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**To:**

International Commissioners and principal contacts of  
NSOs and NSAs in the European Region

**Circular 10/2014**

**DEADLINE – 10 March 2014**

**New programme "Erasmus +", call for partners multiple projects**

Dear Friends,

A new funding programme targeting youth organisations has been adopted by the European Union for the period 2014-2020. The previous programme "Youth in Action" has indeed been integrated in a more global approach toward youth and education called "Erasmus +". Most of the actions of the previous "Youth in Action" programme have been integrated in this new programme but with a different structure under three key actions:

- Key action1: individual mobility
- Key action 2: strategic partnerships
- Key action 3: meeting with young people and decision-makers

A comprehensive guide on how to use this new programme "Erasmus +" will be sent as a further circular in the coming weeks.

The European Region of WOSM will continue to apply to this new programme in order to support participations from NSOs/NSAs to regional events. All the applications will be done at national level, through NSOs/NSAs as there is no longer allocated funding available at central level for European Youth Organisations.

This present circular provides you with information on the four next possible applications for which your NSO/NSA can be partners: **The Academy, RoverNet and VentureNet, Eurosea 12 and Young Spokesperson Training**. It also provides information on the new rules to be met to be able to benefit from these grants. Please check them carefully and follow all the steps described.

**Description and objectives of these projects**

**1) Academy 2014, Serbia, 4-9 November 2014**

This event has a seven-year tradition and with its modular approach allows self-selection of a training schedule. Modules are offered more than once and the event will enable participants to choose their own pace of learning.

The Academy is open for everyone currently holding a position, or who have the potential and are preparing to hold a position, at national level in Member Organizations (MOs) and National Scout Associations (NSAs), from members of working groups to Chief Commissioners. Most organisations send participants that have a position in specific areas of work. The high quality of the delivery will ensure that all participants will be better prepared to disseminate The Academy's outcomes back in their associations.

**2) RoverNet & VentureNet, Iceland, 18-21 September 2014**

RoverNet, and VentureNet are network meetings for Rover and Venture National Commissioners.

The general aims for both events are:

- To offer an opportunity for exchanges and sharing of inspiring practices for National Commissioners

- To explore the potential support initiatives offered by the European Scout Region in further developing the programme of the age sections

### **3) EuroSea 12, Bruges, Belgium, 10 – 14 September 2014**

Ongoing aims of Eurosea Seminars

- Develop the international dimension of Sea Scouting;
- Share best practices and ideas for developing Sea Scouting;
- Promote safe practices.

Objectives:

- Enhance a framework that encourages the international exchange of ideas and resources;
- Build a multifaceted view of Sea Scouting in Europe;
- Provide collective solutions and ideas for individual challenges or opportunities;
- Ensure that each participant has the opportunity to meet and discuss issues and ideas with colleagues from other associations;
- Elect new members of the Odysseus Group (see Additional information);
- Selecting the Eurosea 13 host country.

### **4) Young Spokesperson Training, Czech Republic, 25-30 November or 2-7 December 2014 (date to be confirmed)**

The European Region of WOSM is organising a training session for Scouts on external representation and for young spokespeople in Scouting. The training is in accordance with Regional Scout Plan's strategic objectives of Youth Empowerment and External Relations. The aim of the meeting is to empower young people to represent Scouting to external audiences, partners or media.

The general objectives of the meeting are:

- To transfer knowledge which can make the participants able to become "voices" of their ideas/vision and to represent their organisations and communities
- To explore different ways of representing other young people/youth organisations and learn how to identify and face challenges in representing the movement.
- To encourage the participants to express themselves in public.

## **How to benefit from these grants?**

### **1) Register your NSO/NSA to get your PIC number – VERY IMPORTANT**

You first need to register on the online platform to get your PIC (**Participant Identification Code**) following this link.

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/participants/portal/desktop/en/organisations/register.html>

To be able to fill in the information required, you need to have with you your number of registration of your organisation, the date and name of the authority that registered you – for example, you may be registered by your national Register which has allocated a number and on a specific date – this is the information required, including the name of the place where you are registered. Please note that this PIC number will be needed for all applications – both as partners as well as applicant. It might take you some time to go through the registration process so we advise you not to wait until the deadline to register but to do it as soon as you see this information. **DO IT NOW.**

### **2) Fill in the relevant information for each of the applications for which you want to be considered**

After you receive your PIC number, please fill in all the relevant information following this link:

<http://euroscoutinfo.com/erasmusplus>

You will be able to choose for which application(s) you want to be a partner. Please note that it is required to reply to all the questions. Please be accurate in your answers related to the specific questions for each event. Do not copy-paste for each question, as answers need to be specific to each project.

Please note that by being a partner to a grant, you commit your NSO/NSA to send at least one participant to the event for which you are signing.

**The deadline to receive all information is 10 March 2014.**

### **3) Partnership Agreement**

For each event, a Partnership Agreement is required. The template for the Partnership Agreement is not yet available. However, despite this, we received confirmation that you still have to sign a Partnership

Agreement to be considered as a partner to an application. Each NSO/NSA partner to the project will, in due course, receive an email asking to sign the Partnership Agreement. Your legal representative will have to sign it on a very tight deadline so your quick reaction will be needed. Only a scanned copy of this agreement will be required.

## **From what kind of support will you benefit?**

### **Reduced Travel costs**

The rule for the reimbursement of the travel cost is changed. The reimbursement will be done based on a lump sum, calculated on the travel distance for each participant.

- For travel distances between 100 and 499 KM: 180 EUR per participant
- For travel distances between 500 and 1999 KM: 275 EUR per participant
- For travel distances between 2000 and 2999 KM: 360 EUR per participant

For the purpose of the application, please note that all the distances will be calculated from the capital of your country. If you wish to indicate another departure point, please contact my colleague Marguerite Potard, [mpotard@scout.org](mailto:mpotard@scout.org)

### **Reduced participation fee**

A lump sum is allocated per day of event for food and accommodation, which will allow us to propose to you, a reduced participation fee.

## **Which NSOs/NSAs are eligible for these grants?**

All EU member states, and FYRO Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, Israel, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Russian Federation (this is the list provided by the EU Commission).

For any further questions related to this call for partners or related more generally to the programme "Erasmus +", please contact my colleague Marguerite Potard, [mpotard@scout.org](mailto:mpotard@scout.org)

Yours sincerely,



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