



## Invitation

### Network Meeting for Guide and Scout Representatives to National Youth Councils

16 - 18 December 2011, Rome, Italy

#### Background

In order to assist in the implementation of resolution Society 7 adopted at the 8th European Guide and Scout Conference the Europe Region organised a meeting in 1996 for those Scouts and Guides involved in influencing Youth Policy on behalf of their organisations in a National Youth Council and those representing European Guiding or Scouting in the European youth structures. As a result of that first meeting it was decided to organise a similar meeting annually - 2011 will see the 16th meeting.

#### Aim

The meeting will aim to:

- **gather ideas** and exchange experiences of representing Guiding and Scouting in national youth platforms;
- **Promote** the agenda of Guide and Scout associations in National Youth Councils (NYCs);
- **Enable** NYC representatives to building their own networks for mutual support, and find partners on specific topics of interest to them;
- **Increase** understanding of Guiding and Scouting in NYCs and the external world;
- **Understand** the role of Guiding and Scouting in the development of youth policy at national and European level, and the links between European and national issues.

#### Participants' Profile

The participants for the meeting should be external representatives of their national Scout/Guide association, i.e. to a National Youth Council (NYC). At the meeting they will be representing their association's work in the National Youth Council.

There is no age limit for taking part in the event but it is recommend that associations follow the European Youth Forum's age limit and select participants under the age of 35. We would particularly welcome participants from associations who have not previously participated in a Network Meeting.

#### Programme

The programme will formally commence on Friday 16 December at 16.00 prompt with a pre-meeting on the European institutions and will end at 13.00 on Sunday 18 December. Participants to this meeting should arrange their travel accordingly (arrival in Rome at the latest at 1400 and departure not before 1600). A detailed programme is attached and information on how to prepare for the meeting will be sent to participants with the acceptance letters.

#### Venue

The meeting will take place in Roma Scout Centre, Rome, Italy, hosted by the Federazione Italiana del Scoutismo.



## Languages

The event will be run in English with participants assisting with translation (into French) if required.

## Participation Fee

The participation fee for the meeting is €150 per person. Excluded from this fee is any personal expenditure. Any extra nights' accommodation required by the participant will be at the participant's own cost. Associations will be invoiced for the participation fee by the European Scout Office with instructions for payment.

## Travel and visa arrangements

Travel costs are payable by the sending organisation and participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Check if you require a visa to enter Italy/Schengen. It is the responsibility of each successful participant to obtain a visa allowing up to four weeks prior to the meeting to complete the application process. If an official invitation is required to obtain a visa, please complete the attached visa information form and send it to the European Scout Office.

## What to do now ...

Complete the application form,  
<http://www.euopak-online.net/register-nyc2011>  
before 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011

## Confirmation of participation

It is anticipated that confirmation of participation will be sent to all successful applications no later than 16<sup>th</sup> November.

## Cancellation

The European Scout Office reserves the right to charge the association for any expenses incurred, if participants cancel their registration after their acceptance has been confirmed.

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