

European Service Learning Days

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YOUR "FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT"
WORLD BOARD TEAM

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WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE SHOP

“Our seventh tradition:

Direct contributions rather than fundraising”

Principles and practice.

Our 7th Tradition:
“direct contributions rather than fundraising”

How fundraising evolved?

In looking at this topic, it is helpful to understand how fundraising started in our fellowship.

Our 7th Tradition:
“The generation of funds (fundraising) and the 7th Tradition”

- ♦ Many early groups held a variety of activities such as dinners, picnics, and other social events to promote recovery, unity, and a sense of belonging.
- ♦ These activities were not specifically intended to raise funds.
- ♦ a number of them turned out to be financially successful, allowing the host group to purchase additional literature or other supplies for their meetings.

World services bulletin # 21 revised: “The generation of funds (fundraising) and the 7th Tradition”

Our 7th Tradition:
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- ♦ As the fellowship grew and the need or want for additional services became greater, the purpose of some of these activities changed;
- ♦ Instead of celebrating recovery, they were designed to raise funds.
- ♦ Some service committees began relying on this form of funding,
- ♦ The success or failure of an event such as a convention determined the area or region's ability to provide services and participate in the fund flow.

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- ♦ they began to put an extraordinary amount of time and effort into these activities, becoming invested in having a “successful” convention, dance, or campout.
- ♦ When fundraising starts to seem like the most important thing we’re doing, our priorities are out of proportion.
- ♦ It can be very easy for a service body that is funding itself or that is financially dependent on events and conventions, to loose touch with its accountability to the groups.”

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If our events begin to take on a greater sense of importance than supporting our groups or reaching addicts in our community, we might want to look at our priorities. We want to ask ourselves whether money is diverting us, whether it is contributing to our unity or our division, and whether we are losing our sense of purpose.

Goodwill and enthusiasm are attractive, and when we can see our contributions in action,, we want to give.”

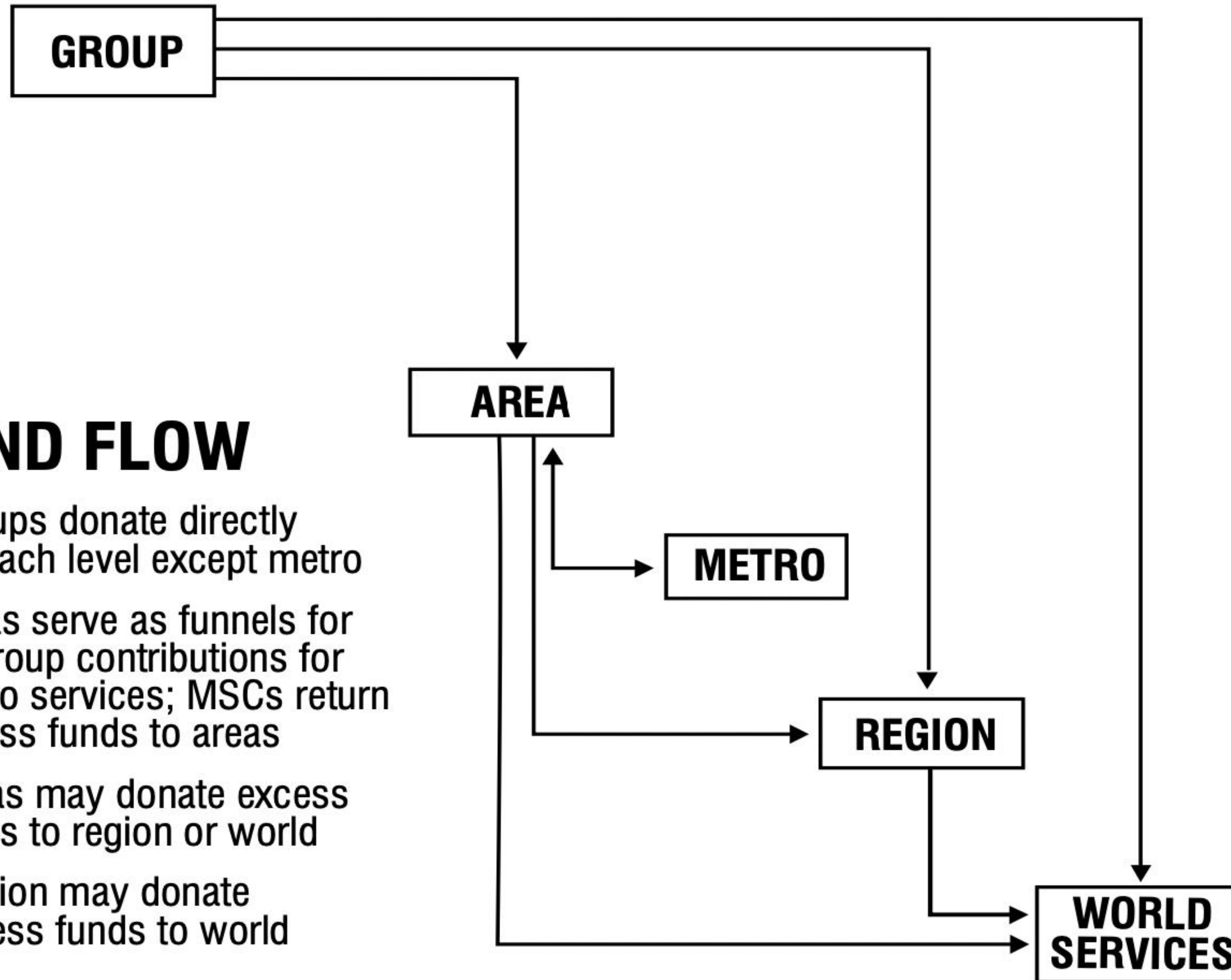
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In your area or region, did it ever happen that the success of an event was proportional to the profit or gains that it has generated?

