe this approach will allow us to better support the community, maintain high standards of quality, and ensure that OSINT For Ukraine remains a durable contributor to the pursuit of truth, memory, and justice.

Deniz M. Dirisu
Chair of the Board

CHANGING LANDSCAPES, SAME METHODS AND GOALS

The environment in which OSINT For Ukraine operates continued to evolve throughout 2025. As the war in Ukraine entered its fourth year, public attention shifted, funding for international development and accountability initiatives became increasingly constrained, and organizations across the sector faced growing pressure to do more with fewer resources.

At the same time, open-source intelligence maintained its value as a means to support investigations, journalism, human rights documentation, and accountability efforts. What was once a niche discipline has increasingly become an established methodology used by civil society organizations, media outlets, researchers, and international institutions alike.

While the environment has changed, our method and our goal have remained the same. OSINT For Ukraine continues to apply these methods in support of four strategic objectives:

1. **Supporting accountability** for international crimes committed in the context of the Russo-Ukrainian war.
2. **Countering disinformation** and malign influence operations, particularly those linked to the Russian Federation.
3. **Providing high-quality investigations,** research, training, and technical assistance to civil society organizations, journalists, and accountability bodies.
4. **Building a sustainable international network** of researchers, investigators, legal experts, and technologists committed to these goals.

Although the operational environment may continue to evolve, these objectives remain unchanged. The organization will continue to adapt its methods, partnerships and structures to meet new challenges while remaining committed to the principles that have guided its work since its inception.

OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE

The organization operated through four interconnected operational pillars:

01

ICIG — International Crimes Investigation Group

Investigations related to international crimes, sanctions evasion, and cooperation with legal and accountability bodies.

02

CIDER — Center for Influence and Disinformation Research

Research into Russian influence operations, disinformation networks, information warfare, and crisis simulations.

03

R&D — Research & Development

Development and maintenance of investigative tools, databases, OSINT methodologies, and technical infrastructure, including Project Mariupol and the OFU OSINT Toolkit.

04

Public Affairs & Community

Public engagement, partnerships, trainings, workshops, events, and development of the broader OFU network and community.

IMPACT IN 2025

OSINT For Ukraine's second year as a foundation was marked by significant professional growth, high-impact investigations, and a deepening of our engagement with international justice institutions. We have outlined our key activities below, organized by our strategic goals.

01 Accountability and Justice

- Submitted a communication to the International Criminal Court (ICC) under Article 15 of the Rome Statute concerning the forcible transfer of Ukrainian children to the Russian Federation.
- Formalized cooperation with the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP), strengthening efforts related to cross-border tracing and family reunification.
- Continued investigations into war crimes, child crimes, and sanctions evasion through the International Crimes Investigation Group (ICIG).
- Joined the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), strengthening OFU's position within the international accountability community.
- Hosted a side event at the annual ICC Assembly of State Parties: "The Evolving Role of NGOs in International Courts and Tribunals: Limits and Opportunities".
- Published our report on the Moot Court on Open-Source Evidence under Ukrainian Civil Law, co-organized with Ukraine Legal Network, contributing to discussions on the admissibility and standards of OSINT evidence in legal proceedings.

02 Investigations and Reporting

Published investigations into international crimes, sanctions evasion and Russian influence and disinformation operations. Notable publications:

Shrouded in Neon: The Illusive Russian Inert Gas Trade — sanctions evasion and financial networks linked to the Russian war effort.

Under Fire — documenting the targeting and militarization of religious sites in Ukraine.

From Berlin to Abu Dhabi — exposing the rebranding of a Russian state-linked media organization.

From the Steppes of Donbas to the Deserts of Syria — transnational dimensions of Russian military and influence activities through drone warfare.

Handbook on the Use of the Amsterdam Matrix (April 2025) — a structured methodology for assessing the trustworthiness of open-source information.

Commonalities Amongst Members of the Russian GRU — patterns and structures within Russian military intelligence networks.

