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INVITATION

Network Meeting for Guide and Scout External Representatives **“Empowering Young Europeans to Speak Openly”** **26-29 October Porto, Portugal**

In order to assist in the implementation of resolution “Society 7” adopted at the 8th European Guide and Scout Conference the Europe Region organised a meeting in 1996 for those Scouts and Guides involved in influencing Youth Policy on behalf of their organisations in a National Youth Council and those representing European Guiding or Scouting in the European youth structures. As a result of that first meeting it was decided to organise a similar meeting annually – 2015 will see the 19th meeting.

The Network Meeting is an annual event organized by Europe Region WAGGGS and WOSM – European Region and inviting Guides and Scouts that represent their MO/NSOs in various platforms/organizations including their National Youth Councils.

The aim of the meeting is to improve our members’ (MOs and NSOs) standing in and impact on society by supporting them in the field of External Relations. The network meetings provide the opportunity for volunteers that are working in the field of External Relations, communication, partnerships or other closely related areas from each Organisation to come together, to explore how conducting external relations can help our members to better fulfil the mission for Scouting and Guiding and to improve their position and recognition in society, in collaboration with other national partners.

The specific objectives are to:

- Strengthen the position of MO/NSOs within their National Youth Council or any other external platforms
- Provide knowledge and support to participants to develop/update external relation plans in their MO/NSOs
- Create a network of participants sharing ideas on the challenges and good practices in terms of external relations
- Encourage mutual European co-operation and support and transferability of knowledge

The expected outcomes are:

- Increased participation of Scouts and Guides within their National Youth Council
- Increased awareness on what is done by other members in the field of external relations
- Increased awareness on what is happening in external relations in the European level, how this benefits the members and how they can contribute to it
- Plan on external relations developed and implemented.

Participant Profile

The main objective of the Network meeting is to train members who are currently not active or in the early phase of developing their external relations activities and will also assist the networking of the volunteers of the organisations that are working on external relations on the national level.



Therefore, the Network Meeting 2015 will particularly target Guides and Scouts who correspond to this specific profile:

- Have been newly appointed to represent their organisation externally, in their National Youth Council or any other external platforms and institution
- Have been already active in its MO/NSO for few years but the organisation has little experience in the area of external relation.

There is no age limit for taking part in the event but it is recommended that associations follow the European Youth Forum's age limit and select participants under the age of 35.

Participants should be available for the entire duration of the event.

When

Monday 26 October 2015 in the morning until Thursday 29 October 2015 in the evening. Participants are expected to arrive on Sunday 25th evening.

Venue

The meeting will take place in Porto, Portugal. Further details on the venue will be shared in the acceptance letter.

Programme

Through role-play, work in small groups, exercises and plenary discussion, participants will share information and examine the role of Guiding and Scouting in the development of youth policy at national and European level, and current European policy initiatives. A detailed programme and information on how to prepare for the meeting will be sent to participants after receiving the acceptance letters.

On Wednesday 28 October, the sessions of the Network meeting will be shared with participants from the Academy.

During the seminar, participants will develop personal action plans to develop their role as a Guide or Scout external representative and it is expected that Associations will encourage and support the implementation of these plans after the meeting.

Participants may be asked by the organisers to assist in the facilitation of training sessions according to individual experiences and interests.

Planning Team

The Planning Team is composed of members of the resource pools of volunteers from the Europe Region WAGGGS and the European Scout Region WOSM. They are from the following countries: France, Finland, Slovenia and UK.

Hosting team

Associação Guias de Portugal (Guide Association of Portugal).

Languages

The event will be run in English with participants assisting with translation (into French) as required.

Participation Fee

The participation fee for the meeting is 275 euro per person (covering four-night accommodation and subsistence for 4 days). This fee doesn't include the travel costs to arrive to the venue nor any personal expenditure and participation costs for any social programme. Any extra nights accommodation required by the participant will be at the participant's own cost. Associations will be invoiced for the participation fee with instructions for payment.

