

Report to the European Scout Committee

External Relations and Funding

1. Introduction

This report deals with 'Strategic Objective 8 – External Relations and Funding as outlined in the Regional Scout Plan 2010-2013. It should be read in conjunction with the Regional Scout Plan 2010-2013, which can be accessed at www.scout.org/europe

2. Progress in implementing Objectives, Actions and achieving KPIs

Since the last meeting of the European Scout Committee

- **AC 8.1.1 – IN PROGRESS**

Encourage NSOs/NSAs to participate in the creation and development of National Youth Councils

Progress:

- We are expecting the go ahead from committee for a full tailored support to the Serbian National Scout Organisation

- **AC 8.1.2 & 8.1.3 – IN PROGRESS**

Ensure networking between NSOs/NSAs in the area of External Relations and Funding, including support for network meetings

Strengthen the existing network of Scouts in relevant positions and ensure the monitoring of issues and trends that could affect NSOs/NSAs

Progress:

- Successful planning team meeting (10-11 October) for the next NYCs reps meeting (16-18 December)
- Started a mapping of Scouts and Guides in relevant positions

- **AC 8.1.4 – IN PROGRESS**

Act as a conduit for the introduction of issues of concern to actors including wider civil society, government, institutions, formal education and the private sector

Progress:

- CONCORD:
 - the policy issues relation to Aid and Development Effectiveness, particularly in light of the upcoming High Level Forum in Aid Effectiveness that will take place in Busan, South Korea from 29th November to 1st December 2011.
 - following work of CONCORD on Open Forum process
- YFJ - Following and contributing to:
 - The definition of the next 6 years priorities of the platform
 - Youth rights debate
 - Volunteering : EYV and European Charter of the rights of the volunteers
 - WOSM took a very active role, with volunteers & staff, in cooperation with the Belgian Scouts and WAGGGS, during the II Youth Convention on Volunteering (7-10 September in Brussels). WOSM stand was visited in particular by Princess Mathilde who enjoyed the path proposed in the stand, focussing on discovering what it means to be a volunteer in Scouting and Guiding.
 - Youth in Action: WOSM is represented by a volunteer in an expert group looking at our contribution for the next Youth in Action programme. During the II Youth Convention, WOSM contributed to an active lobbying campaign towards different officials regarding the frame, the content and the budget of the next Youth in Action
- Alliance – see other sections
- EU: Cristian Moldovan represented WOSM at the EU Youth Conference under the polish presidency (3-5 September). His participation was very well appreciated by other actors
- ICMYO: representing and contributing on behalf of WOSM views on youth policy and other interests of Scouting. Contributed greatly to the preparations of the

ICMYO meeting in NYC (23-27 July) and the UN High Level Meeting on Youth. Due to hospitalisation, Alix Masson was not able to attend, but two volunteers did.

- Continued to contribute to our relationship with the World Bank, attending and contributing to the consultative focus group on the GFDRR's new Civil Society Partnership Strategy
- Continued to follow the policy issues that affect or are of interest to our work on development/ the Africa Region, attending and contribute to various meetings, panel discussions etc.

• **AC 8.2.1 – IN PROGRESS**

Cooperate with the European Parliament, European Commission, Economic and Social Committee on relevant topics and hold meetings with Scout representatives

Progress:

- Participating to the series of hearing of ESSC in the framework of the European Year of Volunteering.
- Contributed to the nomination of WOSM by two members of the EESC to the institution's Citizenship Prize
- See other sections

• **AC 8.2.2 – IN PROGRESS**

Encourage and convene annual meetings of the 'Big 6' youth organisations in Europe to discuss issues of common interest

Progress:

- The format and the content of such a meeting is still under discussion

• **AC 8.2.3 – NOT STARTED**

With NSOs/NSAs, review and develop policy positions on issues relevant to the needs of young people including employment, mobility and human rights

Progress:

- This has not been started because core group was still reflecting on how to proceed

• **AC 8.2.4 – NOT STARTED**

Develop contact with external organisations having consultative status with WOSM, including but not limited to ISGF and WSPU, and share outcomes with NSOs/NSAs

Progress:

- ISGF relationships are being dealt with directly by Secretary General and Regional Director

• **AC 8.3.1 – IN PROGRESS**

Lobby with and on behalf of NSOs/NSAs for the necessary legislation through other platforms, including the European Charter on the Rights of Volunteers sector

Progress:

- Contributing to the ongoing process with the European year of Volunteering Alliance, especially through the policy development taking place in the 6 working groups of the Alliance
- Contributing to the European Youth Forum process regarding volunteering, especially regarding the European Charter on the rights of volunteers

• **AC 8.3.2 – IN PROGRESS**

Promote the value of volunteering and participate in consultations on the promotion and validation of non-formal and informal learning

Progress:

- The work of the Region is mainly done through the very active role taken by Marcio Barcelos representing WOSM in the YFJ Working group on Education.

