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To:

- International Commissioners and principal contacts of NSOs and NSAs in the European Region
- Delegations to the 22nd European Scout Conference and the 15th European Guide and Scout Conference (Oslofjord 2016)

# **Conference Communication 1**

## June 2016: 22<sup>nd</sup> European Scout Conference & 15<sup>th</sup> European Guide and Scout Conference

Dear friends,

We are happy to join with our hosts for the next European Conferences, **Speidernes Fellesorganisasjon** (the Guides and Scouts of Norway), to invite you most sincerely to join us for the 22<sup>nd</sup> European Scout Conference and the 15<sup>th</sup> European Guide and Scout Conference.

### Background

The **European Scout Conference** is the general assembly of the European Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) with a clearly defined mandate. Delegates of all National Scout Organisations (NSOs) in the Region come together to discuss and adopt Regional policies, strategies and general orientations for the coming years. They receive reports on past and current activities and also elect the members of the Region's governing body, the European Scout Committee.

During the **European Guide and Scout Conference**, delegations of the European Scout Conference (WOSM) and the concurrently held European Guide Conference (WAGGGS) will discuss matters of mutual interest and approve joint actions, which are also integral part of the Regional Plans agreed by the respective separate conferences.

#### Dates

We will meet from **Friday, 17 June 2016 till Tuesday, 21 June 2016**, with arrivals and departures envisaged for 16 and 22 June 2016, respectively.

### **Venue & Accommodation**

The meetings of the conferences will take place at the **Oslofjord Convention Centre**, where participants will also be accommodated. It is situated some 110km south of Norway's capital Oslo, with Oslo International Airport (OSL) some 160km to the north and Oslo-Torp Airport (TRF) just 20km to the south.

The **Oslofjord** is an inlet in the southeast of Norway, stretching from the Skagerrak (North Sea) to Oslo, and well known for water-based recreational activities. Some 2.2 million people (of Norway's total of 5 million inhabitants) live in the area.

### **Further Details**

More information will be provided in due course, but we wanted you to know these dates as soon as possible so that you can begin your preparations in good time.

We are all looking forward to welcoming you to Norway and to our European Conferences where we will set out the future direction of Scouting in Europe.

Yours sincerely,

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