



Funding Opportunities for NSOs and NSAs in Europe

This document is a working tool for all National Scout Organisations (NSOs) and National Scout Associations (NSAs), aiming to offer comprehensive information about the different funding opportunities available in Europe to support NSOs and NSA in their development. It will be continued to be developed as further information becomes available.

It gives an overview of the available funding opportunities, with useful information and direct contacts. Particular attention is given to deadlines and procedures to enable you to be aware of the amount of time and preparation required for an application.

As you know a new EU programme, **Erasmus +** has been adopted for the period 2014-2020 with an increase of 40% of budget. This new programme gathers all the different previous programmes linked to education - **Youth in Action, Life Long Learning, Leonardo, Grundtvig**. A specific chapter dedicated to "Youth projects" is included in the programme and supports lots of different activities in Scouting when done in partnership with other Scouts or youth organisations in Europe and sometimes beyond Europe.

If you are interested to know more about the different opportunities, if you are have a specific question, or if you would like some support to develop an application, do not hesitate to contact Marguerite in the European Regional Office at mpotard@scout.org.

Summary table

Name	Type of activity	Focus	Who can apply	Amount of the grant	Deadline
Partnership Fund	Wide range of possibilities, fitting to the needs of the applicant	Support the development of the organisation in partnership with the Region	Only NSO/NSAs of the European Region	Up to EUR 10,000; priority is given to project with additional external funding	No fixed deadline
European Scout Foundation – Scouting Projects	Wide range of possibilities, fitting the needs of the applicant, preferably related to Scout programmes	Development of Scouting – across the whole Region, and particularly at the local level	With approval of the IC: Local groups, NSOs and NSAs	Limit between CHF 5,000-10,000; related to the outcomes	No fixed deadline
Leadership Training Fund	Bi-lateral and multilateral training projects between different European NSOs and MOs of the Europe Region WAGGGS	Training events between associations	NSOs/NSAs and MOs in partnership with one or more other associations in Europe (not in the same country)	No limit, related to the outcomes	No fixed deadline
Messengers of Peace	Projects for: Dialogue; Peace; Youth in conflict situations; Capacity strengthening; Creating the MoP network	Peace and community involvement, NSO/NSA capacity strengthening	NSOs/NSAs in Europe. Projects may be, but not necessarily, intra-regional, inter-regional and multi regional	No limit, related to the outcomes	No fixed deadline

Erasmus +	Youth exchanges; voluntary service; seminars; training; large transversal partnership project with outside Scouting partners, structured dialogue with policy makers at national level...	European citizenship; youth participation; Youth employment, entrepreneurship, language and digital skills, use of ICT, innovative non-formal education practices, cultural diversity; social inclusion	Youth organisations in the EU and EFTA, including NSO/NSAs. (NSO/NSAs from SEE, non-EU are eligible only as partners)	Depending on the actions applied. Most of the projects offer a flat rate and fixed costs. Co-funding might be needed, depending on the real cost of the project but not compulsory for most of the actions.	Only 1 deadline remaining in 2015: 1 October for a start of project after 1 January. In 2016 we are expecting the first deadline being around February.
European Youth Foundation	International events, seminars, training (at least 7 countries represented and 4 days of activities); Pilot projects at local/national level (innovative)	Human rights; youth participation; cultural diversity; social inclusion; quality education	Youth organisations including NSO/NSAs, regions and local groups	For international events the average is EUR 15,000 (max 20,000); for pilot projects the maximum is EUR 15,000. Co-funding is needed	For events: 01/04 and 01/10 for activities taking place the following year. No fixed deadline for pilot projects but at least 3 month in advance
*** Please note that more information for each funding opportunity can be found in the text below ***					

Partnerships Fund (PF)

- **Donor:** WOSM – European Region
- **Aim:** provide financial assistance to associations through the development of a partnership project.
- **Who can apply:** National Scout Organisations and National Scout Associations of the European Region of WOSM.
- **Procedure:** Application forms can be found on the scout.org/europe website and should be sent by mail or e-mail (europa@scout.org). The application should be based meeting real needs and must be discussed with the Committee Contact before submitting the initial application.
- **Budget:** maximum amount to be provided by the fund is EUR 10,000 per application. In very exceptional cases there may be larger grants. Priority is given to projects for which additional external funding is sought and where the Partnership Fund can have a multiplier effect.
- **Deadline:** applications may be submitted at any time. There are no application deadlines.
- **Example of approved projects/financed actions:** actions focusing on growth, renewal of Youth Programmes or Training Systems. See also scout.org/europe
- **More information:** <http://scout.org/node/31259> (you have first to access the scout.org intranet and then copy and paste this URL in your browser!)
- **Contact in the European Regional Office:** Marguerite Potard, mpotard@scout.org

Scout Projects of the European Scout Foundation

- **Donor:** European Scout Foundation (Friends of Scouting in Europe - FOSE)
- **Aim:** provide financial support for the development of Scouting across the Region
- **Who can apply:** projects can come from any level of an NSO/NSA (local, district, national) and need the approval of the International Commissioner.

