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International Commissioners and Principal Contacts of NSOs and NSAs in Europe

Circular 19/2011

DEADLINE - 26 October 2011

14 October 2011

Facilitating Participation of NSOs and NSAs in European Events Call for Partners to join funding project: Partnerships Event

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 without financial 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 1200.00 + EUR 50.00 x number of official participants
- Exceptional costs: any costs directly related to young people with fewer opportunities/ special needs or warranted by the special nature of the activities; visa costs.

For each NSO and NSA this means that, if you are a partner, your participants will have three major benefits:

- Only 30% of the travel costs to cover by participant/NSO/NSA
- Lower or no participation fees
- Costs related to obtaining travel visa are covered

In this case, the application will be submitted by 'Scouts et Guides de France', a French NSA, 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 Partnerships Event (in the frame of the North South Network) will take place at UNESCO, Paris, France in March 2012. Following on from last year's successful event in Rome, which was the first North-South meeting organised jointly by the Network and WOSM Europe, this event will look to extend the concept even further. The event is designed for associations that are both in and/or looking at entering into partnerships with other regions (Eurasia, Arab,

Africa, Asia-Pacific and Interamerica). We want to widen the attendance to include representatives from other Regions and to make this a real partnership event. It is an opportunity to share experiences and learn about partnerships, to contribute to WOSM Europe's work on the theme of "Partnerships with Other Regions" and to focus on the thinking on partnerships within the Movement following up on the Marrakesh Charter. Partners will also have the option to continue bilateral discussions after the meeting. The event will include an Unguvu Partners Meeting to agree on the YiA 3.2 application for 2013.

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

Fill in, sign and return the 'Preliminary Partner Agreement Form' (PPA, Annex A) by email to Elise Drouet at edrouet@sqdf.fr, with a copy sent to Nicolò Pranzini (npranzini@scout.org) of the European Regional Office. The original paper copy should be posted to:

Scouts et Guides de France à l'attention de Elise Drouet 65, Rue de la Glacière 75013 Paris FRANCE

Please note that handwriting on the form will not be accepted, you need to type them. They have 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 register and send participants. By signing but then not sending any participants you might create substantive problems for the management of the project.

You will see, that we have already filled in the title of the funding project: **Partenariats renforcés pour une plus grande solidarité (FR) Stronger solidarity through better partnerships (EN).** 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 later. The Brussels Office will inform partner organisations whether or not the application was successful.

Should you require more information or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Nicolò in Brussels (npranzini@scout.org) or Elise at SGDF in Paris (edrouet@sqdf.fr).

Yours sincerely,

David McKee

Director, World Scout Bureau - European Regional Office

Encl.:

- Preliminary Agreement of the Partner Form (Annex A)