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Editorial

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In Zoi's livelong career in communication design in a UN environment we have encountered many clients, colleagues and friends suffering from what can be called 'empty space phobia', not permitting any blank space anywhere. As if the medium – also electronic – was something highly precious, ignoring that the audience's need to relax may be invaluable, too.

Today's state of the world actually leaves us speechless; one way to express this is through this blank page. Being Zoï, we nevertheless remain optimistic. Produced 110 beautiful reports, scrolls, infographics, movies

Entirely project funded: Zoï revenue is generated through about 40 projects

Zoï flight emissions 25.7 tonnes of CO₂

As per Zoï's environmental policy, an offset contribution was made via was made via

Financial statement

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
total revenues	1 593 078	1 487 340	1 629 962	1783785	1757 841
project work in progress	11 928	16 205	5 258	30 894	-4863
operating expenses project expenses	683 860	596 447	702 269	744 416	726 226
personnel costs other expenses	760 156 137 134	748 599 126 089	822 926 99 509	873 407 135 068	908 082 118 670

Funding sources



Collaborated with **74 partner** organizations

→ For the complete list of partners, please refer to the full version online.

From glaciers to construction sites, through heritage conservation and climate action, Zoi's 2024 journey reflects the diversity of our team's talents — six people, six passions, all driving change.

At Zoï, we believe in putting people at the heart of every solution.



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Glaciers: The Visible Face of Climate Change

Not long after the disappearance of glaciers became a well-known symbol of climate change, the world is now facing the likelihood that the opportunity to preserve them may have already passed. The melting ice threatens water security, increases natural hazards, contributes to sea level rise, and disrupts ecosystems and livelihoods that depend on mountain resources. With greater adaptation – both at altitude and downstream – urgently needed, my colleagues from Adaptation at Altitude and I continue our work to advance science-policy dialogue that support these efforts.



Start a conversation with someone about what they know about the cryosphere and why it matters to the world.

Johanna Zwahlen Senior project management and analysis



Zoï Maps

When I was a young adult studying geography, maps became something of an obsession that turned into my professional calling as someone who uses maps to communicate information about the state of the environment. This year, Zoï decided to acknowledge the contributions of our map maker, Matthias Beilstein, by featuring his work to tell the complicated story of climate change, water and energy in the Middle East in five maps. Thanks to the so-called flatbook technique, nothing of the maps is lost in the fold.



Draw a map of your way from home to work, or school or your favourite place. Can you include not only facts but also feelings and impressions you experience along the way?

Return to the Caucasus

A new project on forest restoration and climate change in Armenia – FORACCA – will support the climate-smart management of Armenian forests in an effort to protect livelihoods and biodiversity. The Zoï team will bring climate data, scenarios and other useful knowledge to practitioners and communities. As a member of the team, I look forward to my return to the Caucasus after a four-year absence.





Can you find the Caucasus on the map? What is the difference in altitude between its lowest and highest points — and where are these points?



Viktor Novikov Senior project development and management Central Asia

Supporting Conservation in Central Asia

The conservation community comprises organizations of every type – civil society organizations; government departments and ministries; academies of science and university groups; foundations and the private sector. My role entails bringing together diverse groups to collaborate on finding or promoting solutions to the many problems – large and small – confronting the conservation of our natural heritage.



Join Zoi's efforts, and spread a word, a map about conservation. Or how about measuring your own footprint? **Carolyne Daniel** Print and digital design, artistic direction

Towards a sustainable future of fashion and construction

In 2024, one of my projects called for me to design a report that examines the relationship between the fashion industry and land degradation, and another had me designing an exhibition that explored the potential of LC3 cement – a low-carbon alternative to conventional cement. The fashion and construction industries create huge environmental impacts worldwide, and each has a role to play in the transition toward a more sustainable and responsible future. These projects combined my interests in design and the environment, and both made a Zoï kind of contribution to our understanding of environmental connections.



In fashion – Buy less, choose better, wear longer. Go for eco-certified labels. In construction – Choose eco-friendly housing.

Waste and Chemicals in Palestine

The management of waste and chemicals is a challenge in many countries – not least in Palestine – where transboundary waste moves without the government's consent. Despite existing barriers and the challenges of war, the Palestinian team was steadfast in their commitment to finalize their project. The lesson I learned in resilience was a bonus and a gift.

Alex Mackey

Project management, analysis and communication





Ask your friends or colleagues if they ever observed or experienced a time when perseverance and cooperation overcame barriers.

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