

Report to the European Scout Committee

Partnerships with Other Regions Working Group

1. Introduction

This report deals with 'Strategic Objective 1 – Volunteering' as outlined in the Regional Scout Plan 2010-2013. It should be read in conjunction with the Regional Scout Plan 2010-2013, which can be accessed at www.scout.org/europe

2. Progress in implementing Objectives, Actions and achieving KPIs

Since the last meeting of the European Scout Committee

- **AC 5.1.1 – IN PROGRESS**

Encourage NSOs/NSAs to give a new impetus to the Euro-Arab and Europe-Eurasia meetings and establish priority themes relevant to the needs of NSOs/NSAs

Progress:

- The working group contributed and participated in the Euro Arab Meeting (May 2011)
- A planning meeting team has been put together to start the preparation of the Europe Eurasia Meeting (25-27 November)

- **AC 5.1.2 – IN PROGRESS**

Encourage NSOs/NSAs to participate in events organised in other Regions, and promote European and national events to NSOs in those other Regions

Progress:

- Ensuring that Eurasia and Arab Regions are communicated the invitation for European Events
- Ensuring that Eurasia and Arab Regions are communicated and part of funding applications
- Establish contacts between the working group and Africa, Eurasia and Africa Regions: Matthias Gerth being contact for Arab Region, Marion Karali for Eurasia Region and Esben Holager with Africa Region

- **AC 5.1.3 – IN PROGRESS**

In partnership, strengthen cooperation among Europe-Eurasia Scout representatives in relevant organisations and institutions

Progress:

- The European Region is now represented in the Advisory Council of the Council of Europe by Sandu Coica, from Moldova; in cooperation with Eurasia Region

- **AC 5.2.2 – IN PROGRESS**

Further develop the Europe-Africa 'Unguvu' Project and communicate the impact that the project is having on European NSOs/NSAs

Progress:

- 2nd Coordinating Team Meeting/Handbook working group. 11-18 April in Nairobi.
- 1st full draft of Hand Book developed
- 1st full draft of Training Module on Partnership developed
- Graphic design proposal produced
- National Consultations conducted in all partner countries
- 2nd workshop due to take place 7-11 June in Germany, Rieneck. We have had real problems with African visas and 2 of the 6 Coordinating Team members will not attend, including Jacques Sandrizi, Europe Africa Liaison Officer
- Communication is done via euroscoutinfo.com

- **AC 5.2.3 – IN PROGRESS**

Encourage NSOs/NSAs to contribute to the life of the North-South Network and use it for developing ideas, networking and exchanging information

Progress:

- The Region was greatly present at NS network meeting in March 18-20. Ensured as well the presence of the Europe Africa Liaison Officer, Jacques Sandrizi.
- More countries were present, following the various contacts with NSOs
- Region took the opportunity of this meeting, to organise a meeting for the next 3.2 YiA funding project.
- France (SDGF) offered to host the March 2012 meeting. It should be a 4 days event, branded as Partnerships Event.

• **AC 5.2.4 – IN PROGRESS**

Stimulate NSOs/NSAs to promote exchange opportunities for young people from Europe, Eurasia and Arab Scout Regions, in order to enrich the youth programme

Progress:

- On going work in different events: Network meeting for NYCs representatives, Agora, Academy, etc
- Promotion of Arab Region events towards NSOs/NSAs.

• **AC 5.3.1 – IN PROGRESS**

Share information with NSOs/NSAs on external funding opportunities to encourage the development of bilateral and multilateral projects and exchanges

Progress:

- Development education Budget line: meeting with 3 NSOs (Hungary, Finland and Spain – ASDE) in April 2011 (18-19) to start a proposal of development Education. Potential funding is equal to up to 1 million euro
- We have forwarded a number of possible funding opportunities to the African Regional Office

• **AC 5.3.2 – NOT STARTED**

Support NSOs/NSAs with applications to funding bodies and provide guidance on reporting procedures, if successful

Progress:

- Not on this specific topic – in other fields of work

• **AC 5.3.3 – NOT STARTED**

Initiate an exchange of best practice between NSOs/NSAs on external funding applications for cooperation and partnerships

Progress:

• **AC 5.4.1 – NOT STARTED**

Encourage NSOs/NSAs to enrich the international dimension of their youth programmes by incorporating European Citizenship and by looking outside Europe

Progress:

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• **AC 5.4.3 – NOT STARTED**

Increase visibility amongst European NSOs/NSAs of Scouting's priorities in other Regions, and how European NSOs/NSAs can engage

Progress:

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• **AC 5.4.1 – IN PROGRESS**