Participants from the NSO/MOs that are partners to the Erasmus + application have a reduced participation



fee of 150 euro per person, being their travel expenses covered up to a lump sum calculated on the travel distance for each participant and described in the call for partners. Please, see in the table below the list of associations and the number of participants per association that can benefit from the Erasmus+ grant. We would kindly remind all partners in the Erasmus+ funding application that you need to register at least one participant in this event as your association is committed as partner of the project.

Further grants could possibly be allocated from the European Region WAGGGS and WOSM-Scout Region to those MO/NSOs that find difficulties to meet the participation fee. Please, contact us if this is the case and we will assess each case individually.

Travel and visa arrangements

Confirmed participants will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Please, do not book your flights before receiving a confirmation letter where we will provide more information about the logistics.

Participants from NSO/MOs that are partners in the Erasmus + application will be reimbursed for their travel expenses up to a lump sum calculated on the travel distance for each participant as described in the table below. The participants will need to keep all the invoices, the electronic ticket, original travel tickets and boarding passes and send these documents together with a claim form within one month and a half from the time of the event – by 12 December 2015.

All participants will be required to provide all their travel information details through a form that will be circulated to the confirmed participants.

Check if you require a visa to enter Portugal. It is the responsibility of each successful participant to obtain a visa allowing up to six weeks prior to the meeting to complete the application process. If an official invitation is required to obtain a visa, please complete the attached visa information form and send it to events@europe.wagggsworld.org.

Cancellation

The Europe Region WAGGGS and WOSM- European Region reserve the right to charge the association for any expenses incurred, if participants cancel their registration after their acceptance has been confirmed.

Insurance

The European Scout Region and the Europe Region WAGGGS do not cover the participants for insurance neither during the event nor during the travel to or from the venue. Please note that it is the exclusive responsibility of the National Scout Association / Member Organisation to check and make sure that participants are covered by insurance (illness, accident, repatriation).

What to do now ...

Complete the [online application form](#) by **3 September**.

The candidate's International Commissioner will need to confirm her/his approval of the application by sending a quick to email to the Europe Region WAGGGS Office at events@europe.wagggsworld.org by **3 September**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Irene Rosales in the Europe Region WAGGGS Office: irene@europe.wagggsworld.org.



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Annex I Travel Grants – Erasmus+

Participants from NSO/MOs that are partners in the Erasmus + application will be reimbursed for their travel expenses up to a lump sum calculated on the travel distance for each participant as described in the table below:

No.	Country	Partner Organization	Travel grant per participant (EUR)	No. of Participants
1	Belgium	Guides Catholiques de Belgique	275	2
2	Belgium	Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen vzw	275	2
3	Bulgaria	Organization of Bulgarian Scouts	360	1
4	Croatia	Scout Association of Croatia	360	2
5	Czech Republic	Junak - svaz skautu a skautek CR	360	1
6	Finland	Suomen Partiolaiset - Finlands Scouter ry	530	2
7	France	Scouts et Guides de France	275	1
8	Greece	The Greek Guiding Association	360	1
9	Hungary	Magyar Cserkészszövetség	360	2
10	Iceland	Bandalag íslenskra skáta	360	2
11	Ireland	Irish Girl Guides	275	1
12	Italy	Associazione Guide e Scout Cattolici italiani	275	2
13	Lithuania	Lietuvos skautija	360	2
14	FYROM	Sojuz na izvidnici na Makedonija	360	2
15	Malta	The Malta Girl Guides Association	360	2
16	Malta	The Scout Association of Malta	360	1
17	Portugal	CORPO NACIONAL DE ESCUTAS	0	2
18	Romania	Organizatia Nationala "Cercetasii Romaniei"	360	2
19	Slovenia	Zdruzenje slovenskih katoliskih skavtinj in skavtov	275	2
20	Portugal	Associação Guias de Portugal	0	2
21	Spain	Movimiento Scout Católico	275	1
22	UK	Girlguiding UK	275	1

