Regional Scout Plan 2013-2016

Report to the European Scout Committee

Group: Educational Methods Core Group

Reporting period: 25/10/2014 – 19/02/2015

1. **Introduction**
   This report deals with **Educational Methods Core Group** as outlined in the Regional Scout Plan 2013-2016. It should be read in conjunction with the Regional Scout Plan 2013-2016, which can be accessed at www.scout.org/europe

2. **Progress in implementing Objectives, Actions and achieving KPIs**
   Please list in brief, in bullet points, the actions that have been implemented in the reporting period. When listing the actions, please refer them to the respective Objectives and KPIs

   • The preparations for the Educational Methods Forum, taking place in May 2015, are well underway and the planning team has held two live meetings and several virtual meetings (Objective 1, KPI 1)

   • Global Support request from Croatia (SIH), concerning managing adult volunteers, has been responded to (Objective 1, KPI 1)

   • Continued cooperation with External Relations and Funding Core Group on the external recognition of skills and competencies acquired through Scouting (Objective 1, KPI 1)

   • We have started to look for host countries for the next edition of RoverNet/VentureNet event, scheduled for September 2016 (Objective 1, KPI 1)

   • A survey mapping co-educational practices has been sent to NSOs and a good number of answers has been received. Based on the results, we have reviewed our actions related to this specific, co-education related objective of the Regional Scout Plan (Objective 2, KPI 2)

   • Juho participated in the ICT Network Meeting 6th-8th February 2015 in Prague and ran a workshop on how the Network could support fulfilment of various regional objectives, including EMCG objective 3. In the event Juho also ran a pecha kucha presentation about utilizing membership data in youth programme development (Objective 3, KPI 3)

   • A project group has been created to tackle this particular objective, consisting of members of the ICT Network volunteers (Objective 3, KPI 3)

3. **Next steps in implementing Objectives, Actions and achieving KPIs**
   Please list in bullet points, what actions are going to be implemented in the following period, until the next meeting of the European Scout Committee

   • Continuing the preparation of Educational Methods Forum (Objective 1, KPI 1)

   • Finishing the article collection 'Management of Volunteers in Scouting' (MOVIS) at euroscoutinfo.com (Objective 1, KPI 1)

   • Preparing an external benchmark study on volunteer management practices (Objective 1, KPI 1)

   • Updating and re-launching relevant materials on co-education (Objective 2, KPI 2)

- Set up the first meeting for the planning team of membership data analysis team (Objective 3, KPI 3)

4. Successes
Please list the key successes in the reporting period

- The 8th Educational Methods Forum has had a good number of registrations already and the event preparations are proceeding well

- In the All Groups Meeting in Budapest (January 2015) we were able to remove some actions from the Regional Scout Plan, that did not really serve any real purpose. This clarified many things for us and made us feel better about the plan

- Saad Zian joined the group in Budapest meeting and will provide us with high-level expertise on adult resources / volunteer management

5. Challenges
Please list the key challenges in the reporting period

- Tackling objectives 2 and 3 is quite a challenge as there seems to be only limited interest to these from the NSO side

6. Content of the work
Please use this space if you wish to share aspects of the content of the work undertaken or to be undertake or on-going aspects worth noting

- We have been asked to support a EU-funded project on Global Development Education, put together many NSOs and other NGOs from different countries. The exact form of support is not clear yet but we are negotiating with Marguerite Potard about the practicalities.

- The Youth Department of the Council of Europe is launching a call for participants for TRAYCE - Training of Trainers for Youth in the Council of Europe, a long-term training of trainers in non-formal education with young people. The training course aims to support the quality development of non-formal education activities in the Council of Europe through the development of competence of trainers active in the youth field. The training course will start in April 2015 and include different learning features (residential seminars, online learning, practice phases etc.). The interested candidates must apply before 10 March.

7. Issues for the consideration of the European Scout Committee
In brief, please list significant issues that you would like the European Scout Committee to consider

- The next Training Commissioners Network Meeting (TCNM) has been proposed already for late 2015. We think it would make more sense to have it in April/May 2016 and get a partner country for applying funding from Erasmus+.

- We think it would be a worthwhile effort during this triennium to complete the Management of Volunteers in Scouting (MOVIS) toolkit (http://euroscoutinfo.com/movis-resources/). As we see it, the best way to accomplish this would be to have it done as project-based intern work or have a group of volunteers work on this during a "wild working weekend". However, there is currently no money budgeted for this during this fiscal year so this might be hard to accomplish.

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