- **Procedure:** on line application to be completed on the website.
- **Budget:** There is no limit in the amount requested for a project. However, please note that a project of a smaller amount has more chance of being financed.
- **Deadline:** applications may be submitted at any time. There are no application deadlines.
- **Example of approved projects/financed actions:** contribution to educational projects; purchase of material; organisation of events. Priority is given to projects supporting the educational programme.
- **More information:** <http://fose.scoutshub.org/>
- **Contact:** europfoundation@scout.org

Leadership Training Fund

- **Donor:** donation to the European Scout Foundation to support Scouting and Guiding in Europe
- **Aim:** Support leadership and training development through non-formal education for adults from the age of seventeen and upwards, Support practical Scout/Guide training (including moments using typical Scouting/Guiding activities and methodologies) in partnership between two or more European countries wanting to learn from each other; Events where practical training is taking place (rather than theoretical discussions about training) ; Lead to a longer term and positive change that will continue beyond the project ; Lead to results that can be measured and assessed.
- **Who can apply:** All the NSO/NSAs of the European Scout Region and part of the Eurasia Scout Region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine) and the WAGGGS Europe Region.
- **Procedure:** applications should be submitted to leadership@europak-online.net. There is an [application form](#), but you can also write down your ideas and budget and send it in a format that is suitable for you
- **Budget:** No limit but this is expected that participants and/or participant organisations would cover costs, which they would usually cover for a similar training.
- **Deadline:** applications may be submitted at any time. There are no application deadlines and the fund will communicate a decision within two months.
- **Example of approved projects/financed actions:** training activities/projects
- **More information:** leadership@europak-online.net
- **Contact in the European Regional Office:** Marguerite Potard, mpotard@scout.org

Messengers of Peace

- **Donor:** World Scout Foundation
- **Aim:** to inspire millions of young men and women throughout the world to work to become messengers of peace through community action, capacity building, dialogue and communication
- **Who can apply:** NSOs, Regional Offices and the Central Office of the World Scout Bureau can submit applications. Local Scout Groups must go through their NSO to submit projects. Preference will always be given to NSOs, particularly those in countries facing economic difficulties.
- **Procedure:** Project proposals should be completed using the Standard Application Form, which can be found on scout.org. Completed project proposals must then be sent to the World Scout Bureau, European Regional Office (Geneva).
- **Budget:** no limits established.
- **Deadline:** no deadlines are established for applications, but from the point at which all questions have been answered; applicants will be advised of the result from 1 month to 3 months depending on the amount under consideration.



- **Example of approved projects/financed actions:** The Fund targets five categories of work: (1) training in dialogue; (2) support for specific peace projects; (3) support to young people living in "hot" conflict situations; (4) capacity strengthening; and (5) globalising the Messengers of Peace Global Network. The fund is also supporting the two priorities of the Scout European Region "Youth Empowerment" and "Diversity and Inclusion".
- **More information:** <http://scout.org/messengersofpeace>
- **Contact in the European Regional Office:** Rose-Marie Henny - rmhenny@scout.org

Erasmus +

- **Donor:** European Union
 - **Aim:** This is the Programme that the European Union has set up for education, with a separate chapter for young people and youth organisations. It has been designed to support activities and events that aim to inspire and foster a sense of active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future. It promotes mobility within and beyond the EU borders, youth work, non-formal education, trans-sectorial partnerships among different educational actors.
 - **Who can apply:** all the programme actions foreseen are eligible for NSOs/NSAs or even local groups of young people in all the so called "Programme Countries" meaning EU Member States + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, FYROM; most of the actions are also open for "Neighbouring partner countries", meaning Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and Israel, or some Eurasia and Arab countries but only SEE countries are allowed to apply directly for a project under the Capacity Building action (2 deadlines a year) with programme countries partners. For all actions there are different age limits and also different numbers of eligible participants/partners.
- Procedure:** The programme is divided in three different actions:
 Key action 1: "Individual mobility" youth exchange, youth initiative, youth worker mobility, seminars, and trainings.
 Key action 2: "Strategic partnerships" (bigger project involving partners from outside Scouting and the youth sector for innovative approaches to non formal education.
 Key action 3: "Structured dialogue with policies makers"
- Application forms of each call for proposal are available on the websites of each National agency of the programme (to find your national agency: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/national-agencies_en.htm). Please note that for the majority of the actions require a partnership among organisations from different countries meaning that the activities have to be international.
- **Budget:** each action has different funding rules but generally the support is offered in terms of travel, accommodation and activity costs through lump sums and a scale of unit costs. Those cost are generally not enough to support all of your real cost so co-funding might be needed.
 - **Deadline:** 3 deadlines this year, the next one is 1 October 2015 for a start of activity from 1 January 2016. All the deadlines are published on the website of the national agency.
 - **Example of approved projects/financed actions:** youth exchanges, youth initiatives, youth democracy projects, European Voluntary Service, training and networking activities, meetings with young people and those responsible for youth policy.
 - **More information:** http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en
 And you can find here some guidelines developed by the European Youth Forum:
http://intranet.youthforum.org/sites/default/files/MO_guide_ERASMUS_draft_final.pdf
 - **Contact in the European Regional Office:** Marguerite Potard, mpotard@scout.org



