



SCOUTS[®]
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

**World Scout Bureau - European Regional Office
Bureau Régional Européen - Mondial du Scoutisme**

Geneva / Genève

Rue Henri-Christiné 5
PO Box 327
1211 Geneva 4 Plainpalais
Switzerland

Phone (+41 22) 705 11 00

Fax (+41 22) 705 11 09

Brussels / Bruxelles

Avenue Porte de Hal 38
1060 Brussels
Belgium

Phone (+32 2) 534 33 15

Fax (+32 2) 534 16 54

Email europa@scout.org

Web www.scout.org/europe
www.euroscoutinfo.com

To:

International Commissioners and other principal contacts of NSOs and NSAs in Europe

10 September 2013

Circular 15/2013

Safe from Harm! A new project in Europe

Dear friends,

I am glad to update on the successful application to the European Commission, DG Justice, DAPHNE III Programme, through which the European Region together with other eight partners are now implementing the project: "Safe from Harm! Creating a safe environment for children and young people in youth organizations". A summary of the project is attached to this Circular.

The partnership is composed by seven NSOs and NSAs, namely Slovensky Skauting (SK), Scouts et Guides de France (FR), ASDE-Scouts de España (ES), Lietuvos Skautija (LT), Movimento Scout Católico (ES), Verband Christlicher Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder (DE), Scouting Nederland (NL), and the Cyprus Scout Association (CY). The European Regional Office, as recipient of the EU grant, is coordinating the project by supporting the partners in its implementation.

The project will provide a quality, relevant and motivating output by combining European and national approaches. It will facilitate the delivery of tailor-made policies or tools for each partner, to fit and answer the needs and the specificities of each of them; the European "added value" is necessary to broaden the understanding, use the practices in place in other countries and adapt to ever changing societies.

In the first European Meeting that took place recently in Spain, the partners had the opportunity to start developing a common ground on the topic of child protection in Scouting, identifying the existing needs and challenges, sharing best practices already in place and designing national projects. During the summer each partner has been working in its own country to implement national activities and they will gather again for a mid term European meeting in Slovakia at the end of November. We know there is interest in the project amongst other NSOs/NSAs and it is possible to participate in the meeting in November in Slovakia at their own costs by contacting the Safe from Harm Project Manager.

As mentioned before the project is financially supported by the [DAPHNE III programme of the European Union](#) that awarded a grant to the European Regional Office to run the project together with the partners until August 2014.

All the results of the project will be widely shared with all the other NSOs/NSAs of WOSM through our regular communication channels and direct presence of the project staff of Safe from Harm! at events such as the Academy 2013, the World Scout Education Congress and other regional and world events. Furthermore, a final conference, open to all the NSOs/NSAs and external partners active in the field of child protection, will be organised in Brussels in June 2014.

It will be possible to find all the information about the project on the website under construction and to be launched soon: www.safefromharm.eu

If you want to know more about the project and its features do not hesitate to contact the Safe from Harm! Project Manager, Nicolò Pranzini at npranzini@scout.org

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. McKee', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David McKee
Regional Director

Annex: summary of the project