How could this impact on our services? On the unity of NA?

FUND FLOW

- 1) Groups donate directly to each level except metro
- 2) Areas serve as funnels for all group contributions for metro services; MSCs return excess funds to areas
- 3) Areas may donate excess funds to region or world
- 4) Region may donate excess funds to world



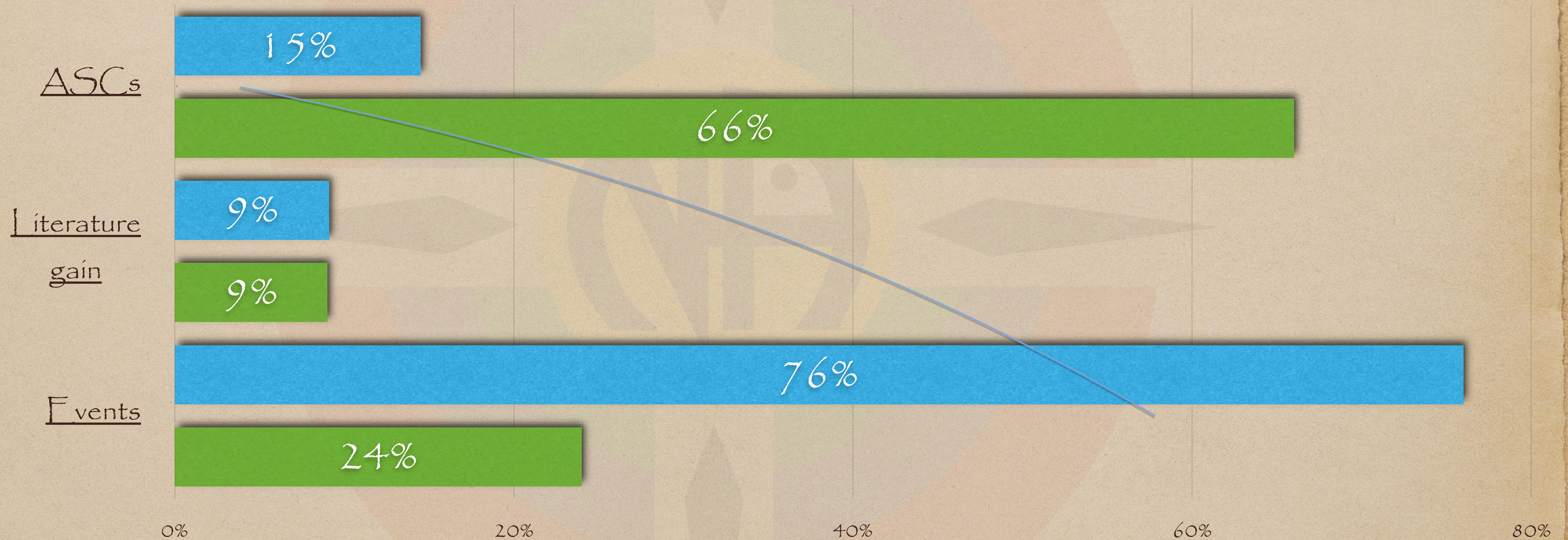
Some statistics from around the EDM zone
SPAIN 2019

Positive balance (2019 160,47 K and 2020 50.8 K)

