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Support for the Participation of Other Regions at Upcoming Events

Dear Friends,

As you are aware, "Partnerships with Other Regions" is a key priority of the European Regional Scout Plan 2010-2013, with a focus on the Africa, Arab and Eurasia Regions. Over the next year, there are key events that will be enriched by the presence of participants from other Regions and where we would like to ask for your help to ensure their participation. These events include:

- The Europe-Eurasia Meeting (Prague, Czech Republic, November 25-27 2011)
- The Partnerships Event (North-South Network) (Paris, France, 15-18 March 2012)
- AGORA (Kandersteg, Switzerland, 18-23 April 2012)
- Roverway (Evo, Finland, 20-28 July 2012)

In line with the priority "Partnerships with Other Regions", these events are open to Scouts from other Regions. The events can provide great opportunities for exchange with other Regions and can be used to further strengthen your partnerships by providing an ideal meeting space. They also provide the opportunity to explore new multilateral partnerships with the other associations present.

For the Europe-Eurasia Meeting and the Partnerships Event, the presence of your partners from the other Regions (Eurasia Region and Africa/Arab respectively) is vital for the success of the events, as these two meetings focus specifically on partnerships with those Regions.

However, money often is a barrier to participation. Solidarity is a key principle of the Marrakech Charter and European Scout associations have a long history of partnerships with NSOs in other Scout Regions. **We would like to invite you to consider, as an act of solidarity, how you can facilitate the participation of your partners at these upcoming events**, perhaps by partly supporting the travel costs of a representative from your partner organisation.

We invite you to make arrangements directly with your existing partner organisations. Alternatively, you may contact us to arrange the support to be channelled through the Region, if you prefer. In either case, we would like to receive your feedback.

The European Region is also playing its part by seeking funding for the above events to allow for non-European participation. We have already had some success and we will be able to support Eurasian participants to AGORA, thanks to a grant received from the Council of Europe. For Roverway, a Solidarity Operation is being developed where the European contingents will be encouraged to support a small patrol from their partner organisation. Please consider this possibility when making the preparations for your Roverway contingent.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Partnerships with Other Regions Working Group is here to support you in partnerships with other Regions and that, through the tailored support programme, is able to offer help and consultancy.

Thank you for your attention on this important issue and we hope that together we can strengthen our partnerships through increased participation. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at amasson@scout.org.

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alix Masson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Alix Masson

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