



**SCOUTS**<sup>®</sup>  
Creating a Better World

World Organization of the Scout Movement  
Organisation Mondiale du Mouvement Scout  
Всемирная Организация Скаутского Движения  
Organización Mundial del Movimiento Scout  
المنظمة العالمية للحركة الكشفية

## Invitation

# 5<sup>th</sup> European Scout Symposium

### Dublin, Ireland, 5 – 7 April 2013

---

#### Background

The event will bring together key decision makers of the Region to consult on how the Region has been developing and assessing the impact of the Regional Scout Plan. This will lead to a fully participative approach to help develop the next proposal for the Regional Scout Plan as well as the working methods to enable the plan to become not just a plan for the European Committee, but one that is owned by the NSOs/NSAs that make up the Region.

A discussion document – Our Future Path – forms an integral part of the consultative process as we move towards the Symposium and ultimately to the 21<sup>st</sup> European Regional Scout Conference in Berlin in August.

The event builds on the previous successful editions held in Slovenia (2001), Italy (2003), Cyprus (2006) and Hungary (2009).

#### Aims

To involve NSOs/NSAs through their key decision makers to prepare an overview of the strategic direction for the European Scout Region for the period 2013 and beyond and to discuss other matters of concern to the Region.

#### Objectives

- To encourage NSO/NSA participation on a continued and sustainable basis to the ongoing work of the European Scout Region.
- To evaluate the current situation in the European Scout Region and to identify the needs of NSOs/NSAs.
- To agree on a strategic direction for the European Scout Region and propose potential actions and methods to be included in the next triennial plan.
- To create a space for NSO/NSA to NSO/NSA contacts and networking opportunities.

#### Dates

5 – 7 April 2013

Participants are requested to arrive on Thursday, 4 April at their convenience to enable a prompt start at 9.00 on Friday morning. The departures are from Sunday, 7 April from 12.30, though lunch is available after 12.30 as part of the event fee.

#### Venue

The Symposium will take place in the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport, Ireland. The venue offers 4\* accommodation in single and twin rooms and is equipped with all necessary conference facilities. The venue is located close to Dublin Airport and transfers from and to the Airport will

be coordinated by Scouting Ireland.

You can find out more about the hotel at:  
[www.carltondublinairport.com](http://www.carltondublinairport.com)

#### Methodology

A broad range of Scouting methods will be used during the Symposium, including audio-visual presentations, group discussions and team tasks, workshops, exhibition and different other active methods.

#### Possible follow - up

It is expected that the outcomes of the European Scout Symposium will constitute key elements in the development of the European Scout Plan 2013+, which will be endorsed by the 21<sup>st</sup> European Scout Conference in Berlin.

#### Languages

The main working language at the Symposium will be English. If there is sufficient demand for interpretation of the plenary sessions, the Regional Office will contact NSOs in order to identify people able to assist, utilizing the Region's equipment.

Working groups of different languages can and will be established to maximise the debate in small groups.

#### Participants profile

Key decision makers in National Scout Associations who are:

- Able and interested to contribute to the strategic thinking at Regional level
- Able to communicate well in English and/or French.

## Number of participants

The event is designed to accept up to 150 participants. We will accept a maximum of 3 participants from each Association. Priority will be given to have the largest number of different countries represented.

## Applications

Applications should be made on the online form to be found at [symposium2013.europak-online.net/register](http://symposium2013.europak-online.net/register). They should be made before **7 March 2013**.

Applications will be verified with the International Commissioner before being accepted.

## Participation fee

The participation fee is EUR 340.00.

The fee covers all accommodation from Thursday, 4 April, and meals and accommodation from breakfast on Friday, 5 April and including lunch on Sunday, 7 April. The fee does not cover travel costs to Dublin, but it covers transport from Dublin airport to the venue and back.

The fee is for a bed in a twin room. You may specify a preference for the person whom you will share.

Alternatively, you may request a single room at an additional cost of EUR 45.00 for the three nights.

The fee also covers all programme materials and documentation.

Bank information and details for paying the Symposium participation fee will be advised to all participants in their acceptance letter.

The European Scout Committee is keen to ensure that financial constraints should not prevent anyone from participating in the Symposium. If your Association has financial difficulties, you are invited to make a direct contact, in confidence, with the Regional Director, David McKee ([dmckee@scout.org](mailto:dmckee@scout.org)) to discuss what support may be available.

## Travel arrangements

Please note that completion of the application form does not necessarily mean that applicants are accepted onto the event. Please do not book travel until participants have been selected and have been advised in an acceptance letter that will be sent by 10 March 2013. Early application will mean early acceptance!! Only then should they should make their own travel arrangements and obtain a visa, if necessary. If you require an official invitation to obtain a visa, please indicate this clearly on the online application form. Please be aware, that it may take more than three weeks to obtain a visa.

The venue is 1 kilometre from Dublin Airport and transfers will be arranged in conjunction with the hosts.

Travel forms will be included in the information package to be sent to participants with the acceptance letter.

## Insurance

The WOSM - European Region does not cover the participants during the event neither during the travel to or from the venue. Please note that this is the exclusive responsibility of the national association to check and be sure that the participants are covered by an insurance policy (illness, accidents, repatriation etc...)

## Planning Team

The European Scout Committee and the Regional Director supported by Regional Staff and Coordinators.

## Additional information

More information at [symposium2013.europak-online.net](http://symposium2013.europak-online.net)

If you need any further information please contact Rupert Schildböck, Executive Assistant to the Regional Director on [rupert.schildboeck@scout.org](mailto:rupert.schildboeck@scout.org)

## Annexes

- No annexes