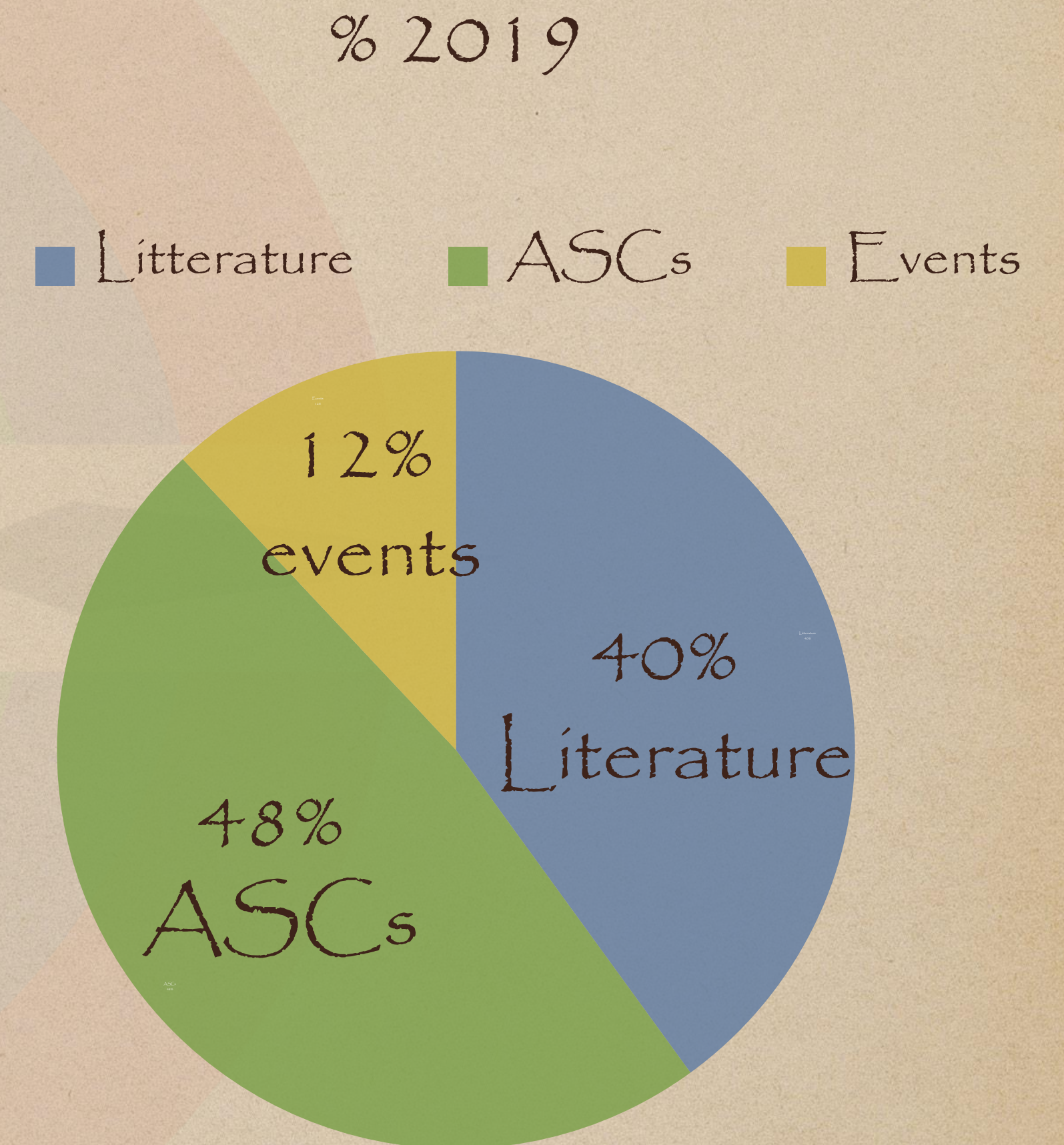
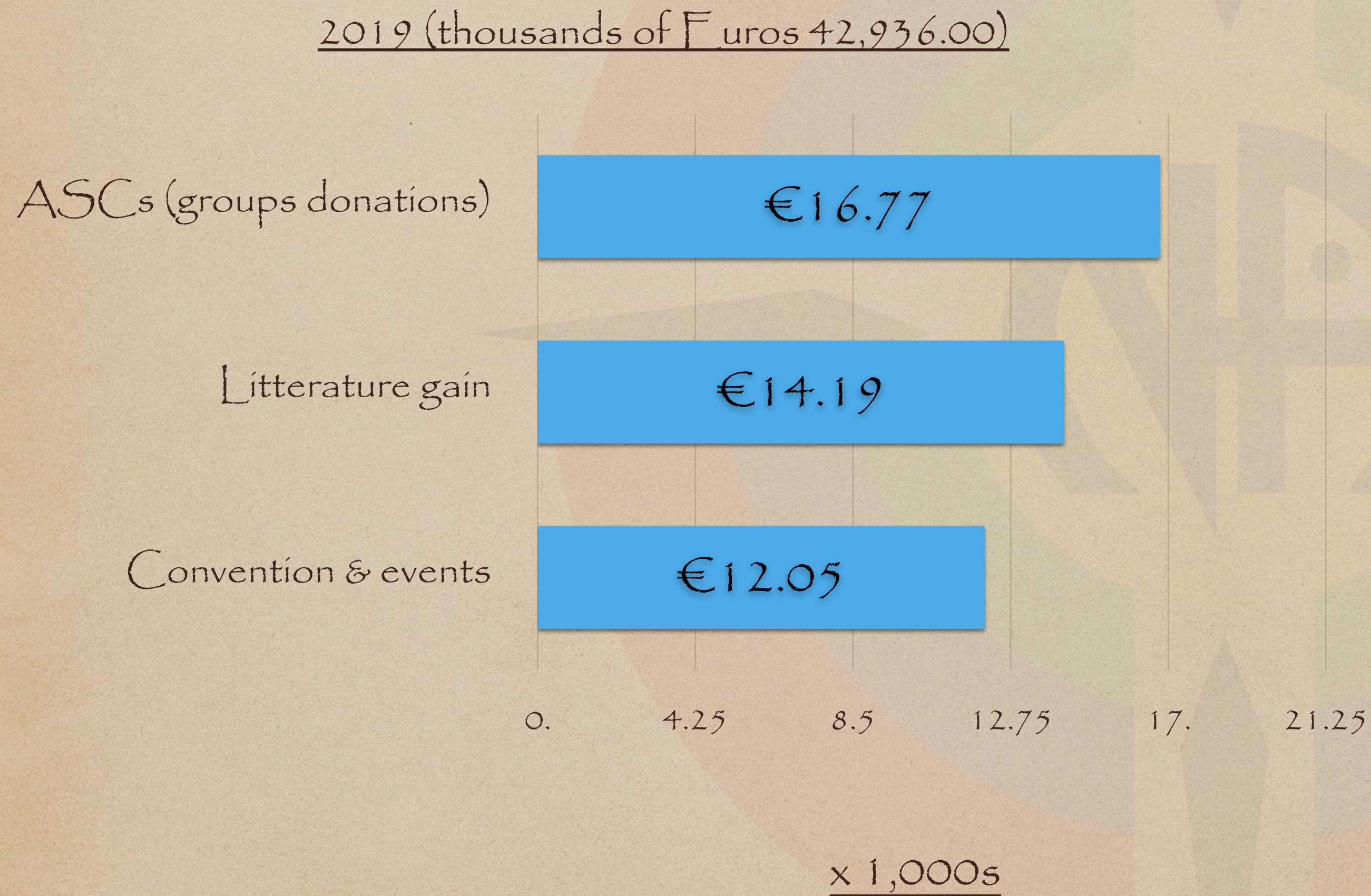