Identify opportunities for European NSOs/NSAs to provide solidarity and technical support to Scouting in other regions

Progress:

- Started the process of consultancy in cooperation with Africa Office. Two NSAs targeted for now: Ireland and CNEIGEI

3. Next steps in implementing Objectives, Actions and achieving KPIs

Until next meeting of the European Scout Committee

- **AC 5.1.1 –**
Encourage NSOs/NSAs to give a new impetus to the Euro-Arab and Europe-Eurasia meetings and establish priority themes relevant to the needs of NSOs/NSAs
Next steps:
 - We will communicate in time to ensure full participation of interested NSOs/NSAs to the content of the meeting Europe Eurasia.
- **AC 5.1.2 –**
Encourage NSOs/NSAs to participate in events organised in other Regions, and promote European and national events to NSOs in those other Regions
Next steps:
 - We will monitor the calls of the region to ensure that they are transmitted to other regions
 - We will ensure that events in other regions are well promoted in Europe
- **AC 5.1.3 –**
In partnership, strengthen cooperation among Europe-Eurasia Scout representatives in relevant organisations and institutions
Next Steps:
 - We will ensure that NYCs representatives are invited – and hopefully supported to attend the network meeting in December 2011
 - The example of Sandu Coica will be made more public in both regions
- **AC 5.2.2 –**
Further develop the Europe-Africa 'Unguvu' Project and communicate the impact that the project is having on European NSOs/NSAs
Next steps:
 - Continue the implementation of the current UNGUVU project
 - Ensure that the Africa cooperation impetus is not lost, despite the fact that no funding application – and project – are planned for 2011-2012
 - Liaise with NSOs/NSAs to ensure their support to the cooperation
 - Organise a meeting at the Jamboree for all the partners
 - Use the partnerships event (March 2012 – extended NS network meeting) to maintain the training aspect and cooperation elements.
- **AC 5.2.3 –**
Encourage NSOs/NSAs to contribute to the life of the North-South Network and use it for developing ideas, networking and exchanging information
Next steps:
 - Run workshop at the Jamboree with NS network
 - Attend the next NS network meeting
 - Prepare with NS network meeting and host, the March 2012 extended network meeting.
- **AC 5.2.4 –**
Stimulate NSOs/NSAs to promote exchange opportunities for young people from Europe, Eurasia and Arab Scout Regions, in order to enrich the youth programme
Next steps:
 - Liaise with EMT to plan next steps
- **AC 5.3.1**

Share information with NSOs/NSAs on external funding opportunities to encourage the development of bilateral and multilateral projects and exchanges

Next steps:

- Continue, with current NSOs and new one, the development of the project for the development education budget line project

• **AC 5.3.3**

Initiate an exchange of best practice between NSOs/NSAs on external funding applications for cooperation and partnerships

Next steps:

- To be decided by September 2011

• **AC 5.4.1 –**

Encourage NSOs/NSAs to enrich the international dimension of their youth programmes by incorporating European Citizenship and by looking outside Europe

Next steps:

- ERCG/PWOR will prepare a database of existing useful documents to be shared with EMT and NSOs and NSAs

• **AC 5.4.3**

Increase visibility amongst European NSOs/NSAs of Scouting's priorities in other Regions, and how European NSOs/NSAs can engage

Progress:

- To be decided by September 2011

• **AC 5.4.1**

Identify opportunities for European NSOs/NSAs to provide solidarity and technical support to Scouting in other regions

Progress:

- Start the consultancy with establishing next steps to actual support
- Contact more NSOs

• **AC 5.1.4**

Map the partnerships that exist between Europe and Africa, initiate a similar exercise with Eurasia and communicate to NSOs/NSAs

Next Steps:

- Publish the mapping exercise when complete. We still need to identify how and where we will publish it.
- We will launch the mapping with Eurasia at the Europe Eurasia Meeting

4. Successes

Please list the key successes since the last meeting of the European Scout Committee

- Managing to mobilise NSOs on new funding lines
- Euro Arab meeting.
- Starting the process for two consultancies

5. Challenges

Please list the key challenges since the last meeting of the European Scout Committee

- To set up the work for a new priority
- Regarding UNGUVU project: to ensure the monitoring and contribution of volunteers ; as well as the visa aspect for all participants, and office staff
- The start of the consultancy

6. Issues for the consideration of the European Scout Committee

In brief, please list significant issues that you would like the European Scout Committee to consider

- The next steps to ensure the continued Africa Europe cooperation, with strong involvement of NSOs and NSAs despite no funding application was put forward in order to ensure that the current scheme is maintained (ongoing exchanges between NSOs as well as office support from both regions)
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