

9th Euro Arab Scout Meeting 24-28 May 2011, Algiers, Algeria

Declaration

We the participants of the 9th Euro Arab Scout Meeting held in Algiers, Algeria from 24th to 28th May 2011, would like:

- To express our sincere thanks to H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Boutaflika, the President of Algeria for his patronage of the Meeting
- To thank Mr. Ahmed Ouyahia, the Prime Minister and the Government of Algeria who facilitated the support to the meeting
- To thank the Algerian Muslim Scouts for hosting an excellent event
- To acknowledge that the 9th meeting achieved the highest attendance to date.

This meeting provides understanding spirit & cooperation to achieve the values of peace, social advance and increase bilateral dialogue. This atmosphere create environment of partnerships and future dreams for both Arab and European Scout Regions.

Following various workshops, presentations, sessions and discussions, focusing on Youth Empowerment, Youth Exchange, as well as the recommendations of the previous Euro-Arab Meetings, we would like to further recommend:

1. To the Regional Committees and Regional Offices:
 - To support further cooperation between both Regions
 - To continue to develop the mapping of existing partnerships and exchange projects, both in the Europe and the Arab Region and share the results with National Scout Organizations
 - To update the guidelines and check list for youth exchanges and publish the new versions in Arabic, English and French
 - To encourage NSOs from both regions to meet during international events (e.g. World Conferences, World Jamborees etc)
 - To promote participation and communicate the regional events and to motivate NSOs to allow participation from the other region in their own events, using the existing platforms (e.g. www.europak-online.net / Arab Scout Events list etc) including social media; and to consider cost implications
 - To provide a process of evaluation for the results of future Euro-Arab meetings
 - To organise training opportunities on the subject of Project Management to improve the quality of Euro-Arab projects
 - To develop and maintain a directory of Euro-Arab NSO contacts and to distribute it to participants of this meeting.
2. To the National Scout Organizations:
 - To promote youth participation in bi-regional events and future Euro-Arab Meetings.
 - To promote the presence of projects on the Internet and Social Media platforms (e.g. facebook, youtube etc) within the constraints of good Scout practice.
 - To actively support members to take a full role in society as active citizens and share best practices from both regions.
 - To facilitate contacts between interested groups to match project interests and to find suitable local partners.
 - To be flexible in terminology to ensure suitability to funders understanding.
 - To ensure shared projects have clearly defined impacts on local communities.
 - To actively use the funding resources that are already available at local, National, Regional and World level
 - To consider Religious occasions when planning international events
 - To support training exchange between NSOs
 - To actively use the existing support programmes to promote exchanges (e.g. Scouts of the World, World Environment Programme, Lands of Adventure etc.)
3. To the Participants:
 - To be active promoters of Euro-Arab cooperation in their own NSOs
 - To spread and share the outcomes of this meeting in their NSOs
 - To promote exchange opportunities.

The participants of the 9th Euro-Arab Meeting unanimously agreed that the 10th Euro-Arab Scout Meeting will be hosted in Italy 2013 at a date to be agreed by the two Regions.

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28 May 2011