• **AC 8.2.3 – IN PROGRESS**

Support NSOs/NSAs in their efforts to develop their lobbying techniques and encourage them to promote the value of volunteering

Progress:

- A session at the Academy will focus on advocacy and the value of volunteering.
- Study Session, Europe Eurasia Balkans (February 2012): will focus on advocacy

• **FUNDING – IN PROGRESS**

- Youth in Action
 - YiA Partnership event in collaboration with SGDF - submitted 01/11/11
 - YiA European Forum on Youth Programme and Adult Resources in collaboration with NORS - submitted 01/11/11
 - YiA EVS project to support Unguvu Follow up in collaboration with SGDF - submitted 01/11/11
 - YiA Training Commissioner Network meeting in collaboration with Hungarian NSO - submitted 01/09/11 waiting for results
 - YiA Young Spoke person event - submitted 01/09/11 waiting for results
 - YiA Youth Support System in collaboration with Hungarian NSOs - submitted 01/09/11 waiting for results
 - YiA Europe-Eurasia meeting in collaboration with Junak – rejected
 - YiA NM of G&S in NYC in collaboration with AGESCI – rejected
 - YiA Admin Grant 2010 Final Report - Submitted in March and approved in June
- Council of Europe – European Youth Foundation
 - EYF CAT A to support WOSM/WAGGGS participation at Roverway - submitted 01/10/11 waiting for results
 - EYF CAT A Agora (supporting also participation from Eurasian NSOs) – approved
 - EYF CAT C Admin Grant 2010 Final Report – approved
 - EYF CAT A Volunteering Event Final Report - submitted in June waiting for results
 - CoE Study Session "Tell the Story" Final Report - submitted in June waiting for results
 - CoE Study Session on Advocacy (supporting also participation from Eurasian NSOs) - approved

3. Next steps in implementing Objectives, Actions and achieving KPIs

Until next meeting of the European Scout Committee

• **AC 8.1.1**

Encourage NSOs/NSAs to participate in the creation and development of National Youth Councils

Next Steps:

- Waiting for assessment of needs from NSOs/NSAs
- Monitoring the work of YFJ in this regards, in order to approach and offer support to NSOs. Countries identified so far: Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland and Bulgaria

• **AC 8.1.2 & 8.1.3**

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Next Steps:

- Organising the network meeting of representatives in NYCs and European Platforms (December 2012) and ensuring a great representation

• **AC 8.1.4**

Act as a conduit for the introduction of issues of concern to actors including wider civil society, government, institutions, formal education and the private sector

Next steps:

- CONCORD: continued involvement
- Continued involvement with diverse platforms and institutions
- **AC 8.2.2**
Encourage and convene annual meetings of the 'Big 6' youth organisations in Europe to discuss issues of common interest
Next steps:
 - CG will plan and organise such a meeting in the coming months (looking at core issues for Scouting such as retention of volunteers, trends, etc...)
- **AC 8.2.3**
With NSOs/NSAs, review and develop policy positions on issues relevant to the needs of young people including employment, mobility and human rights
Next steps:
 - No specific actions have actually been organised despite the planning
- **AC 8.2.4 –**
Develop contact with external organisations having consultative status with WOSM, including but not limited to ISGF and WSPU, and share outcomes with NSOs/NSAs
Next steps:
 - WSPU: a new employee, Charles Revkin, is starting in July 2011 to work for WSPU
 - contact will be made with the secretariat regarding supporting the content (upon their request) and to consider the possibility to open WSPU to MEPs
- **AC 8.2.3 –**
Support NSOs/NSAs in their efforts to develop their lobbying techniques and encourage them to promote the value of volunteering
Next steps:
 - Preparation of the next Study Session (February 2012)

4. Successes

Please list the key successes since the last meeting of the European Scout Committee

- Good representation regarding the II Youth Convention on Volunteering
- Recruitment of new external representatives after the training
- good meeting in Athens of the core group (7-9 October)

5. Challenges

Please list the key challenges since the last meeting of the European Scout Committee

- Coordination regarding WOSM contribution to EYV
- Consultancy process needs still to be better formalised in order to ensure coherence of the Region action
- Volunteers are not always motivated/pro active in between meetings, especially regarding communication with the others

6. Issues for the consideration of the European Scout Committee

In brief, please list significant issues that you would like the European Scout Committee to consider

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