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Invitation

6th European Scout Symposium

Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 3 – 6 December 2015

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 will be issued shortly which forms an integral part of the consultative process as we move towards the Symposium and ultimately to the 22nd European Regional Scout Conference in Melsomvik, Norway, in June 2016.

The event builds on the previous successful editions held in Slovenia (2001), Italy (2003), Cyprus (2006), Hungary (2009) and Ireland (2013).

Aim

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 2016 and beyond and to discuss other matters of concern to the Region.

Objectives

During the Symposium the NSOs/NSAs should **set the scene for a new Regional Scout Plan** by

- looking into the current progress of the existing plan,
- considering the resources of the Region,
- considering innovations in methodology,
- allowing space for linking the world strategy to the needs of our Region.

Dates

3– 6 December 2015

Participants are requested to arrive on Thursday, 3 December at their convenience to enable a prompt start at 9.00 on Friday morning. The departures are from Sunday, 6 December from 12.30, though lunch is available after 12.30 as part of the event fee.

Venue

The Symposium will take place in the Hotel Continental, Skopje just 15 minutes drive from Alexander the Great Airport. The venue is situated in 10,000 square metres of landscaped gardens and is in the process of renewing some floors. The offer is for renovated rooms – single and twin and standard rooms – single and twin, reflected in the pricing.

Transfers from and to the airport will be coordinated by the Scout Association of Macedonia.

You can find out more about the hotel on its website: <http://www.hotelcontinental.com.mk>

Methodology

A variety of Scout methods will be used during the Symposium, including audio-visual presentations, group discussions, workshops, an exhibition and other active methods.

Outcomes of the meeting

It is expected that the outcomes of the European Scout Symposium will constitute key elements in the development of the European Scout Plan 2016+ which will be endorsed by the 22nd European Scout Conference in Melsomvik.

Languages

The main working language at the Symposium will be English with simultaneous interpretation in plenary sessions.

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 at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/hrq56x/4W>

They should be made before **30 October 2015**.

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

Participation fee

The participation fee is dependent on the standard and type of accommodation requested.

The fee covers all accommodation from Thursday, 3 December, and meals and accommodation from breakfast on Friday, 4 December and including lunch on Sunday, 6 December. The fee does not cover travel costs to and from Skopje, but it covers local transport from Skopje airport to the venue and back.

The fee also covers all programme materials and documentation.

Renovated single room, under 26	EUR 260
Renovated single room, over 26	EUR 350
Shared renovated twin room, under 26	EUR 215
Shared renovated twin room, over 26	EUR 305
Standard single room, under 26	EUR 215
Standard single room, over 26	EUR 305
Shared standard twin room, under 26	EUR 164
Shared standard twin room, over 26	EUR 254

You may specify a preference for the person whom you will want to share your room with.

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) 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 4 November 2015. 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 a short distance from the 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

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

Annexes

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