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**To: International Commissioners in the WOSM – European Scout Region and the Europe Region WAGGGS**

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Dear Friends

### **Elections to the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe**

As you may be aware, elections to the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe will take place at the next Council of Members of the European Youth Forum in Braga, Portugal 18-19 November 2011. The Advisory Council on Youth consists of 30 representatives from youth NGOs who provide input and opinions on the activities of the Council of Europe youth sector. Together with government representatives from each of the Council of Europe member states responsible for youth issues, they develop the priorities for the youth sector and make recommendations on future priorities and programmes.

Both Regions have nominated candidates to represent WAGGGS and WOSM in these elections as follows:

- **Alexandru ('Sandu') Coica** (Asociatia Nationala A Scoutilor Din Moldova, Moldova) to represent WOSM
- **Ilaria Esposito** (Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori ed Esploratrici Italiani, Italy) to represent WAGGGS

Both candidates being presented are experienced in representing Guiding and Scouting externally and have been participating in Council of Europe activities. They are committed to promoting the role of Guiding and Scouting in the development of better youth policies at European level and their election to the Advisory Council will support the external relations and advocacy work of WAGGGS and WOSM in the regions. WOSM decided to nominate a young representative of the Eurasia Region to put into actions the Regional plan priority "Partnerships with other regions" as well as to take into account that the Council of Europe covers both regions, Europe and Eurasia.

We would therefore be grateful if you would inform your Association's NYC Representative of these nominations and if your MO and NSO could use any networks or links you might have with your National Youth Council to support the candidatures of Alexandru and Ilaria in this election.

If you have any questions about the forthcoming elections or about the external work of WAGGGS and WOSM at European level, then please do not hesitate to contact the Committee members responsible Christos Hatzidiamandis [chatzidiamandis@scout.org](mailto:chatzidiamandis@scout.org); Henrik Soderman ([hsoderman@scout.org](mailto:hsoderman@scout.org)) and Eri Papadopoulou [eri@europe.wagggsworld.org](mailto:eri@europe.wagggsworld.org). Any support you can give would be much appreciated.

Yours in Guiding and Scouting

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