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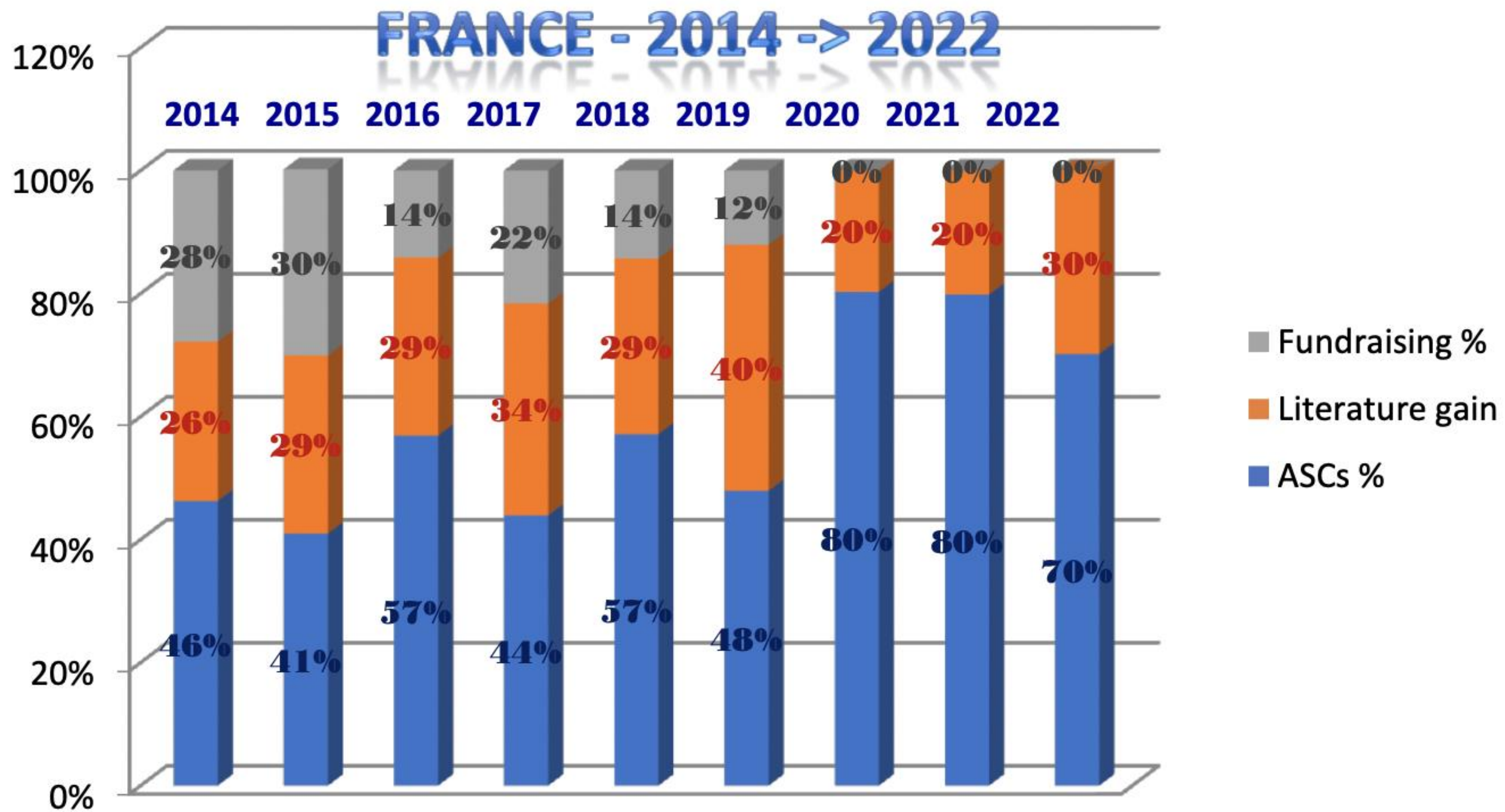
— Log. (2019)