IMPACT IN 2025 — continued

03 Capacity Building & Methodology

- Expanded OSINT training and capacity-building activities for public institutions, law enforcement, and civil society organizations — including the **OSINT FOR JUSTICE** and **AI in OSINT** workshops hosted with the Hague Humanity Hub.
- Continued development of the OFU OSINT Toolkit, providing investigators with OSINT, GEOINT, FININT and verification tools as well as investigative resources.
- Won the "Best OSINTer" award in the 2025 HUR War & Sanctions OSINT Hackathon, organized by the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine (HUR), recognizing the organization's investigative and analytical capabilities in open-source intelligence.
- Published and promoted the Amsterdam Matrix methodology to support structured trustworthiness assessments of online OSINT.
- Maintained and expanded the Project Mariupol Map as a public-facing accountability and documentation platform.
- Further developed internal investigative methodologies and frameworks related to verification, sanctions investigations, and accountability-focused OSINT.

04 Organizational Development

- Diversified organizational income through professional training services, reducing reliance on grant funding.
- Expanded partnerships with accountability bodies, civil society organizations, and research institutions.
- Continued the professionalization of internal processes, investigative standards, and project management.

05 Community & Outreach

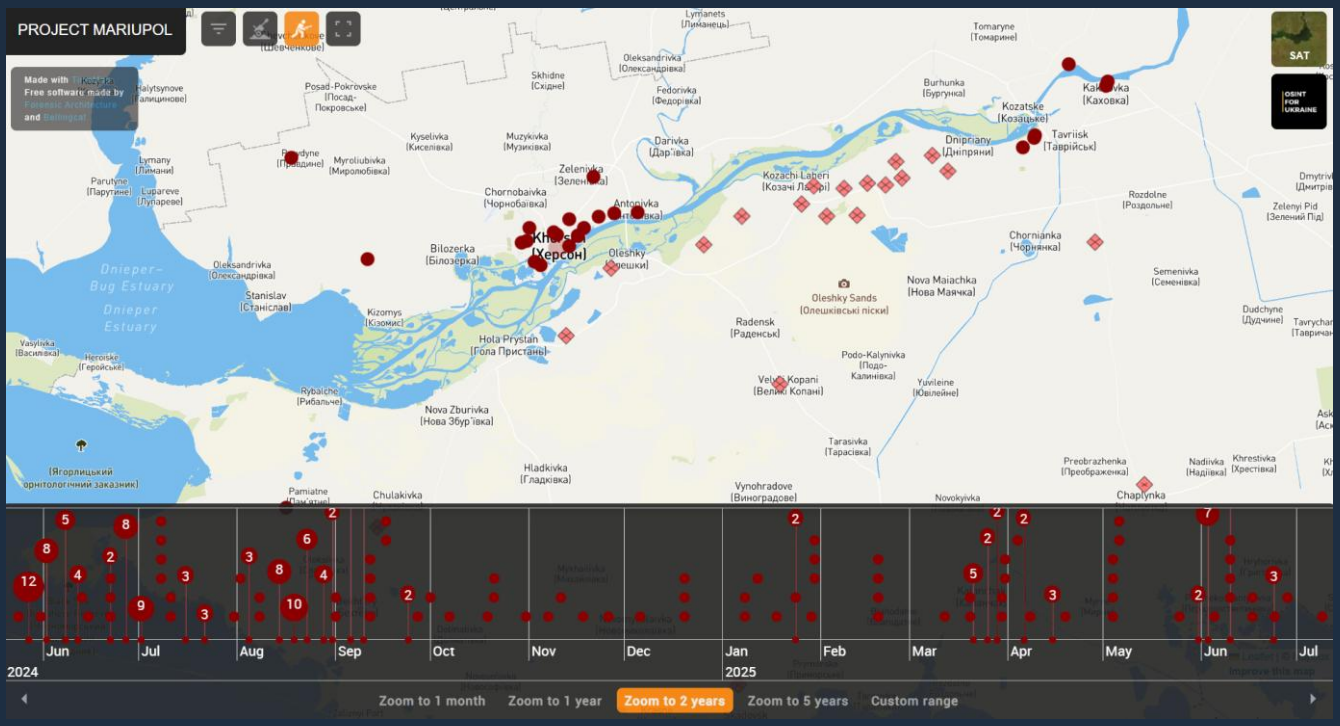
- Further developed the OFU Open Network as a platform for knowledge sharing, training, and collaboration.
- Organized and participated in workshops, lectures, and public events — including the UK OSINT Community's War, AI & Dirty Money event, where the Project Mariupol team presented OFU's ongoing war crimes investigations.
- Continued strengthening an international network of investigators, researchers, legal experts and technologists.

