

**AW AlgorithmWatch gGmbH, Berlin**

financial statement as at 31.12.2024

Berlin, 6<sup>th</sup> of October, 2025

**AW AlgorithmWatch gmbH, Berlin**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31.12.2024**

<b>Assets</b>			<b>Liabilities</b>		
	<b>31.12.2024</b>	<b>31.12.2023</b>		<b>31.12.2024</b>	<b>31.12.2023</b>
	€	€		€	€
<b>A. Fixed Assets</b>			<b>A. Shareholders equity</b>		
Equipment	5.998,00	4.250,00	I. Share capital	25.005,00	25.005,00
Investments	0,00	0,00	II. Retained earnings	613.838,17	273.180,12
	<b>5.998,00</b>	<b>4.250,00</b>	III. Retained Profit	0,00	0,00
<b>B. Current assets</b>				<b>638.843,17</b>	<b>298.185,12</b>
I. Debtors and other assets			<b>B. Special items from grants to finance fixed assets</b>	<b>5.998,00</b>	<b>4.250,00</b>
1. Receivables from grants	47.320,85	53.574,49	<b>C. Special items from donations not yet used</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>41.566,55</b>
- of which with a remaining time of more than 1 year € 0,00 (2020: € 0,00)			<b>D. Provisions</b>		
2. Other assets	13.874,32	14.079,55	Other provisions	<b>43.860,00</b>	<b>29.630,00</b>
- of which with a remaining time of more than 1 year € 7.917,92 (2022: € 7.047,92)			<b>E. Creditors</b>		
	61.195,17	67.654,04	1. Grants not yet expended	737.167,54	986.730,35
II. Cash at bank and in hand	1.443.536,33	1.325.851,78	- of which with a remaining time of less than 1 year € 737.167,54 (2021: € 986.730,35)		
	<b>1.504.731,50</b>	<b>1.393.505,82</b>	2. Trade creditors	51.399,87	22.141,59
<b>C. Prepaid Expenses</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	- of which with a remaining time of less than 1 year € 51.399,87 (2021: € 22.141,59)		
			3. Bank loans and overdraft	1.767,34	1.914,27
			4. Other creditors including taxation and social security	31.693,58	13.337,94
			- of which with a remaining time of less than 1 year € 31.693,58 (2021: € 13.337,94)		
			- of which is taxation € 494,51 (2021: € 1.417,77)		
			- of which is within the framework of social responsibility € 0,00 (2021: € 204,54)		
	<b>1.510.729,50</b>	<b>1.397.755,82</b>		<b>822.028,33</b>	<b>1.024.124,15</b>
				<b>1.510.729,50</b>	<b>1.397.755,82</b>

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**Income statement**  
**01.01. - 31.12.2024**

	01.01. - 31.12.2024	01.01. - 31.12.2023
	€	€
1. Revenues	3.775,00	21.061,74
2. Grants	1.572.832,34	1.757.391,81
3. Donations	323.466,18	0,00
4. Other operating income	154.122,16	26.709,81
	<b>2.054.195,68</b>	<b>1.805.163,36</b>
5. Expenses from benefit commitments to third parties		
a) Forwarding of funds	168.262,96	84.438,46
b) Scholarships	86.419,50	39.600,00
	<b>254.682,46</b>	<b>124.038,46</b>
6. Cost of Materials		
a) Cost of purchased services	110.163,65	96.661,90
7. Staff costs		
a) Wages and salaries	869.418,31	846.951,29
b) Social security, pensions and other benefit costs	177.958,75	175.720,93
	<b>1.047.377,06</b>	<b>1.022.672,22</b>
8. Depreciation written off tangible and intangible fixed assets	5.083,59	9.811,96
9. Other operation charges	314.244,48	308.522,92
10. Interest	18.013,61	0,00
<b>11. Profit</b>	<b>340.658,05</b>	<b>243.455,90</b>

## **Appendix to the 2024 financial year**

### **1. General information**

AW AlgorithmWatch gGmbH, based in Berlin (hereinafter also referred to as AW or the Company), is registered in the commercial register of the Berlin-Charlottenburg Local Court under number HR 186522 B.

The Company's annual financial statements were prepared on the basis of the accounting and valuation methods of the German Commercial Code (HGB) in accordance with § 242 ff. HGB. In addition to these provisions, the provisions of the German Limited Liability Companies Act (GmbH-Gesetz) were observed. The total cost method was chosen for the income statement. The Company is a small corporation within the meaning of § 267 (1) HGB. The size-related simplifications for small corporations were applied.