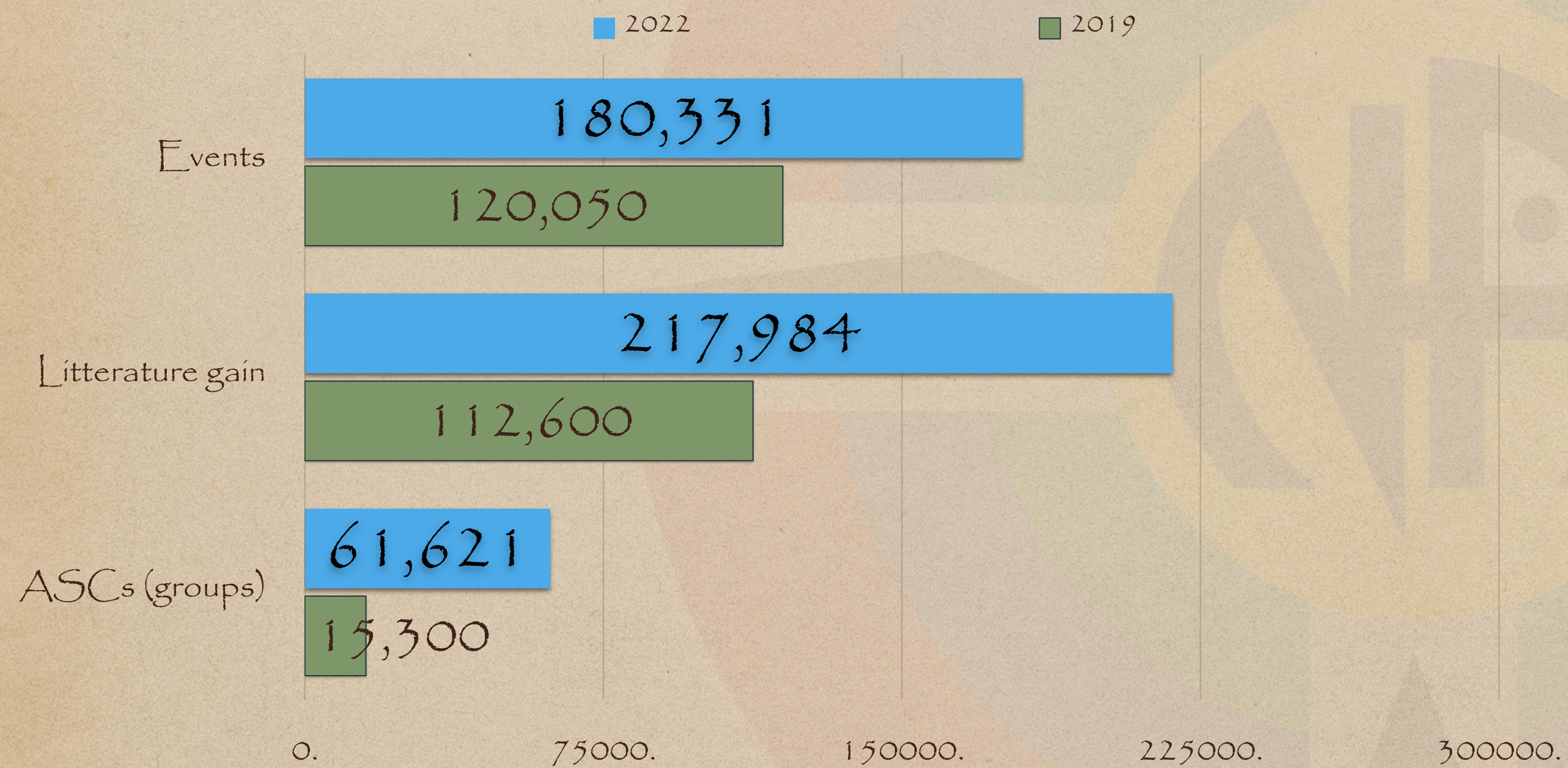
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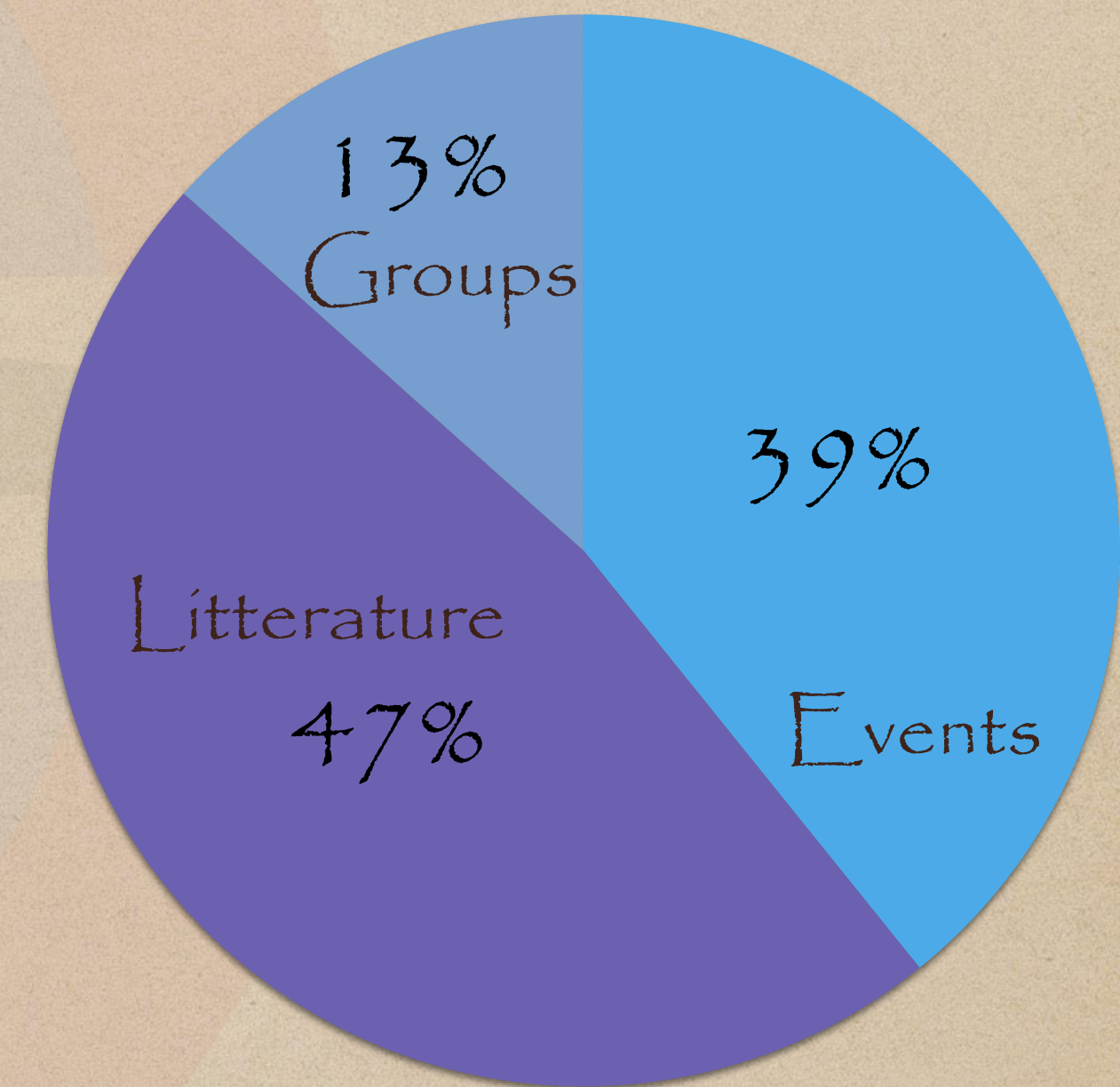
ANNEE	ASCs %	Literature gain	Fundraising %	ACSs	Literature gain	Total Fundraising	Events	Merch.	Convention	TOTAL
2014	46%	26%	28%	19 112 €	10 700 €	11 500 €	4 000,00 €	1 700,00 €	5 800 €	41 312 €
2015	41%	29%	30%	20 958 €	14 800 €	15 480 €	2 500,00 €		12 980 €	51 138 €
2016	57%	29%	14%	27 000 €	13 735 €	6 716 €	1 000,00 €		5 716 €	47 451 €
2017	44%	34%	22%	19 113 €	15 000 €	9 400 €			9 400 €	43 513 €
2018	57%	29%	14%	26 793 €	13 400 €	6 700 €	1 700,00 €		5 000 €	46 893 €
2019	48%	40%	12%	19 886 €	16 600 €	5 000 €	4 000,00 €		1 000 €	41 486 €
2020	80%	20%	0%	33 342 €	8 200 €	0 €				41 542 €
2021	80%	20%	0%	39 534 €	10 000 €	0 €				49 534 €
2022	70%	30%	0%	28 238 €	12 000 €	0 €				40 238 €