A LOOK INTO OUR FLAGSHIP PROJECT

PROJECT MARIUPOL

Project Mariupol continued to serve as the backbone of our documentation efforts. The interactive map, now publicly accessible, visualizes more than 2,600 verified data points on alleged war crimes committed by Russian forces in Ukraine. Throughout 2025, the R&D team maintained and improved the platform, ensuring data integrity and accessibility for researchers, journalists, and legal professionals.

THE PROJECT MARIUPOL INTERACTIVE MAP — LIVE AND PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE



The integrated artillery ranging tool, introduced in 2024, continued to enable users to triangulate the potential origin points of missile and artillery strikes in relation to documented incidents. In 2025 we assigned a dedicated co-ordination team and a technical lead to ensure proper maintenance of the platform as well as to work on improving unit tracking capabilities.

FUNDING

€14,926
total income 2025 — a 24% increase over 2024

€13,829
generated from training services — a new revenue stream

€554
total result, added to the continuity reserve

€617
continuity reserve as of 31 December 2025

The year 2025 marked a significant shift in OSINT For Ukraine's funding model. While the foundation received no grant income in 2025, it successfully generated €13,829 from training services — a new revenue stream that did not exist in 2024. Board members continued to contribute personally, providing €860 in direct funding. Additionally, the foundation received €237 in external donations.

Total income for 2025 was €14,926, representing a 24% increase over 2024 (€12,056). This growth, combined with disciplined cost management, resulted in a positive operating result of €544 and a total result of €554 after financial income.

OSINT For Ukraine continues to pursue ANBI-status (Dutch Public Benefit Organization) and maintains its commitment that at least 90% of expenditure relates to the realization of organizational goals. Board members do not receive remuneration for their board duties.

In-kind donations continued from Zuidbroek Notarissen (pro-bono legal assistance), as well as several OSINT/tech providers, whose services continue to support the foundation's activities. The fair value of these services cannot be accurately determined and is therefore not included in the financial statements.

The surplus of €554 was added to the continuity reserve, bringing it to €617 as of 31 December 2025.

GOVERNANCE

Stichting OSINT for Ukraine is governed by a Board ("Raad van Bestuur") that works closely with the Executive Committee to oversee operations and ensure transparency. All board members are committed to upholding the values and mission of the organization. None receives compensation for their board duties.

In 2025 the Board consisted of the following individuals:

- **Deniz Dirisu**, as Chairman
- **Emma Urbanová**, as General Secretary (until July 2025)
- **Margot van Heesbeen**, as General Secretary (as of November 2025)
- **Alexander Rietveldt**, as Treasurer
- **Vasile Popa**, as Chief Technical Officer
- **Christian Mamo**
- **Natalia Jasztal**

The Board is supervised by the Supervisory Board ("Raad van Toezicht"), which oversees crucial decision-making and provides guidance. In 2025 the Supervisory Board consisted of:

- **Guillen Sepulveda Torres**, as Chairman
- **Sergui Tocarciuc**
- **Sabrina Rewald**

THE FUTURE

As OSINT For Ukraine enters its third year as a foundation, the organization does so in an increasingly challenging environment for civil society, accountability initiatives, and international development organizations. The experiences of 2025 demonstrated both the resilience of OFU's volunteer-driven model and the limitations of relying on limited resources in an increasingly demanding operational landscape.

In response, the organization's priorities moving forward are focused not on rapid expansion, but on sustainability, specialization, and long-term continuity. During 2026, OSINT For Ukraine aims to further professionalize itself as a network of specialists and experts, concentrate resources on projects with the greatest impact, and maintain a smaller but more sustainable and specialized network of active contributors.

