

Report to the European Scout Committee

Partnerships with Other Regions

1. Introduction

This report deals with 'Strategic Objective 5 – Partnerships with other Regions 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 5.1.1 – IN PROGRESS**

Encourage NSOs/NSAs to give a new impetus to the Euro-Arab and Europe-Eurasia meetings and establish priority themes relevant to the needs of NSOs/NSAs

Progress:

- Successful Europe Eurasia Meeting 25-27 November 2011 – Prague. 51 participants attending. Good results with new partnerships and renewal of existing ones
- Good attendance planned for the Partnerships event from the Eurasia side (15-18 March 2012)
- Impetus given at the German Speaking Conference, with interest from different organisations (Austria, Hungary) on working with Arab NSOs. (25-26 February).
- Start of the preparation with the Italian federation
- Tailored support to AGESCI: Very successful and interesting event on Arab revolution and the role of Scouting in democracy
- Euro arab meeting: follow-up-networking with the participants facilitated by a working group member.

- **AC 5.1.2 – IN PROGRESS**

Encourage NSOs/NSAs to participate in events organised in other Regions, and promote European and national events to NSOs in those other Regions

Progress:

- Specific work has been done regarding the African Jamboree, with the Organisers, the ARO office. The work has been taken on by the central office.

- **AC 5.1.3 – IN PROGRESS**

In partnership, strengthen cooperation among Europe-Eurasia Scout representatives in relevant organisations and institutions

Progress:

- The European Region is now represented in the Advisory Council of the Council of Europe by Sandu Coica, from Moldova; in cooperation with Eurasia Region. We have just renewed the mandate for two years (2012-2013).

- **AC 5.2.2 – IN PROGRESS**

Further develop the Europe-Africa 'Unguvu' Project and communicate the impact that the project is having on European NSOs/NSAs

Progress:

- Tools are to be soon distributed. Some delays were experienced with the finalisation.
- The final report was successfully submitted to the European commission on 31 January 2012
- A workshop to prepare the next Europe Africa project (3.2) was held in Bruxelles on 6-7 February 2012, with the participation of CNE, CNGEI, Scouts and Guides of Sweden, WOSM ARO and former member of UNGUVU project

- A new member of staff has been recruited to assist on the project for 12 months, Benjamin Thurotte has started to work on January 16.

- **AC 5.2.3 – IN PROGRESS**

Encourage NSOs/NSAs to contribute to the life of the North-South Network and use it for developing ideas, networking and exchanging information

Progress:

- We got successful funding (22 000 euros) from YiA for the Partnerships event, in Paris, via the application submitted by SGDF. We are expecting around 70 participants, from Europe and other regions.

- **AC 5.2.4 – IN PROGRESS**

Stimulate NSOs/NSAs to promote exchange opportunities for young people from Europe, Eurasia and Arab Scout Regions, in order to enrich the youth programme

Progress:

- Eurodoc EuroArab Guidelines for youth exchanges: A new version has been finalized and agreed.

- **AC 5.3.1 – IN PROGRESS**

Share information with NSOs/NSAs on external funding opportunities to encourage the development of bilateral and multilateral projects and exchanges

Progress:

- We have forwarded a number of possible funding opportunities to the African Regional Office

- **AC 5.3.2 – NOT STARTED**

Support NSOs/NSAs with applications to funding bodies and provide guidance on reporting procedures, if successful

Progress:

- Not on this specific topic – in other fields of work

- **AC 5.3.3 – NOT STARTED**

Initiate an exchange of best practice between NSOs/NSAs on external funding applications for cooperation and partnerships

Progress:

- **AC 5.4.1 – NOT STARTED**

Encourage NSOs/NSAs to enrich the international dimension of their youth programmes by incorporating European Citizenship and by looking outside Europe

Progress:

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- **AC 5.4.3 – NOT STARTED**

Increase visibility amongst European NSOs/NSAs of Scouting's priorities in other Regions, and how European NSOs/NSAs can engage

Progress:

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- **AC 5.4.4 – IN PROGRESS**

Identify opportunities for European NSOs/NSAs to provide solidarity and technical support to Scouting in other regions

Progress:

- Started the process of consultancy in cooperation with Africa Office. We have a number of processes on:

- Lithuania: Lithuania has no partnership-priority for the moment, Sylvain had some discussions with them; but they know that the option for tailored support exists.
- Slovenia: Regarding Slovenia, we are waiting for input from Christian (Committee Contact Person).
- Ireland: the process is one, first visit of support took place in January 2012
- CNGEI: no specific support at the moment

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

Until next meeting of the European Scout Committee

- **AC 5.1.1 –**
Encourage NSOs/NSAs to give a new impetus to the Euro-Arab and Europe-Eurasia meetings and establish priority themes relevant to the needs of NSOs/NSAs
Next steps:
 - Continuing a good follow up for the Europe Eurasia meeting
 - Need to establish a strategy towards Arab region, especially the gulf countries
 - Starting the preparations for the next euro arab meeting, in 2013
- **AC 5.1.2 –**
Encourage NSOs/NSAs to participate in events organised in other Regions, and promote European and national events to NSOs in those other Regions
Next steps:
 - We will monitor the calls of the region to ensure that they are transmitted to other regions
 - We will ensure that events in other regions are well promoted in Europe
- **AC 5.1.3 –**
In partnership, strengthen cooperation among Europe-Eurasia Scout representatives in relevant organisations and institutions
Next Steps:
- **AC 5.1.4**
Map the partnerships that exist between Europe and Africa, initiate a similar exercise with Eurasia and communicate to NSOs/NSAs
Next Steps:
 - Maintaining the interactive map
- **AC 5.2.2 –**
Further develop the Europe-Africa 'Unguvu' Project and communicate the impact that the project is having on European NSOs/NSAs
Next steps:
 - Facilitate the preparation of the next 3.2 application
- **AC 5.2.3 –**
Encourage NSOs/NSAs to contribute to the life of the North-South Network and use it for developing ideas, networking and exchanging information
Next steps:
- **AC 5.2.4 –**
Stimulate NSOs/NSAs to promote exchange opportunities for young people from Europe, Eurasia and Arab Scout Regions, in order to enrich the youth programme
Next steps:
 - Liaise with EMT to plan next steps

- **AC 5.4.1 –**
Encourage NSOs/NSAs to enrich the international dimension of their youth programmes by incorporating European Citizenship and by looking outside Europe

Next steps:

- ERCG/PWOR still has to prepare a database of existing useful documents to be shared with EMT and NSOs and NSAs

- **AC 5.4.4**
Identify opportunities for European NSOs/NSAs to provide solidarity and technical support to Scouting in other regions

Progress:

- Start the consultancy with establishing next steps to actual support
- Contact more NSOs

- **AC 5.1.4**
Map the partnerships that exist between Europe and Africa, initiate a similar exercise with Eurasia and communicate to NSOs/NSAs

Next Steps:

- The interactive map will be put online right after the partnerships event.

4. Successes

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

- Europe Eurasia meeting
- Consultancy work has finally started
- A productive meeting in February 2011
- The preparations of the Partnerships event and collaboration with SGDF
- The closing of UNGUVU

5. Challenges

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

- The wide spectrum of things to be done and to have it done with other groups.
- The repartition/role of volunteers and office.
- The communication part of the work in this area

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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