

# Annual Report Stichting Avante Educação Brasil 2025



## Board Report

Stichting Avante Educação Brasil aims to support educational projects in Brazil. In 2025, the foundation received donations that were fully designated for specific projects.

The funds received are classified as earmarked funds (third-party funds) and are used exclusively for the agreed project purposes in Brazil.

In 2025, disbursements were made to projects in line with the foundation's objectives. The board ensured careful and responsible use of the funds.

Support for educational and social projects in Brazil is carried out through the following programs:

- Associação Ecolibrium (educational center for permaculture, food forests, and bioconstruction)
- Mais Caminhos
- Support for Davi and his family

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## Board and Governance

The board of the foundation consists of:

- Jan Bijen – Chairman
- Jascha Lewkowitz – Secretary and Treasurer
- Maarten Vonhögen – Secretary

Board members serve on a voluntary basis and receive no compensation.

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## Overview of Activities

See Appendix 1

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## Annual Accounts 2025

### balance sheet

Stichting Avante Educação Brasil						
Balans per 31-12-2025						
Activa			Passiva			
	2025	2024		2025	2024	
- Kas			Eigen vermogen			
- Bank - lopende rekening	€ 655,16	€ 530,24	resultaat boekjaar	€ 884,82		
- Bank - spaarrekening	€ 25.243,77	€ 67.743,70	eigen vermogen 2024	€ 2.351,71	€ 2.351,71	
			totaal eigen vermogen	€ 3.236,53		
			Bestemmingsfondsen/projectgeld en (derden gelden)	€ 22.662,40	€ 65.922,23	
<b>totaal</b>	<b>€ 25.898,46</b>	<b>€ 68.273,94</b>	<b>totaal</b>	<b>€ 25.898,93</b>	<b>€ 68.273,94</b>	
<b>Nog te ontvangen</b>						
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### state of income and expenses

Stichting Avante Educação Brasil	
Staat van baten en Lasten 2025	
	€
<b>Baten</b>	
2% fee voor fondsen voor administratie <sup>1</sup>	1555,49
rente	454,6
Donaties Davi <sup>2</sup> Geoormerkt	1620,43
Donaties Mais Caminhos <sup>3</sup> geoormerkt	17.812,20
Donaties Ecolibrium <sup>4</sup> geoormerkt	56786,44
<b>totaal</b>	<b>78229,16</b>
<b>Lasten</b>	
Bankkosten	471,84
Lidmaatschap / abonnementen	653,9
verplichtingen Davi (derde gelden) niet uitbetaald	1620,43
verplichtingen Mais Caminhos (derde gelden) uitbetaald	14.413,76
verplichtingen Mais Caminhos (derde gelden) nog te betalen	3.398,44
verplichtingen Ecolinbrium (derde gelden) uitbetaald	51624,09
verplichtingen Ecolinbrium (derde gelden) nog te betalen	5161,88
<b>totaal</b>	<b>77344,34</b>
<b>Resultaat</b>	<b>884,82</b>

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## Notes to the Statement of Income and Expenses

The foundation charges a 2% fee on all received donations to cover operational costs, including bank charges and membership fees.

- Donations for Davi: see activity report
- Donations for the Mais Caminhos project: see activity report
- Donations for the Ecolibrium project: see activity report

For the Ecolibrium project, Stichting Avante Educação Brasil works with Wilde Ganzen as a counterpart partner. This means that donor funds for Ecolibrium are generally transferred to Wilde Ganzen, which then subsidizes the construction of the educational centre of Associação Ecolibrium.



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## Appendix 1 – Activity Overview 2025

### From Vision to Reality in Brazil

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#### 1. Introduction

In 2025, Stichting Avante Educação Brasil, in close cooperation with its Brazilian partner organization Associação Ecolibrium, took an important step towards establishing an educational center. Ecolibrium focuses on practical education in regenerative gardening and agriculture in the Nova Friburgo region, Brazil.

While 2024 focused on the start of construction of the Ecolibrium center, 2025 marks the transition to its first actual use. The combination of education, ecological restoration, and social development is increasingly coming together in practice.

Ecolibrium builds on the long-standing experience of Eco Caminhos and responds to the growing demand for practical education in permaculture, agroforestry, and natural building.

In addition to Ecolibrium, the Mais Caminhos program, focused on youth in Rio de Janeiro, remains one of the key priorities.

The foundation also continues to support Davi and his family.

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## **2. Projects and Results**

### **2.1 Ecolibrium Space – From Construction to Use**

The construction of the 1,200 m<sup>2</sup> multifunctional Ecolibrium center reached an important milestone in 2025. The first phase was largely completed, and the building was used for the first time by volunteers, students, and international groups.

Key achievements in 2025:

- Completion of the green roof
- Installation of water and storage systems
- Completion of the first bedrooms
- Advanced progress on kitchen and sanitary facilities
- First operational activities in the center

The Ecolibrium Space is developing into a central learning and meeting place where education, accommodation, and practical experience come together.

Preparations for phase 2 have also started, including large-scale earthworks reused for infrastructure such as ponds, a sports field, and parking. A retaining wall was constructed, and technical preparations for expansion were made.

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### **2.2 The Construction Site as a Learning Environment**

As in 2024, the construction site was actively used as an educational environment.

Volunteers, students, and local youth learned about natural building techniques, collaboration, and sustainable use of materials. The site functions as a living classroom where theory and practice come together.

Children and young people also participated in educational activities focused on agroforestry, nature experience, and practical workshops.

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### **2.3 Agroforestry and Regenerative Agriculture**

In cooperation with Eco Caminhos, further progress was made in developing agroforestry systems with coffee production as an economic driver.

Key developments:

- First harvest of organic coffee

- Confirmation of economic viability
- Focus on soil restoration, biodiversity, and sustainable production

This approach forms a strong foundation for scaling regenerative agriculture in the region.

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## **2.4 International Collaboration and Education**

In 2025, the international education network expanded further.

Collaborations with universities from the Netherlands, Belgium, the UK, and the United States resulted in:

- Approximately 45 international students hosted
  - Further development of Study Abroad programs
  - Integration of academic education with practical experience
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## **2.5 Mais Caminhos – Impact in the City**

The Mais Caminhos program for youth in Rio de Janeiro showed clear growth:

- 45% increase in number of students compared to 2024
- 84% graduation rate
- 84% retention rate
- Expansion to five English levels

The program supports youth in personal development, education access, and preparation for the job market.

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## **2.6 From Vision to a Clear Approach**

In 2025, the “Theory of Change” was further developed as a strategic framework within Associação Ecolibrium.

Core outcomes:

- Practical skills and knowledge
- Application of regenerative systems
- Improved income opportunities

- Stronger, resilient communities
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## 2.7 Strengthening Organization and Governance

Key steps in professionalizing Associação Ecolibrium:

- Election of a new board
  - Updated statutes aligned with activities
  - Expansion with an advisory board
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## 3. Outlook for 2026

Focus areas:

- Continued construction (phase 2) and fundraising for phase 3
- Expansion of educational programs and local school partnerships
- Development of teaching methodology
- Start of coffee processing activities
- Further professionalization

There is an intention to appoint Jasper Kok as secretary.

Efforts will also focus on obtaining state and federal recognition, including OSCIP status.

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## 4. Acknowledgements


We thank all donors, volunteers, and partners for their support and trust in 2025.


Together we continue building a sustainable and just world. 🌱🌍

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