Key priorities include strengthening institutional partnerships with accountability bodies and justice organizations, continuing high-impact investigations across ICIG's taskforces, expanding specialized training and consultancy activities and further developing technical projects such as Project Mariupol. CIDER will continue to expand its research into Russian influence operations and disinformation networks.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Stichting OSINT For Ukraine · Financial Year: 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025

Balance Sheet

(amounts in euros)

Assets	31-12-2025	31-12-2024	Notes
Intangible Fixed Assets	170	218	[1]
Trade Debtors	–	3.570	
Prepayments	–	188	
Other Receivables	24	2	
Cash	1.748	874	[2]
Total Assets	**1.943**	**4.850**	

Liabilities	31-12-2025	31-12-2024	Notes
Reserves & Funds			
Continuity Reserve	616	63	[3]
Other Payables	1.300	4.300	[4]
VAT Payable	27	399	
Creditors	–	88	
Total Liabilities	**1.943**	**4.850**	

Profit & Loss Account

(amounts in euros)

	Actual 2025	Actual 2024	Notes
Income			
Income from grants	–	10.400	
Income from trainings	13.829	–	
Income from donations	237	–	
Income from board members	860	1.656	
Total Income	**14.926**	**12.056**	
Expenditure			
Research & Investigation	13.419	11.447	[5]
Cost of fundraising	164	9	[5]
Cost of Accounting & Admin	799	537	[5]
Total Expenditure	**14.382**	**11.994**	
Operating Result	**544**	**62**	
Financial Income & expenses	10	1	
Total Result	**554**	**63**	

Appropriation of result: Addition to Continuity Reserve — **554** (2025) · 63 (2024)

Accounting Principles

The annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and Guideline 650 for Fundraising Organizations. These are in line with international standards and generally accepted guidelines.

Intangible Fixed Assets

Valued at historical cost minus depreciation based on the estimated lifespan.

Debtors

Valued at nominal value minus a provision for possibly uncollectable amounts, calculated by using the static method.

Cash & Cash Equivalents

Valued at nominal value and at full disposal of OSINT For Ukraine. The amount fully consists of the balance on the BUNQ bank account.

Reserves

The Board has agreed to allocate the result to the continuity reserve in order to ensure the continuity of the organization. The Board can decide to allocate to a specific purpose, in which case the amount is added to an earmarked reserve.

Liabilities

Current liabilities are recognized at fair value. Usually this equals the nominal value.

Grant Income

Recognized based on the direct and indirect spending relating to a specific project within the guidelines of the grant.

Income from Individuals

Accounted for in the period of receipt.

Expenses

Costs attributable to the period they relate to. Depreciation is classified as an administrative expense.

Donations in-Kind

We are thankful to all in-kind donations, including various OSINT/tech platform providers such as Microsoft Azure, which provided access to their services within the context of our activities. The fair value of these services cannot be accurately determined; as such it is not included in the financial statement.

Notes to the Accounts

(amounts in euros)

[1] Intangible Fixed Assets

Position as of 01-01-2025	
Cumulative purchase price	238
Cumulative depreciation	20
Book value	218
Mutations 2025	
Investments	–
Depreciation	48
Position as of 31-12-2025	
Cumulative purchase price	238
Cumulative depreciation	68
Book value	**170**

Website: lifetime 5 years, depreciation 20%.

[2] Cash & Cash Equivalents

BUNQ (NL02BUNQ2121567054)	1.748
Total	**1.748**

[3] Reserves & Funds

Continuity Reserve 01-01-2025	63
Addition to continuity reserve	554
Balance 31-12-2025	**617**

[4] Other Payables

Payables to Staff	1.300
Balance 31-12-2025	**1.300**

Amount relates to the remuneration of volunteer efforts.

[5] Expenditure

- Expenditure was higher than the projected amount.
- Development of in-house OSINT tools turned out more expensive than anticipated.
- Less funds were spent on marketing than anticipated due to departure of the volunteer(s) in charge of marketing.
- Administrative expenses were higher than anticipated due to the inherent costs of registering the organization.