

ASML Government & External Affairs Report – 2022 (revised June 2023)

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A strong culture of integrity and compliance underpins ASML's business success. We operate with integrity, which we define as acting with honesty, sincerity, care and reliability. Compliance not only means complying with laws and regulations, but also adhering to our high ethical standards. ASML is committed to preventing any improper influence of others or allowing others to improperly influence us. [\[Read more: ASML Code of Conduct\]](#)

Global semiconductor ecosystem

We are a global innovation leader in the semiconductor industry. We provide chipmakers with hardware, software and services to mass produce patterns on silicon through lithography. As a leading supplier of lithography equipment, ASML is a vital part of this ecosystem. But our systems are just one part of the process involving numerous suppliers and chipmaking equipment. Every step and every machine in the process is important. That's why collaboration and innovation are key.

In order to reliably deliver the best and latest technology to our customers around the world, collaboration within the global ecosystem is essential. As such, we invest heavily in research and development (R&D) to continue driving our innovation advancements.

Strategic advisory

Operating in an international industry with a global value chain where strong incentives to compete and drive innovation are key, it is important to represent ASML's interests towards governments in support of ASML's strategic objectives.

We engage in policy influencing to achieve our business objectives and we collaborate with consultancy and advocacy firms to achieve the following objectives:

- Act as catalyst for the entire value chain by optimizing (R&D) government grants and incentives, and support for startup and scaleup partnerships
- Engage with policymakers on key public policy challenges in key jurisdictions for ASML
- Engage with political and governmental stakeholders, and industry partners
- Inform government officials about ASML, the semiconductor industry and our technology

Focus areas 2022

Chip shortages: Driven by the accelerated digital transformation, green (energy) transition, and growth of internet of things (IoT) applications, the semiconductor industry has reached new records of demand fueling the need for more and more distributed computing solutions. Despite major investments, the semiconductor industry is still unable to satisfy the demand for semiconductors. The electronic industries around the world are severely affected by this lack of supply. Chip shortages highlighted the regional interdependencies in the complex global semiconductor ecosystem.

Technological sovereignty: The aftermath of the global pandemic and growing geopolitical tensions have alerted governments around the world that global supply chains can create significant geographical dependencies for semiconductors. As semiconductors play an increasingly important role in the growth and continuity of large industrial complexes, governments have turned their attention to securing sufficient semiconductor supply to support their local industries, creating higher levels of technological sovereignty and planning significant investments in the semiconductor industry.

Export restrictions: ASML will continue to engage with authorities to discuss the impact of regulations in order to ensure the effects on the global semiconductor supply chain is properly assessed. Being part of the global semiconductor ecosystem relies on mutual dependencies, which requires a continued, open dialogue among and with the governments of countries active in the semiconductor domain. Hence, ASML actively engages with policymakers on topics like market access and export controls, information security and intellectual property (IP) protection, company growth, and other public policy areas.

Sustainability

Following international sustainability agreements, such as the Paris Climate Agreement, is an important way for ASML to demonstrate our commitment to sustainable development. Sustainability objectives are part of our broader policy goals, and of the advocacy activities of our industry associations. For instance, ASML is a founding member and active contributor to the Semiconductor Climate Consortium, which focuses on accelerating industry value chain efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and supports the Paris Agreement and related accords driving the 1.5°C pathway.

Transparency

- ASML is subscribed to the European Union Transparency register.
- ASML US is registered according to the Lobbying Disclosure Act.
- ASML DE is registered according to the Lobbyregister des Deutschen Bundestages.
- ASML does not make any political contributions.
- All employees engaging in advocacy activities have familiarized themselves with the contents of the ASML Code of Conduct and adhere to the requirements.

