

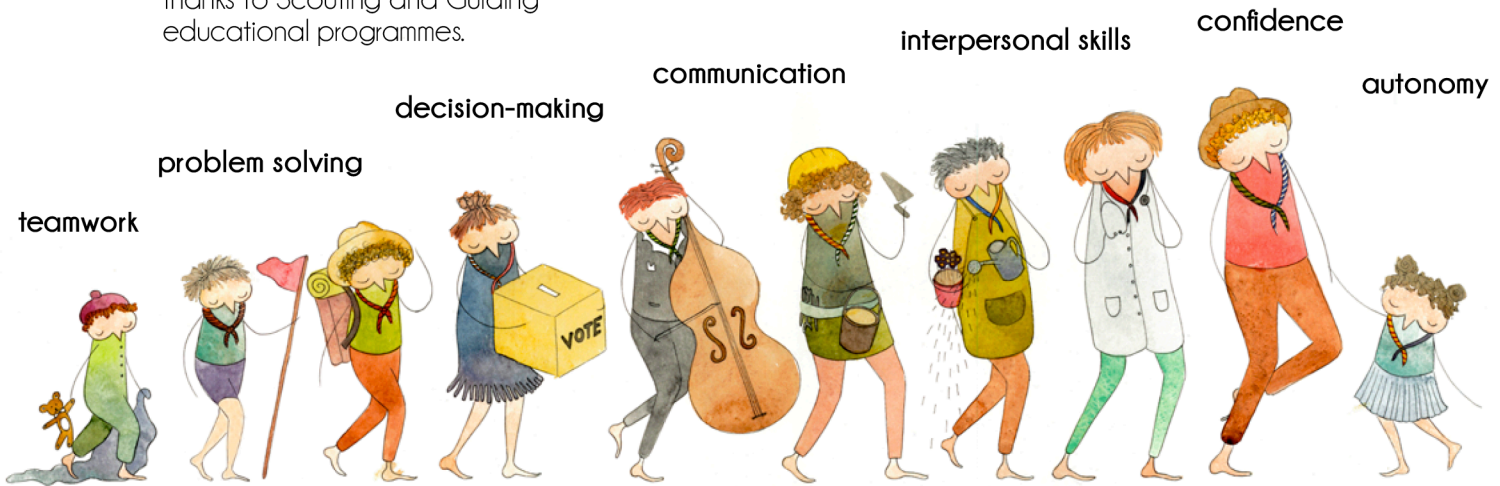
The IMPACT of Scouting and Guiding in



Skills for life: a holistic solution

Many of the skills required by the job market are developed through Guiding and Scouting

Over **2** million children and young people in Europe develop their **Skills** thanks to Scouting and Guiding educational programmes.



ECONOMIC IMPACT

- In the Netherlands the Scout and Guide association saves society **160** million euro thanks to the positive effects of its educational programmes on young people and volunteers' health, work and social behaviour⁵
- The "economic system" generated by the Scout and Guide association in the Netherlands, its youth groups, its suppliers and their own suppliers, pays back to the State in taxes 3.7 times more than the governmental financial support given by the State to the association.⁶

BEST VALUE FOR MONEY

In the UK Scouting and Guiding activities are within the best value for money after school activities children can have access to.⁷

& PARTICIPATION & COMMUNITY ACTION

- More than **8** in **10** Guides in Europe have taken action on global issues that they care about since joining Guiding³
- Scouts are more likely to volunteer for groups outside Scouting than young people not involved⁴

VOLUNTEERING

Scouting and Guiding are volunteer-led organisations. By supporting young people to develop their own sense of self and responsibility, volunteers develop a wide range of skills that are useful not only to themselves, but can also benefit their employers and communities. **2.500.000** hours of volunteering were recorded last year in a French Scout and Guide association, corresponding to **37.600** K EUR

Scouting and Guiding are:

EMPLOYABILITY

41% of employers in the UK would positively consider a job seeker's involvement in Scouting²

BUT WE NEED RESOURCES!

Scouting and Guiding have fixed costs to maintain quality and quantity of activities delivered.



21% In 2011-2013 of Scout and Guide associations in Europe were not able to **attract sufficient income** to cover their total annual operating costs. In order to ensure that young people do not suffer the consequences of the crisis, organisations and for this they have to stretch their programmes and resources⁸

Adapted and increased financial support would help Scout and Guide associations to:

- Increase the number from young people benefitting of opportunities available through Scouting and Guiding;
- Make Scouting and Guiding accessible to all young people regardless of their socio-economic status;
- Increase support systems for volunteers.

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⁴ The Scout Association and PACEC, Op. Cit.
⁵ Scouting Nederland and Steward red queen, Socioeconomische impact van Scouting Nederland, 2013.

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⁷ Maths Doctor - Macmillan Science and Education, The cost of afterschool activities in the UK: how much do parents spend?, 2014.
⁸ Evidence was gathered through an online questionnaire from 19 national Guide and Scout associations in 16 countries in Europe (Austria, Denmark, Estonia, France, Ireland, Iceland, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom) representing 980.000 young Guides and Scouts and leaders.