To: National Scouting and Guiding organisations

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Subject: Invitation Round Table on ICT for Scouts and Guides

Dear friends in Guiding and Scouting,

For many Scouting and Guiding organisations the ICT has become an important tool in registering membership data and other information. We know that many organisations have invested or are planning to invest a lot of resources in developing systems utilising ICT.

We believe that national Guiding and Scouting organisations could benefit from sharing experiences and knowledge about these systems. That is why we would like to invite the persons responsible for your ICT systems to a Round Table in Belgium from 22 until 25 November 2012.

You can find more information in the attached document and on the ICT. We hope that you will sent someone to this meeting to make it successful. Maybe we can even come to developing systems together or using each others software!

Yours in Guiding and Scouting,

Planning team

Round Table on ICT for Scouts and Guides
Organised by Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen, Belgium

The Round Table on ICT and Membership systems will bring together National Scouting Organisations and Membership Organisations to share best practices on ICT and membership systems. The focus will be on presentations about defining, building and maintaining ICT systems that support the organisations in administrative tasks and in communication with their members. All presentations will be held in English.

Aims and Content

The objectives of this event are:

- Promoting exchanges of experiences, information, best practices and success stories among the participating organisations
- Exchange experience with hosted or service based systems (SaaS)
- Use of Open Source and scouting ICT ecosystem as a whole
- The relevance of Mobile apps for today's generation of Scouts and Guides
- Discuss the impact of Membership registration systems on the strategy of NSO/NSAs
- Discuss the method by which ICT systems could be used to identify target groups where Scouting or Guiding can be made more relevant
- Discuss the possibilities of extracting statistical data from NSO/NSA membership registration systems and combining it with other data sources to create new knowledge about members
- Debate the use of ICT as a tool to involve young people in the decision making process
- Present the concept of a common data format for statistical analysis
- Improving and fostering relationships between the participating organisations, facilitating the creation of new and/or the strengthening of already existing relationships - informal network/resource directory

Priority Areas
Exchange of ideas on and experiences with developing and maintaining membership and other ICT systems aimed at supporting the scouting activities and organisation. Examples are:

- Membership administration
- Communication with members
- Use of Social Media
- Event management
- E-learning systems
- Your presence on the Internet (websites, security, privacy)

Suggested follow up by participants and their associations

Participants should be able to feed their experience into the ICT developments of their association.

Participants Profile

- Project leaders of and front runners in ICT projects for scouting and guiding.
- Everybody who is involved in the ICT of his/her National Scouting Organization or Membership Organization on strategical and/or technical level.
- It is expected that participants are ready to contribute by presenting/discussing the systems in use by their organisation.
- The official language of the event is English and all documents will be in English

Event website:
europak-online.net/ictroundtable2012

Venue

Hopper jeugdverblijf Den Brink
Bosbergen 1
2200 Herentals, Belgium
www.hopper.be/en/jeugdverblijf/de-brink

Dates

Starting 22 November up to 25 November 2012; arrival on Thursday, departure on Sunday

Costs

Participation fee: €125
Travel: at participants expense.

Registration

Please, register for the event, **before 1st November 2012**, using the following link:
europak-online.net/ictroundtable2012/signup

For any question please contact planning team on roundtable_ict@europak-online.net