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# editorial - Is there zoï<sup>1</sup> at the time of the virus?

“Connectivity today looks to be a liability”, say experts in international politics discussing the future of the Belt and Road.<sup>2</sup> Meanwhile the predatory virus may be burying for years not only the dream of a futuristic green investment belt linking Asia and Europe, but the stability and progress of the modern civilisation altogether as we know it. Future is uncertain. Yet for Zoï, which has “network” in its name, connectivity is bread and butter, a key tool and life’s meaning itself. Without being able to connect people to people, countries to countries, environmental problems to effective solutions, our life would become meaningless, and Zoï itself would become worthless.

This is something we certainly do not want and can not allow to happen. And the last year also saw adolescent Europe raising up to the climate challenge. We have seen sweeping success of green politics throughout the continent, including in Switzerland where Greens scored the highest in years. The European Green Deal<sup>3</sup> emerged out of 2019 elections to the European Parliament, full of sunshine and fresh air for renewed Europe and its neighbours. Will we let the pandemic and its gloomy shadow of an economic depression threaten all of this?

Looking back at 2019 as the second warmest year and part of the warmest decade on record, WMO warns us that breaking new temperature records in the next few years is just a matter of time.<sup>4</sup> But disrupting connectivity, the virus also disrupted traffic and industrial production, and – unexpectedly and for the first time in recent history – China and many other countries

have seen clear skies. Horrible and lethal as it is, the global epidemics thus also showed that pollution is not an inevitable part of human life. We are confident that the civilisation will prevail, connectivity will be restored and strengthened, and Zoï will go on helping make the Earth greener and bluer.

Inshallah,<sup>5</sup> as our colleagues in Afghanistan and other places like to caution.

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<sup>1</sup> Life, from Greek ζωή

<sup>2</sup> How Will COVID-19 Impact China’s Belt & Road Initiative? The China Africa Project podcast, 10 March 2020.

<sup>3</sup> Communication on The European Green Deal, 11 December 2019.

<sup>4</sup> WMO Statement on the State of the Global Climate in 2019.

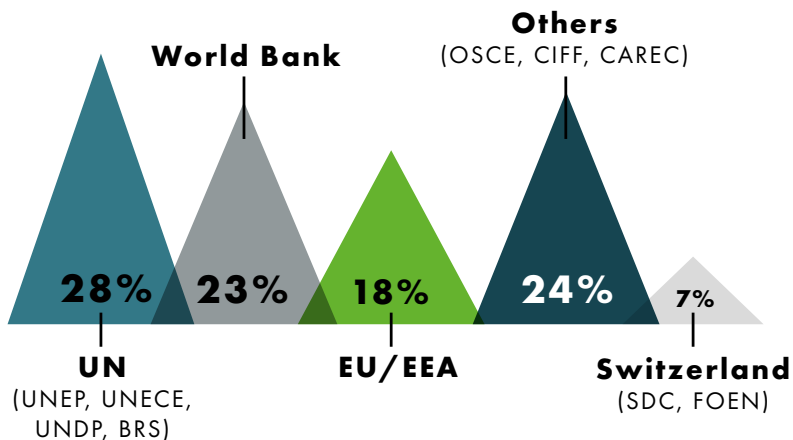
<sup>5</sup> If Allah wills it, from Arabic **إن شاء الله**



# financial statement

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
operating revenues	1'097'966	1'441'364	1'392'613	1'405'190	1'564'016
project work in progress	-88'239	7'208	162'165	82'752	-121'518
<b>operating expenses</b>					
project expenses	460'998	642'670	459'123	564'764	773'927
personnel costs	611'309	678'205	656'537	631'166	728'848
other operating expenses	113'897	113'281	114'788	126'508	182'759

## Funding sources 2019



**Total 2019**  
1 564 016 CHF

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions due to project-related air travel in 2019



**35 tonnes  
of CO<sub>2</sub>**

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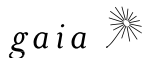
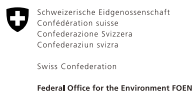
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Several years ago Zoï gave birth to a non-profit association with a similar name created in Brussels, Belgium. Zoï EU shares the same values and purpose as its mother organisation, and strives to bring our expertise to partners within the vast economic space of the European Union. Zoï EU has already supported the consortium of the *EU Water Initiative Plus* project, thus helping EU's Eastern neighbours efficiently manage their waters through better monitoring, planning and policies. The association will continue looking for opportunities to provide EU clients with innovative analysis, capacity building, creative communication – and not least access to our vast geographical network.





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