The income statement is prepared in accordance with Section 275 (2) HGB using the total cost method.

The item "Expenses from benefit commitments to third parties" with the sub-items a) "Fund transfers" and b) "Scholarships" serves in accordance with Section 265 (7) No. 2 HGB for the sake of clarity of presentation.

The annual financial statements were prepared on a going concern basis.

### **2. Accounting and valuation principles**

The following accounting and valuation methods are decisive for the preparation of the annual financial statements:

Intangible fixed assets and property, plant, and equipment are recognized at cost and, to the extent that they are depreciable, reduced by scheduled depreciation. Scheduled depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful life of the assets. Low-value assets with acquisition costs of up to EUR 800.00 are written off in full in the year of acquisition and are immediately shown as disposals in the year of acquisition. The development of fixed assets is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

Receivables and other assets are stated at nominal value and valued taking into account all identifiable risks.

Bank balances are stated at their nominal value.

Investment subsidies granted by the public sector are recognized as "special items for financing fixed assets." The classification scheme of Section 266 (2) HGB has been supplemented accordingly in accordance with Section 265 (4) sentence 2 HGB. The special item is reversed through profit or loss in line with the depreciation of the subsidized assets.

In accordance with IDW RS HFA 21, a special item was created for donations received but not yet used. These donations are donations that have not yet been used in accordance with the articles of association and will only be recognized as income when they are used.

Other provisions are created for all uncertain liabilities and recognized at the amount necessary for fulfillment according to reasonable commercial judgment. All identifiable risks were taken into account.

Liabilities are recognized at their settlement amount.

### **3. Notes to the balance sheet**

Other assets include receivables with remaining terms of more than one year (rental deposits of EUR 8 thousand).

The subscribed capital amounts to EUR 25,005.00 and is fully paid up.

Other provisions (EUR 44 thousand) mainly relate to provisions for vacation pay (EUR 33 thousand) and provisions for audit and closing costs (EUR 7 thousand).

All liabilities are unsecured.

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**4. Notes to the income statement**

Revenue (EUR 4 thousand) relates to fees from lecturing and studies.

Income from grants and subsidies (EUR 1,805 thousand) was provided by foundations and other non-profit organizations in Germany and abroad.

Other operating expenses (EUR 314 thousand) mainly comprise travel and training costs (EUR 52 thousand), rent and room expenses (EUR 51 thousand), legal and consulting fees (EUR 59 thousand), IT maintenance (EUR 23 thousand), and fees, contributions, and insurance (EUR 9 thousand).

**5. Other financial obligations**

The lease agreements for the business premises at Linienstraße 13 give rise to monthly financial obligations of EUR 3,557.62, with an increase of EUR 41.65 as of October 1 of each year. The term of the lease agreement is not limited.

**6. Other information****Employees**

The company had an average of 21.5 (previous year: 20.8) employees during the financial year.

**Managing Director**

- Matthias Spielkamp, Berlin, journalist

In accordance with Section 286 (4) of the German Commercial Code (HGB), the managing directors' salaries have not been disclosed.

**Shareholders**

	Nominal value in EUR	Share in %
Matthias Spielkamp	12,503	50.0
Christina Elmer	6,251	25
Dr. Angela Müller since February 15, 2024 (previously Lorenz Matzat until February 15, 2024)	6,251	25
	25,005	10

**Supervisory Board**

- Dr. Steffen Wenzel,  
Managing Director, Berlin  
(Chairman of the Supervisory Board)
- Ms. Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger,  
Attorney at Law, Former Federal Minister, Feldafing

- Prof. Dr. LL.M. Katharina de la Durantaye,  
University Professor, Berlin

The members of the Supervisory Board did not receive any remuneration.

**Proposed appropriation of profits**

The managing director has prepared the annual financial statements with a provisional appropriation of profits. The net income for the year of EUR 341 thousand has been allocated in full to retained earnings.

**Events of particular significance after the balance sheet date**

There were no events of particular significance after the balance sheet date.

