

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:

- Preparation of the next Partnership event (March 2013 – Zurich). Funding application done (Swiss agency). Meeting 10th of Nov with MSdS for follow-up of preparation.
- Preparation with the Italian federation for the next Euro Arab Meeting in 2013: funding application sent. Venue to be confirmed in Nov by FIS. Internal issues in FIS.
- Jéléna Drndic from Croatia joining the Euro-Arab preparation team.
- Organisation of a 4 days Euro Arab Young Leaders Workshop in July at Roverway with 23 participants from Europe and Arab Region.
- Started to establish a framework for cooperation with Eurasia for better impact of the work at regional and national level. No feedback yet from Eurasia committee.

- **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:

- Various Arab events participated. Difficulties with relocations.

- **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 5.1.4 – IN PROGRESS**

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

Progress:

- Map was launched at the Partnership event. It's available on the Partnerships in Scouting page on Facebook. Good participation of NSO to fill the form (more than 50 partnerships). Now, issues to display it. IT solution in investigation.

- **AC 5.2.1 – IN PROGRESS**

Encourage NSOs/NSAs to promote existing volunteering programmes between Europe and Africa to the last age section as well as adult volunteers

Progress

- *Linking to Rovernet*

- **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:

- New 'UNGUVU' application rejected by EU. Proposal sent to NSO end August to build new project together. Few answers. Reminder sent end October to UNGUVU partners. Meeting done during NS network meeting end October. European region ready to support a project initiated by NSO.
- A workshop around the UNGUVU tools will be organised at Academy, facilitated by Josie Zana (former member of UNGUVU I).

- **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:

- Support to MSdS (Switzerland) for the Partnership event in March 2013. Matthias Gerth appointed to coordinate on behalf of WOSM.

- **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:

- Various initiatives followed – not organized by the region – Switzerland and Georgia, UK and Tunisia, Denmark and Algeria, France and Morocco, Norway and Azerbaijan, Norway and Russia, UK and Russia etc
- Some 'Partnership of the month' displayed on the blog.

- **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:

- Ongoing circulation of info to Eurasia, Arab and NSOs.
- Learning session on existing funding opportunities to be discussed soon.

- **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 5.4.2 – IN PROGRESS**

Promote existing resources on globalisation, democracy, migration, environment and conflict and encourage NSOs/NSAs to use or adapt them

Progress:

- MoP enhancement, Educational Methods Forum sessions, Millennium Development Goals in Euro-Arab workshop

- **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:
Slovenia: on going, Ireland: on going, Norway (MoP), Netherlands.
- Message sent to NSO identified as having no partnership to propose tailored support: almost no answer.

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:

- Need to establish a strategy towards Arab region, especially the gulf countries. Discussion to be established with Cairo office on this point.
- Eurasia region contacted for a new relationship framework. No feedback yet received. To be relaunched.

- **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 5.1.4**

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

Next Steps:

- Developing and Maintaining the interactive map.

- **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:

- Euro-Sea Seminar agreed to looking at supporting Sea Scout training in the Arab Region.

4. Successes

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

- Start of preparation of Partnership event & Euro-arab meeting
- We are still existing even if the large part of the WG has changed.

5. Challenges

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

- The wide spectrum of things to be done.
- The changes in the WG.
- The communication part of the work in this area (interactive map, partnership of the month).
- Setting up a new framework for Europe-Africa project.

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

Changes in the situation in many members of the working group.
Difficulties to keep on the people on-board and working from their home base !!

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