Some statistics from around the EDM zone Egypt 2022

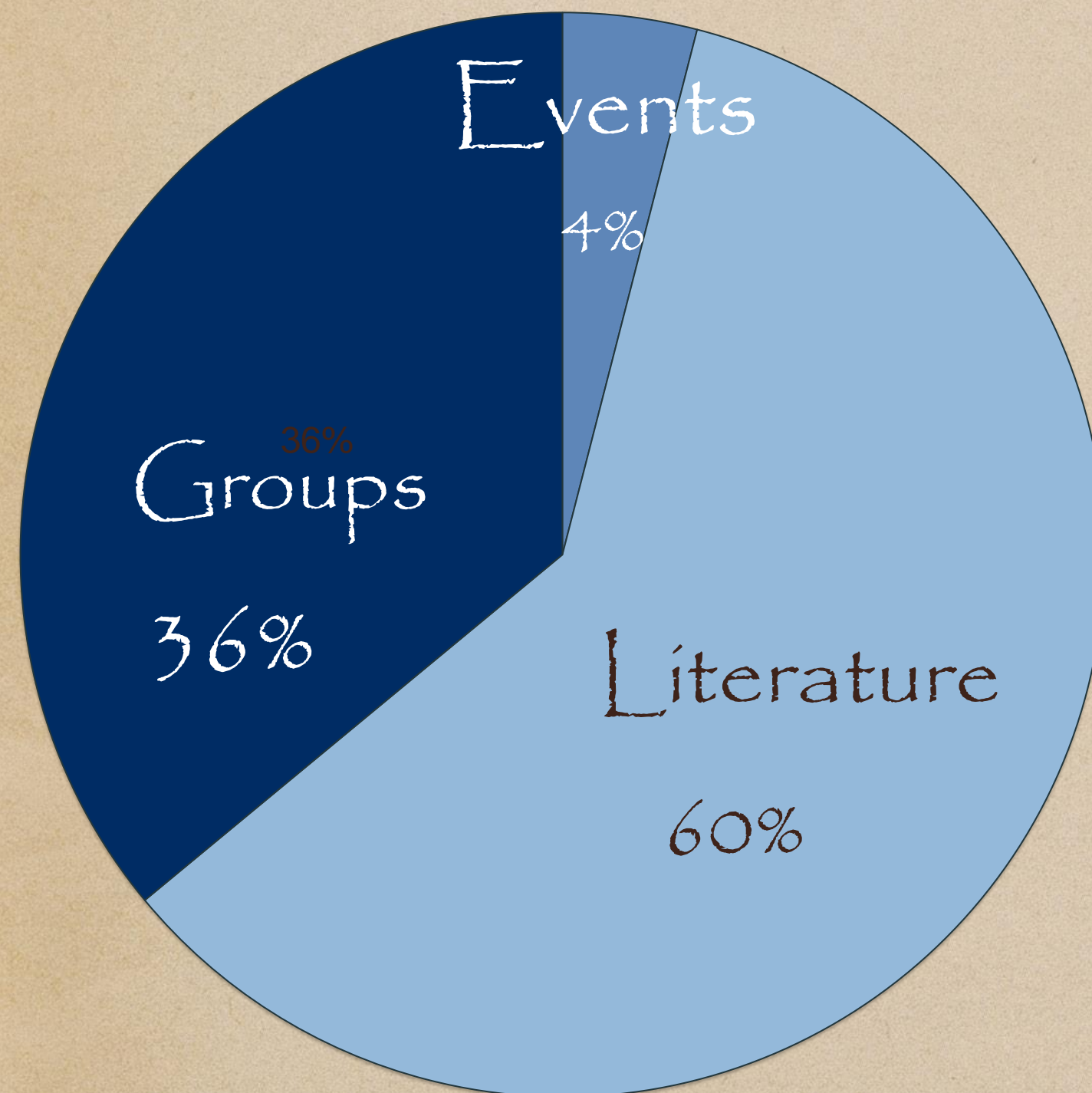


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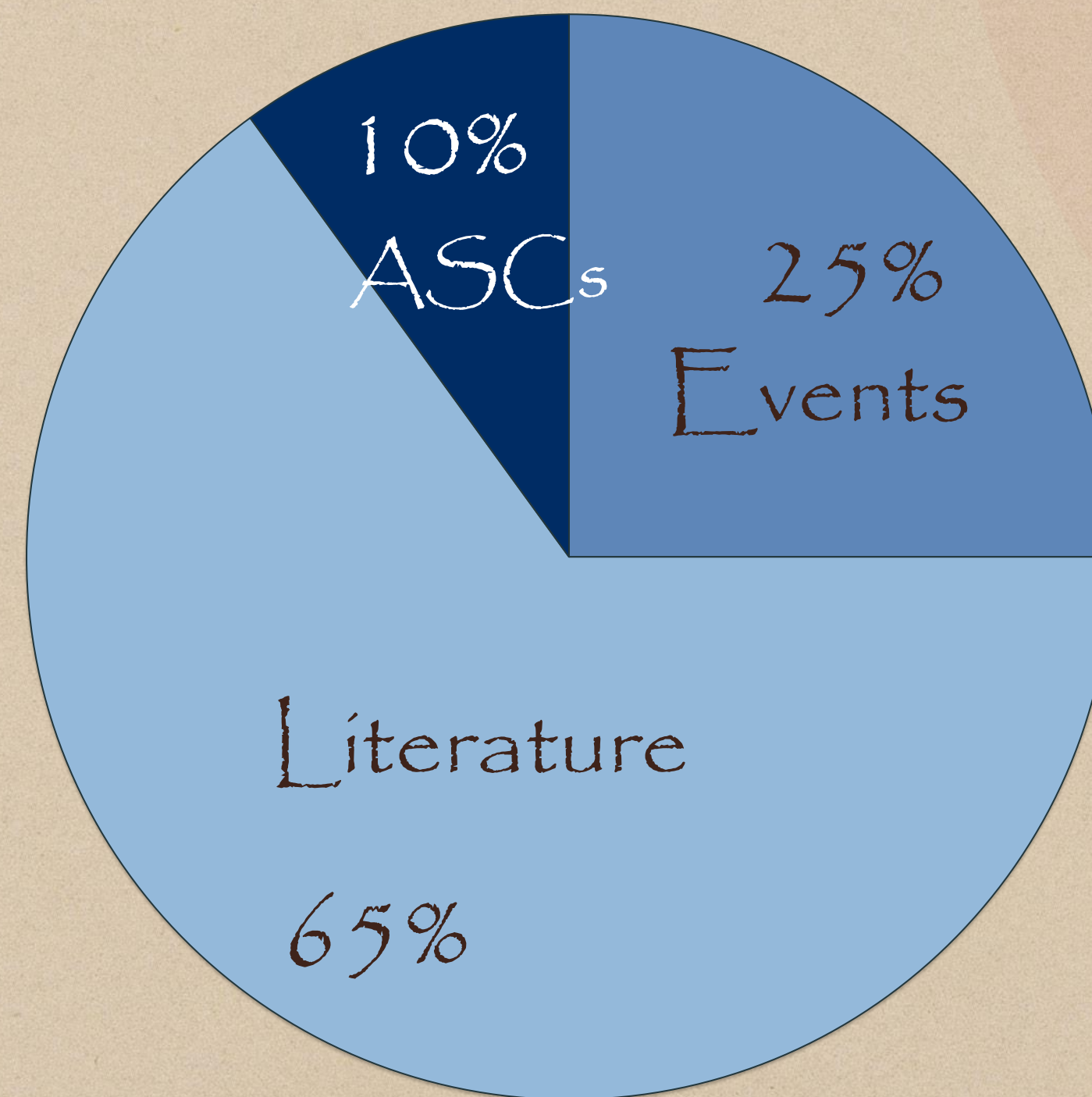


