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The 9th European Scout Agora

Albergue Fray Luis de León,
Guadarrama, Madrid, Spain.
13-17 April 2016

COLOUR YOUR WORLD



Dear International and Rover Commissioners,

We invite up to **4 Rovers** from your NSA to live this empowering, inspiring, meaningful but also fun and exciting experience built "for Rovers by Rovers", with the support of the European Scout Region and the European Union. We will encourage your Scouts, inspire them, and put them in a position to be actively involved. However, the European Agora is not only about education; it is also about letting young adults explore, share, and express themselves in an international environment.

Best regards,

Sofia, Stephan, Sarah and Violeta

MOTTO, OBJECTIVES AND CONTENT

Motto

The motto of Agora 2016 is **Colour your World**.

Objectives

- Raise awareness on the challenges regarding Human Rights that Europe is facing (migrant crises, Human Rights declaration...) and how could Scouting help in taking action about it.
- Strengthen multiculturalism through understanding the diversity of cultures and religions. Use this understanding as a way to broaden views about Scouting and life.
- Promote personal skills for leadership and increase participant capacity to actively be involved in Scouting and life in general.
- Exchange about different methods (i.e. the Personal Project) used in Scouting.

Focus points of the programme

- **Youth Empowerment**
- **Human Rights**
- **Multiculturalism**
- **Roverism**

PRACTICAL INFO

An Agora is an educational tool that uses the Scout Method to reach the educational objectives for the rover age section and that has a special emphasis on youth empowerment.

What makes an Agora so special is that it is an event run "for Rovers, by Rovers". As a result, the event looks at issues that are of importance and relevant to young people in our society today.

An Agora aims to be a meeting place in which dreams, feelings, concerns, experiences, ideas and paths cross together, are connected and shared; a crossroad that would be a source of inspiration and energy. It is a place where the fundamentals of Scouting are present in a way that is attractive to young people today. It is a place for debate and sharing as well as teaching and learning one from another. And most importantly, an Agora is about getting new motivation and direction to one's path as a Rover.

Each event is focusing on a major theme, on which the programme is built upon.

Dates and Venue

The 9th Agora will be organised at **Albergue Fray Luis de León**, near Madrid, Spain, between **13 and 17 April 2016**.

The venue provides accommodation in dormitories and meals.



PARTICIPANTS AND PLANNING TEAM

Participant profile

- Members of the last age section in their NSO/A (aged 16-24), enthusiastic, motivated, open to new ideas and willing to share their own experiences.
- Willing to talk about personal experiences and have a knowledge of how Rovers operate in their own countries
- Agora is being held in English. The participants will be expected to understand and communicate well in English.
- NSAs are encouraged to ensure that their delegations are as diverse as possible (gender, geographical or economic background)
- The main goal of an Agora is to empower its participants. In order to appreciate the full potential of Agora, the representatives should not have too much prior experience in adult roles within their NSO/NSAs or in international work.
- Once accepted, the NSA should provide them with sufficient knowledge of the Rover Programme in their own country.
- Each NSA should consider the best ways in which the experience accumulated during the event could be used for the benefit of the programme for the Rover section in the country

Planning Team



- Sofia Galán (Spain)
- Stephan Veit (Germany)
- Sarah Moinet (France)
- Violeta Pospor (Romania)

Coach:

Catarina Inverno Sousa (European Youth Empowerment Strategic Priority Group)

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Terminology

Aware that each National Scout Association has different names for the different age sections; for the purpose of this event we will define Rovers as being members of the last age section (aged 16-24). Be convinced that if your NSA is in the process of creating a Rover Programme, the Agora remains an interesting opportunity for these Scouts who will soon be called Rovers!

Participation fees

The participation fee is **€250**. The fee covers all accommodation and meals from the evening of Wednesday, 13 April to lunch on Sunday, 17 April, all the materials for the sessions and a day out in Madrid. The fee does not cover travel costs. Bank connections and details for paying the event participation fee will be reported to all participants by the Agora acceptance letter.

An Erasmus+ application for the event has been submitted and, if it is granted, it may ultimately affect the cost for those NSA/NSO that signed the partner agreement. We will advise accordingly.

Languages

The working language of the event is **English**.

Travel

Once participants have been confirmed (by 15 March 2016), they should make their own travel arrangements.

Travel forms will be included in the information package to be sent to participants with the acceptance letter.

More information and application form

<http://agora.rovernet.eu/>

<http://agora.rovernet.eu/registrations/>

Deadline for applications 29 February 2016

