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## **Facilitating Participation of NSOs in European events**

### **Call for Partners to join funding project: 7th European Educational Methods Forum**

Dear Friends,

To facilitate the participation of NSAs or NSOs to Regional Events the World Scout Bureau - European Regional Office always tries to get funds from external sources and surely one of the main sources of funding for Scout activities is the Youth in Action Programme of the European Commission.

When applying for funding for our activities, we need to have a number of partner organisations. It is those partner organisations, which will get financial support. To qualify as a partner organisation, NSOs or NSAs have to fill in a 'Preliminary Agreement of the Partner' form for the activity. Only participants coming from partner organisations are considered a part of the official project and can be reimbursed (others may participate but with no funding assistance).

*What costs can be covered by the grant?*

- Participant travel costs: 70 % of travel costs from home to the venue of the project and return using the cheapest method and fares (Economy class plane ticket, 2nd class train ticket);
- Accommodation / food costs: EUR 51.00 x number of nights x number of official participants;
- Activity costs: EUR 1'200.00 + EUR 50.00 x number of official participants;

For each NSO and NSA this means that if you are a partner:

- **Only 30% of the travel costs to cover**
- **Lower or no participation fees**
- **If participants need a visa, the costs related to obtaining the visa are covered**

In this case, the application will be submitted by 'Cercetasii României' (the National Scout Organisation of Romania), which will submit an application for a Youth in Action funding project at the national level.

So, if your NSO/NSA is interested in attending ...

The **European Educational Methods Forum** has been, for more than 10 years, the main meeting point for national commissioners for Youth Programme and Adult Resources/Training and members of their teams. Hundreds of "satisfied customers" can testify that the Forum is an excellent opportunity for real networking among people sharing the same responsibility, a great training event and a laboratory for the future Regional programmes and projects.

Countless partnerships have been forged during the Forums and many of the developments in the Region had their roots in discussions and sessions during this event.

Four years after the previous Forum (which took place in Obidos, Portugal, in 2008) the European Scout Region is proposing the 7<sup>th</sup> edition – scheduled to take place in the beautiful touristic resort of Predeal, in the heart of the Transylvanian Alps, in Romania, between 30 May and 3 June 2012

The focus of the event will be non-formal education and it's contribution to community and the areas of work will include:

- Youth empowerment and participation
  - The image of Scouting
  - Partnerships, projects and youth involvement outside Scouting
  - An academic perspective on the educational value of Scouting
  - The role of Scouting in addressing some European-wide challenges: gender equality, sustainable development, youth employability, etc.
  - Changes in the non-formal education patterns in the modern world
  - The role of the younger age sections (Beavers, Cubs...)
  - The grey area: Rovers or leaders?
  - New training methods (e-learning, etc.)
  - New trends in volunteering
  - The role of the educational programme and management of adult resources in the growth of an organisation
  - The profile of new adult leaders
- and many, many others.

Ensuring a good participation of each NSA's national programme and adult resources teams will guarantee interesting debates, effective networking and a great information and experience luggage to bring back to Scouting at national level.

... and if you wish to benefit from the funding support, please:

**Fill it in, sign and send the 'Preliminary Partner Agreement Form' (PPA, annex) by email to Sinziana Rasca (sinziana.rasca@scout.ro) and Nicolò Pranzini (npranzini@scout.org). The original paper copy should be posted to:**

Organizatia Nationala Cercetasii României  
OP 15, CP 90, sector 3  
Bucureşti  
ROMANIA

Please note that handwriting on the form will not be accepted (please use a typewriter instead). The form has to be signed and ideally also stamped with the official stamp of the NSO/NSA.

**The deadline to receive the completed and signed PPA is 26 October 2011.**

**Please sign the agreement and become partner in the project only if your NSO/NSA is really willing to attend the meeting. By signing the agreement you ensure that your NSO/NSA will send participants to the meeting. By signing but then not sending any participants you might create substantive problems for the management of the project.**

In the form we have already filled in the title of the funding project: **"NFE 2.0: are our approaches and practices still relevant?"** Please do not change this and make sure you complete the form with all other required information.

The funding application will be submitted to the Youth in Action agency no later than 1 November 2011 and the results will be communicated two to three months after. The European Regional Office will inform partner organisations whether or not the application was successful.

If you need to know more about this issue don't hesitate to contact Nicolò (npranzini@scout.org).

Yours sincerely,



David McKee  
Director, World Scout Bureau – European Regional Office

Encl.: Preliminary Agreement of the Partner Form