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Poland 2020-2022

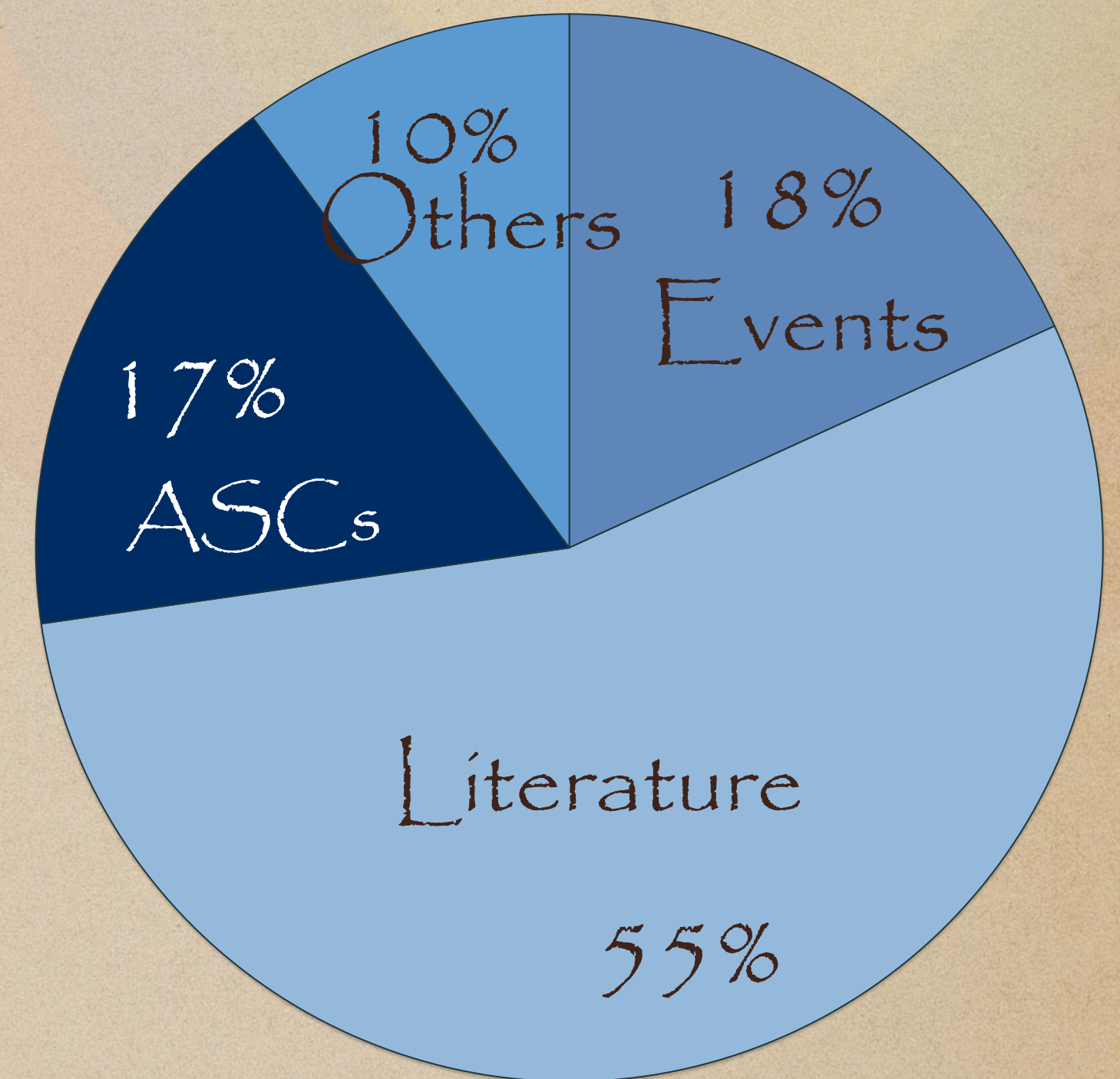
Year 2020



Year 2021



Year 2021



“Self support” and the member

Being self-supporting is an important part of our new way of life. For the individual, this is usually quite a change.... We, who were unable to function as human beings, now find that anything is possible of us. Dreams that we gave up long ago can now become realities. Addicts as a group have been a burden to society. In NA, our groups not only stand on their own, but demand the right to do so.

Basic Text: Tradition Seven

"Self support"

"When a member places a donation into the basket at a meeting, he or she is breathing life into that group and the NA service structure. That same individual contribution also brings life to the principle of self-support".

Self support- principle and practice.

My fair share?

No one can tell us that we contribute too little or that we contribute too much to our fellowship. Our gratitude speaks through our personal contribution. Each of us is invited to find what his fair share is.

Anonymous

Self support in our meetings

“We are called to consider the 7th Tradition at every meeting when the basket is passed. The reminder that we are self supporting is also a commitment to the newcomer. We ensure that NA will remain non-affiliated and that a desire to stop using will always be the only requirement for membership...

We may express that commitment in many ways. Ultimately, it is how our gratitude speaks.”

Self support and step 9

“We can see a clear connection between Step Nine and Tradition Seven when we recognize that being self-supporting is a form of amends to society and to the people who care about us”.

Guiding principles: the spirit of our traditions.
Tradition 7. Page 119.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

QUESTION 1:

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS TO PRACTICE SELF SUPPORT
BESIDES MONEY?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

QUESTION 2:

DO I DO MY PART IN HELPING NA REMAIN SELF
SUPPORTING?

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MY
GRATITUDE AND MY CONTRIBUTIONS?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

QUESTION 3:

HAVE WE EXPERIENCED CHALLENGES
RELATED TO FUNDRAISING?
WHAT POTENTIAL CHALLENGES MIGHT WE
GUARD AGAINST?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

QUESTION 4:

DO OUR COMMITTEES HAVE THE PEOPLE TRAINING,
MONEY OR OTHER SUPPORT THEY NEED TO CARRY
OUT THEIR WORK?

HOW DO WE SUPPORT THOSE WHO SERVE US?

“The full fruit of a labor of love lives in the harvest; and
that always comes in its right season.”

From the preface of the basic text.

WRAP UP:

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support and active participation

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