ASML's contributions and other spending in past years

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
VNO-NCW (NL) Type: Membership contribution Activity: VNO-NCW represents the interests of Dutch business and industry, and provides a range of services to its members. VNO-NCW strives to represent its members' interests by promoting a high-quality business environment and investment climate in the Netherlands, with a view to boosting the competitiveness of Dutch industry. VNO-NCW's involvement extends to matters relating to education, infrastructure, public finances, taxation, the environment and social security. VNO-NCW's role in representing its members is reflected in its active ongoing contacts with the government, politicians, public authorities, trade unions and non-governmental bodies. VNO-NCW in brief VNO-NCW		€ 175,500	€ 200,300	€ 236,500	€ 297,000	€ 350,000	€ 415,000
FME (NL) Type: Membership contribution Activity: To strengthen the position of the technological industry, FME focuses on achieving an impact on three major transitions: technological transitions, social transitions and labor market transitions. The technology industry plays a major role in these transitions. Our membership provides us the opportunity for networking with Dutch industry peers for joint policy influence in the Netherlands and Europe. https://www.fme.nl/onze-missie		€ 342,500	€ 302,000	€ 250,000	€ 200,000	€ 150,000	€ 150,000
Aeneas (EU) Type: Membership contribution Activity: The object of the Association for European Nanoelectronics Activities is to promote research, development and innovation to strengthen the competitiveness of European industry across the electronics components and systems (ECS) value chain. Our membership provides us the opportunity for networking, policy influence and supported access to funding to all types RD&I participants in the field of micro and nanoelectronics. https://aeneas-office.org/about/partners/	€ 230,000	€ 274,500	€ 251,800	€ 300,700	€ 239,000	€ 179,000	€ 125,000
SEMI (US/EU) Type: Membership contribution Activity: SEMI is the global industry association representing the electronics manufacturing and design supply chain, serving as the empowering catalyst for the sustainable growth of SEMI members to enable diverse technology innovations that universally enhance societal and economic benefits. SEMI advocates for a free and open global marketplace, leads workforce development efforts, connects members to new business opportunities	€71,000	€74,500	€76,800	€76,700	€ 73,000	€ 76,000	€ 84,000

in high-growth markets, nurtures pre-competitive collaboration, and helps accelerate innovation. Furthermore, ASML is a founding member and active contributor to the Semiconductor Climate Consortium, focused on accelerating industry value chain efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. https://www.semi.org/en/semi-organization/mission-vision							
SIA (US) Type: Membership contribution Activity: The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) advances policies that help the industry grow and unites semiconductor companies around common challenges. SIA seeks to strengthen US leadership in semiconductor manufacturing, design, and research by working with Congress, the Administration, and key industry stakeholders to encourage policies and regulations that fuel innovation, propel business and drive international competition. https://www.semiconductors.org/about/mission/		€ 22,000	€ 42,300	€ 44,600	€ 44,000	€ 42,000	€ 48,000
Putala Strategies LLC (US) Type: Advisory Activity: Advisory activities related to semiconductor policy development in the US government, including the Department of Commerce, Department of State, and the White House.					-	-	€ 138,000
Ogilvy Government Relations (US) Type: Advisory Activity: Advisory activities related to semiconductor-related US congressional activity, including legislation, hearings, and oversight of Biden administration policies; facilitating engagement with members and staff of the US Congress.					-	-	€ 138,000
Alpine Group Partners LLC (US) Type: Advisory Activity: Advisory activities related to semiconductor-related US congressional activity, including legislation, hearings, and oversight of Biden administration policies; facilitating engagement with members and staff of the US Congress.					-	-	€ 165,000
Resolute (US) Type: Advisory Activity: Advisory activities related to US media relations, engagement with the Washington think tank community, major event planning and execution, and GEA communications.					-	-	€ 165,000
Westexec Advisors (US) Type: Advisory Activity: Advisory activities related to geopolitical issues impacting the semiconductor industry.					-	-	€ 194,000
Brunswick (US) Type: Advisory Activity: Advisory activities related to semiconductor development, manufacturing and trade, including with respect to the US Innovation and Competition Act (S. 1260) and the CHIPS for America Act (H.R. 7178; S. 3933).					-	€ 300,000	-
Wepublic (NL) Type: Advisory Activity: Advocacy activities related to policy changes that affect ASML's business in The Netherlands. Strengthen relationship with the Dutch government and parliament after the March 2021 general elections and the following coalition formation.	€ 12,000	€ 28,300	€ 32,000	€ 12,000	€ 114,000	€ 77,000	€ 117,000
FTI Consulting (EU) Type: Advisory Activity: Advisory on understanding geopolitical changes predictions and events that affect ASML's business. Strengthen relationships with Europe and EU Member States so that developments can be responded to, in line with ASML's objectives.					-	€ 63,000	€ 123,000

Other Type: Membership contribution and local sponsoring Activity: Membership contribution for various industry associations such as Business Europe, HighTechXL, Shanghai Integrated Circuit Industry Association, MakeNext Platform and European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT).	€ 14,000	€ 18,000	€ 26,000	€ 32,000	€ 51,000	€ 172,000	€ 207,000
Total spending	€327,000	€935,300	€931,200	€952,500	€1,018,000	€ 1,409,000	€2,069,000