Berlin, April 8, 2025



Matthias Spielkamp  
Executive Director

**Development of fixed assets as of December 31th, 2024**

Fixed Assets	Acquisition costs					Depriciation				Bookvalues	
	01.01.	Additions	Disposals	Transfers	31.12.2024	01.01.	Additions	Disposals	31.12.2024	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
I. Tangible Assets											
Operating and office equipment	33.497,67	6.831,59	0,00	0,00	40.329,26	29.247,67	5.083,59	0,00	34.331,26	5.998,00	4.250,00
	33.497,67	6.831,59	0,00	0,00	40.329,26	29.247,67	5.083,59	0,00	34.331,26	5.998,00	4.250,00

**[Note: This is a convenience translation of the German original. Solely the original text in the German language is authoritative.]**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To AW AlgorithmWatch gGmbH, Berlin

### **Audit opinion**

We have audited the annual financial statements of AW AlgorithmWatch gGmbH, comprising the balance sheet as of December 31, 2024, and the income statement for the fiscal year from January 1 to December 31, 2024.

In our opinion, based on the findings of our audit, the accompanying annual financial statements comply in all material respects with the German commercial law provisions applicable to corporations commercial law provisions applicable to corporations and, in accordance with German principles of proper accounting, give a true and fair view of the net assets and financial position of the company as of December 31, 2024, and of its results of operations for the fiscal year from January 1 to December 31, 2024.

In accordance with Section 322 (3) sentence 1 of the German Commercial Code (HGB), we declare that our audit has not led to any objections to the regularity of the annual financial statements.

### **Basis for the audit opinion**

We conducted our audit of the annual financial statements in accordance with Section 317 HGB and German generally accepted standards for the audit of financial statements promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer (IDW). Our responsibilities under these regulations and standards are further described in the section "Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the annual financial statements" in our audit opinion. We are independent of the company in accordance with German commercial and professional regulations and have fulfilled our other German professional obligations in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to serve as the basis for our audit opinion on the annual financial statements.

## **Responsibility of the legal representatives for the annual financial statements**

The legal representatives are responsible for preparing the annual financial statements in accordance with German commercial law applicable to corporations in all material respects and for ensuring that the annual financial statements give a true and fair view of the net assets, financial position, and results of operations of the company in accordance with German principles of proper accounting and the use of the relief for small corporations pursuant to Section 264 (1) sentence 5 HGB. Furthermore, the legal representatives are responsible for the internal controls that they have determined to be necessary in accordance with German principles of proper accounting in order to enable the preparation of annual financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether intentional or unintentional.

In preparing the annual financial statements, the legal representatives are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern. They are also responsible for disclosing matters related to the company's ability to continue as a going concern, if applicable. In addition, they are responsible for accounting on a going concern basis, unless actual or legal circumstances indicate otherwise.

## **Responsibility of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether intentional or unintentional, and to issue an audit opinion that includes our opinion on the annual financial statements.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Section 317 of the German Commercial Code (HGB) and in compliance with the German principles of proper auditing established by the Institute of Public Auditors (IDW) will always detect a material misstatement. Misstatements can result from violations or inaccuracies and are considered material if they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of recipients taken on the basis of these financial statements, either individually or in the aggregate.

During the audit, we exercise professional judgment and maintain a critical attitude. In addition

- we identify and assess the risks of material misstatements – whether intentional or unintentional – in the financial statements and management report, plan and perform audit procedures in response to these risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to serve as a basis for our audit opinions. The risk of material misstatements not being detected is higher for violations than for inaccuracies, as violations may involve fraudulent collusion, falsification, intentional omissions, misleading representations, or the overriding of internal controls.
- We obtain an understanding of the internal control system relevant to the audit of the financial statements and the arrangements and measures relevant to the audit of the management report in order to plan audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an audit opinion on the effectiveness of these systems of the company.
- We assess the appropriateness of the accounting policies used by the legal representatives and the reasonableness of the estimated values and related disclosures presented by the legal representatives.
- We draw conclusions about the appropriateness of the going concern accounting principle applied by the legal representatives and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there is any material uncertainty in connection with events or circumstances that could cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements and management report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our audit opinion. We base our conclusions on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our audit opinion. However, future events or circumstances may mean that the company is no longer able to continue as a going concern.

- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in such a manner that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the net assets, financial position, and results of operations of the company in accordance with German principles of proper accounting.

We discuss with those charged with governance, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Berlin, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Martina Schmidt-Wirtschaftsprüfung GmbH  
Auditing company

Holger Schmidt  
Certified Public  
Accountant

Martina Schmidt  
Certified Public  
Accountant