

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 - ACHIEVED**

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

Progress:

- Organized a meeting of NYC representatives at YFJ COMEM
- Co-organised the Network meeting for Representatives with more than 60 participants from Europe and Eurasia
- Continued monitoring of the work of YFJ in this regards, in order to approach and offer support to NSOs.

- **AC 8.1.2 & 8.1.3 - ACHIEVED**

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:

- Preparations have started on organizing the following Network Meeting of Scout and Guide Youth representatives in Croatia in 2014

- **AC 8.1.4 - ACHIEVED**

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:

- Continued involvement with diverse platforms and institutions
- Development of a guideline for NSOs/NSAs on how to benefit from Structured Dialogue on Youth through involvement in European Presidencies. On the pipeline. The CG worked on it during the last meeting.

- **AC 8.2.1 - ACHIEVED**

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

Progress:

- Ongoing contacts, formal and informal including training opportunities (eg for the Daphne project)
- Representation during the European Youth Week at the Conference on Structured Dialogue, setting up the review and evaluation of the process and in particular focusing on promoting the role of INGYOs in the process
- Cooperation with other IGYOs on SD process, its relevance and outcomes
- Monitoring the situation on the development of the debate on the EU funding programme
- Increased visibility at YO! Fest organized by YFJ. WOSM stand was visited by MEPs, Commission representatives, partners

- **AC 8.2.2 - ONGOING**

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

Progress:

- Alternative approaches made to the Big 6 to participate in WOSM and Joint events due to reduced capacity in this area. Dialogue on one to one basis continues. Big 6 representatives to be invited to the Regional Conference

- **AC 8.2.3 - ONGOING**

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

Progress:

- On going preparations

• **AC 8.2.4 - ACHIEVED**

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:

No action.

• **AC 8.3.1 - ACHIEVED**

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

Progress:

- Continued lobbying towards recognition of volunteering through various institutions. However, due to the lack of availability of experts no further steps have been undertaken.

• **AC 8.3.2 - ACHIEVED**

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

Progress:

- Ongoing linking with the emergent European Alliance on Volunteering and observing the outputs of the ROLIS project.
- Radu Seuche represented WOSM as expert in YFJ Task Force Meeting on Quality Education
- WOSM initiated a process of volunteer-time as in-kind contribution for projects within the European Youth Foundation. "European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) calls on the European Youth Foundation (EYF) to examine Volunteer Time Contribution as in-kind contribution within supported projects and activities. At the same time, the Programming Committee together with the EYF secretariat is kindly asked to develop, by the next CMJ meeting, a proper tool for measuring volunteer time using (but not necessarily to limiting it to) the experience of existing mechanisms in this regard (e.g. the European Youth Forum's method, the ILO Manual on the Measurement of Volunteer Work)."

• **AC 8.3.3 - ONGOING**

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

Next steps:

- Preparation of a training kit on advocacy/external relations.

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:

- Follow-up on specific countries – Serbia (defining TS), Romania (advice on CTR participation), Hungary and Turkey (consultation on creation of NYCs)

• **AC 8.1.2 & 8.1.3**

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

Next steps:

- Briefing of representatives, recruitment and retention of volunteers
- Continue to provide briefing and motivation

• **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:

- Continued involvement with diverse platforms and institutions
 - Development of a guideline for NSOs/NSAs on how to benefit from Structured Dialogue on Youth through involvement in European Presidencies. The trial period of using it while briefing NSO representatives from Lithuania and Greece.
- **AC 8.2.1**
Cooperate with the European Parliament, European Commission, Economic and Social Committee on relevant topics and hold meetings with Scout representatives
Next steps:
 - Ongoing contacts, formal and informal including training opportunities
 - Maintain and expand contacts with Scout representatives based on regional interests and topics
- **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:
 - Continue dialogue with the Big 6 across all areas of work, especially including programme.
 - Invite Big 6 representatives to the Regional Conference.
 - Attract Big 6 experts to contribute to the Academy.
- **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:
 - On going work
- **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:
 - Continue dialogue
 - Explore more actions to support these organisations to support the Region
- **AC 8.3.1**
Lobby with and on behalf of NSOs/NSAs for the necessary legislation through other platforms, including the European Chapter on the Rights of Volunteers
Next steps:
 - Continued lobbying as part of the wider Youth constituency and separately on the next European Youth programme and other issues concerning volunteering
- **AC 8.3.2**
Promote the value of volunteering and participate in consultations on the promotion and validation of non-formal and informal learning
Next steps:
 - Ongoing linking with the emergent European Alliance on Volunteering and observing the outputs of the ROLIS project and other recognition issues
 - Active participation in development of European educational policies
 - Recognition of volunteer time as in-kind contribution for funding projects
- **AC 8.3.3**
Support NSOs/NSAs in their efforts to develop their lobbying techniques and encourage them to promote the value of volunteering
Next steps:
 - Preparation of a training kit on advocacy/external relations.

4. Successes

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

- Successful election of WOSM into the next Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe
- Increased number of sources of funding identified and applied to
- WOSM representation and visibility at key events
- Increasing cooperation with other INGYOs on topics of Structured Dialogue

- WOSM representation in YFJ Board and AC

5. Challenges

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

- Core Group and External representatives Group management
- Motivation of volunteers to work enthusiastically in the field which has no immediate result and/or impact on society and Scouting
- To balance between the set agenda and the necessity to react to the changing realities which go beyond the agenda and require additional resources and responsibilities.
- Staffing issues caused by the vacancy
- Demotivation and lack of availability of core experts in the work of the Region

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

- Timeline for recruitment of the pool of volunteers
- Opening up the Academy for Big 6 representatives
- Recognition and reward of volunteers and their triennial contribution, especially for Falko Mohrs, Luca Scarpiello and Sandu Coica

7. Funding applications

Deadline 1/02/13 (achieved):

Youth in Action:

- Euro-Arab meeting, 3.1 Italian Agency: Rejected
- Academy, 4.3, Executive agency: Rejected

Europe for Citizens:

- Action 2, measure 3, Active Civil Society in Europe-“Young people building their Europe” : rejected

Council of Europe, European Youth Foundation:

- Administrative grant: succesfully granted 16 345,00 €

Applied for projects (waiting for results):

Youth in action project:

- Unguvu 2, Euro Africa project, application submitted at executive agency level 14/05/2013, request of 66.748 €, result expected in September for a starting in October
- Partnership Event in Finlande, application submitted at executive agency level 3/06/2013, request of 12.902€, result expected in September for a starting of project 1st January, meeting in March.