



## Invitation

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Europe-Eurasia Meeting

### Prague, Czech Republic, 25 – 27 November 2011

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#### Background

This is the second Europe-Eurasia meeting. The first meeting took place in April 2009, in Kiev. A follow up meeting was held during the World Scout Conference in Curitiba.

At the last European Scout Conference, the NSOs/NSAs set a clear goal for the next three years: a stronger partnership with Eurasia – in the framework of the priority “partnerships with other regions” its Regional Scout Plan. The NSOs and NSAs of Eurasia Region did a deep assessment of their needs regarding increased, more focused partnerships with European NSOs (see the document attached). In this context, we wish to hold a meeting that will focus on strengthening or building new partnerships. Our gathering in Prague will be the kick off for a stronger cooperation.

#### Aims

The Aim of the meeting is to be a matchmaking space to build partnerships, being bilateral or multilateral, between the European and Eurasian Regions and NSOs.

#### Objectives

By the end of the meeting participants will have had the opportunity to:

- use the preparatory work of needs assessment;
- agree with one or more partners on a possible partnership project;
- develop new projects involving a number of Associations, plan the implementation and source funding as part of the meeting.

#### Dates

25 – 27 November 2011.

Participants are requested to arrive on Friday, 25 November during the day. Preferably to arrive in time for the start of the programme (1800). Departures are from Sunday, 27 November after lunch (1300).

#### Venue

The meeting will take place in Prague. More information on the venue will be circulated later.

#### Methodology

Work before the meeting will ensure the success of the gathering. The planning team will facilitate the work prior the meeting via e-mails. You can expect more information by mid September 2011.

Scouting methods will be used during the event, including audio-visual presentations, case studies, group discussions and team tasks, workshops, exhibition and ideas fair and other active methods.

#### Follow - up

It is expected that the outcomes of the meeting will be:

- increased number of partnerships involving 2 or more organisations from different Regions, at least one under the auspices of the Partnerships with other Regions Working Group;
- more young people involved directly in project implementation;
- better inter-cultural dialogue.

#### Languages

The event will be held in English. Russian translation will be provided if necessary by the Eurasia Region. During working groups the interpretation service will be limited and assistance from participants may be required.

#### Participants profile

- Those involved with existing and possible projects between the two Regions;
- Those who are in position to start partnerships on behalf of their organisation;
- Young people, if possible, in order to put them in the driving seat of partnerships;
- Able to communicate well in English or Russian.

#### Number of participants

The event is open to approximately 40 participants.

#### Applications

The enclosed application form, or photocopies, should be returned by mail, FAX or e-mail to the World Scout Bureau - European Regional Office by 9 October 2011 to [amasson@scout.org](mailto:amasson@scout.org).

If the application is sent by e-mail, please send it through your national office or International Commissioner (to confirm the support from your National Association).

### **Participation fee**

The participation fee will be maximum 200 EUR.

The fee covers all accommodation and meals from the evening of Friday, 25 November to lunch on Sunday, 27 November 2011.

It also covers all programme materials and documentation and translations.

The fee does not cover travel costs to and from Prague.

Bank details for paying the participation fee will be advised to all participants in the acceptance letter.

### **Funding**

External funding is sought for supporting the participation of NSOs and NSAs from both Regions. No answer is yet available.

Nonetheless, we are encouraging NSOs and NSAs having existing partnerships to support their partners. If one NSO or NSA is in position to support the participation of another NSO or NSA, please inform the office, [amasson@scout.org](mailto:amasson@scout.org).

### **Travel arrangements**

Once participants have been selected, they will receive acceptance letters no later than 14 October 2011, and within 3 days of receipt, they should make their own travel arrangements and obtain a visa, if necessary.

If you require an official invitation to obtain a visa, please indicate this clearly on your application form. Please be aware, that it may take some time to obtain a visa, so please send your visa form with the application form in order to allow sufficient time for that process.

Travel forms will be included in the information package to be sent to participants with the acceptance letter.

### **Insurance**

The WOSM - European Region does not cover risks of participants during the event neither during the travel to or from the venue.

Please note that this is the exclusive responsibility of the National Association to check and be sure that the participants are covered by an appropriate insurance (illness, accidents, repatriation etc...)

### **Planning Team**

- Marion Karali, member of the 'Partnerships with other Regions Working Group' of the European Region;
- Mikko Pöri, volunteer with the European Region;
- Andriy Chesnokov, Committee Member, Eurasia Region;
- Votjeh Broucek, host from Junak;
- Kateryna Logginova, Assistant to Regional Director, Eurasia Region;
- Alix Masson, Director External Relations and Funding, Europe Region.

### **Additional information**

If you need any further information please contact Alix Masson, Director External Relations and Funding on e-mail: [amasson@scout.org](mailto:amasson@scout.org).

### **Annexes**

- Application Form;
- Assessment of needs from Eurasia NSO.