Please note that the European Regional Office and some activities of the European Region are financially supported by the programme Erasmus +

European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe (EYF)

- **Donor:** Council of Europe
- **Aim:** provide financial support for European youth activities. Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity
- **Who can apply:** youth organisations such as NSOs/NSAs from countries that are Member States of the Council of Europe. Even if the participants in the projects are youth leaders, at least 75% of them must be under the age of 30.
- **Procedure:** youth organisations must be registered online in the EYF database before being able to submit an application (it takes at least 1 week to get the approval); in order to apply an organisation has to complete an on line application. Please note that for the majority of the actions require a partnership among organisations from different countries meaning that the activities have to be international. Pilot projects are the only way to have local activities granted without other international partners.
- **Budget:** EYF cannot cover the full cost of the project. Its contribution may not exceed two-thirds of the total cost of a project. Average grant for International Event is € 15,000 (up to € 20,000); Pilot projects are maximum € 15,000.
- **Deadline:** International Events: two deadlines per year: 01/04 – 01/10 for a project starting the next year (1st and 2nd semester). There are no fixed deadlines for the submission of pilot projects. However, the project application should reach the EYF Secretariat at least 3 months before the beginning of the activity.
- **Example of approved projects/financed actions:** there are 2 categories of grants to which national organisations can apply to: International event (at least 4 days of events, 3 international partners, 7 countries represented and 4 in the planning team) and pilot projects. Priority is given to pilot projects that address a particular situation in a country (e.g.: crisis)
- **More information:** <http://www.coe.int/web/european-youth-foundation>
- **Contact in the European Regional Office:** Marguerite Potard at mpotard@scout.org



Please note that the European Youth Foundation supports the European Regional Office and some activities of the European Region.

Other funding opportunities

- **Foundations:** across Europe several foundations provide funding for youth projects. Some of them are active at European/international level but the majority of them are based and operate at national level. We can't provide, for obvious reasons, an exhaustive list of all the foundations active in the youth field. Therefore NSO/NSAs interested to work with foundations should first look for national databases that are normally available on line. One interesting database is offered by the European Foundation Centre (EFC) at <http://www.efc.be/Pages/default.aspx>. The EFC is an international association of foundations and corporate funders and those foundations specifically works on children and youth can be found at: http://www.efc.be/programmes_services/thematic-networks/Children-youth/Pages/default.aspx
- **Corporate sector:** more and more corporate companies are nowadays developing Corporate Social Responsible schemes, providing either funding, services or other kinds of support to civil society organisations. A quite exhaustive list of companies active in Europe can be found at these two links: <http://www.csreurope.org/corporate-members> and <http://www.csreurope.org/national-partner-organisations>.
- **Eric Frank Trust:** With aim to advance education, including development of leadership skills, and to advance young people in life with a view to helping them become more responsible citizens. Any organisation worldwide, whose main purpose is the education and development of young people, with priority given to NSOs/NSAs, may apply. Projects must be submitted electronically to "The

Administrator of the Eric Frank Trust Stella Simpson" at debs@waltonfirs.co.uk. There is a standard cover page, but no application form. No application from a Scout organisation will be considered unless it has the written support of the European Scout Office.

http://www.ericfranktrust.org/index.php?p=1_4_Apply-for-grants

Useful resources for funding

- **Specifically for NSO/NSAs of South-Eastern Europe:** the Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) produced an on line database of donors active in the Balkan region available at <http://www.balkancsd.net/index.php/policy-research-analysis/alternative-sources-for-supporting-csos/donor-strategies-and-practices/database>
- **T-kit 9 "Funding and financial management" produced by EU-COE youth partnership:** http://youth-partnership-eu.coe.int/youth-partnership/publications/T-kits/9/Tkit_9_EN
- **UK Institute of Fundraising** (website with a lot of interesting suggestions): <http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/>
- **How to fundraise** (website with lot of interesting suggestions): <http://www.how2fundraise.org/>
- **Funds for NGOs** (website with lot of interesting suggestions and free latest funds alert): <http://www.fundsforngos.org/>
- **European Fundraising Association:** <http://www.efa-net.eu/>

Please note that the European Regional Office always informs NSOs and NSAs of funding opportunities that might be interesting for them and has developed a database including all these and other information that are relevant for youth organisations.

Some funding opportunities or donors have not been listed in this document only because they might be active only in specific geographical areas of countries and therefore are not relevant for a communication addressing all the NSO/NSAs in Europe. This includes, for example, programmes of the European Union focusing on neighbouring non-EU countries or that have different implantation objectives in different countries.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Office in Brussels to inquire for more information.