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International Commissioners and principal contacts of NSOs and NSAs in the European Scout Region

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Funding opportunities for NSOs in the European Region

Dear friends

We are pleased to provide this update on Funding Opportunities available to NSOs and NSAs in Europe.

This document is a working tool for all NSOs and NSAs in the European Scout Region, aiming to offer comprehensive information about the different funding opportunities available in Europe to support NSOs and NSA in their development.

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, the **Erasmus+** programme has a specific chapter dedicated to "Youth projects" that supports lots of different activities in Scouting when done in partnership with other Scouts or youth organisations in Europe and sometimes beyond Europe.

We would also like to draw your attention to the "**Visegrad**" funding line, which has a strategic grant priority for 2016 that focusses on "Migration/Integration," falling in line with the newly adopted Regional Scout Plan.

If you are interested to know more about the different opportunities, if you have a specific question, or if you would like some support to develop an application, please do not hesitate to contact Sinziana in the **Europe Support Centre, Brussels** at rasca@scout.org.

Summary table

Name	Type of activity	Focus	Who can apply	Amount of the grant	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
European Scout Foundation-Friends of Scouting Europe (FOSE)	Funding local as well as smaller national level Scout projects, focused on educational activities for young people with a widening of the focus to the whole Region	Local and small national level Scouting activities	Local Scout Groups, national level, with the approval of their International Commissioner	No limit, related to the outcomes, with the note that smaller projects have better chances	No fixed deadline
Erasmus +	Youth exchanges; voluntary service; seminars; training; large transversal partnership projects with partners outside Scouting, structured dialogue with policy makers at national level...	European citizenship; youth participation; Youth employment, entrepreneurs -hip, 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.	Upcoming deadlines: 4 October 2016, 1 February 2017 (TBC), 30 April 2017 (TBC)
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 April and 01 October for activities taking place the following year. No fixed deadline for pilot projects but at least 3 month in advance

Eric Frank Trust	With the aim to promote education and to advance young people in life with a view to helping them become more responsible citizens	Development of leadership skills	Any organisation worldwide, whose main purpose is the education and development of young people, with priority given to NSOs/NSAs, may apply	Depending on project application.	On-going
Visegrad Fund	The purpose of the fund is to facilitate and promote the development of closer cooperation among citizens and institutions in Europe as well as between the V4 region and other countries, especially in the Western Balkans and an Eastern Partnership region. Special focus on Strategic Grants, which have a priority on Migration and Integration.	Support is given to original projects, in the areas of culture, science and research, youth exchanges, cross-border cooperation and tourism promotion as well as in other priority areas defined in the calls of proposals of the Fund.	Any organisation worldwide, with preference for not-for-profit entities and public institutions (schools, universities etc.). Any project application must have at least 3 partners from the V4 countries (Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary).	Small grants - maximum of EUR 6 000, and up to 80% of project costs. Standard grants - minimum of EUR 6 000, and up to 80% of project costs. Strategic grants - an average of EUR 40 000 per project.	Small grants: 1 March, 1 June, 1 September, 1 December Standard grants: 15 March, 15 September Strategic grants: upon call.
*** Please note that more information for each funding opportunity can be found in the text below ***					

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 events 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 it 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 Europe Support Centre, Brussels:** Sinziana Rasca, srasca@scout.org

MESSENGER 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/NSAs, 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/NSAs, 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 relevant World Scout Bureau – for Europe the Europe Support Centre (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 Europe Support Centre, Geneva:** Rose-Marie Henny - rmhenny@scout.org



EUROPEAN SCOUT FOUNDATION

- **Donor:** European Scout Foundation
- **Aim:** To provide financial support for the development of Scouting in Europe
- **Who can apply:** local Scout groups and national applications for smaller project proposals from across the Region, with the approval of their International Commissioner.
- **Procedure:** Project proposals should be completed using the Online Application Form, which can be found on <http://europeanscoutfoundation.org/fose/>
- **Budget:** no limits established, but the recommendation is that smaller projects are more likely to be funded.
- **Deadline:** no deadlines are established for applications.
- **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://europeanscoutfoundation.org/fose/>
- **Contact:** europfoundation@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: Organisations from Erasmus+ “Neighbouring partner countries” (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Russian Federation, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Israel and some Arab countries) need to have at least one partner from the EU “Programme Countries” countries + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, FYROM.

It is not possible for the “Neighbouring partner countries” to apply directly for the grant - one of the “Programme Countries” needs to apply with them as partners in the project. Most of the actions are open for “Neighbouring partner countries”. 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, trainings. *This action is the easiest to access, but it’s usually aimed at a “one off” activity.*

Key action 2: “Strategic partnerships” (bigger project involving partners from outside Scouting and the youth sector for innovative approaches to non formal education). *The projects for this action are more complex to access, but can include project management and staff costs. Please consult with the National Agency about the available budget before deciding to apply for this action on a “Neighbouring partner countries” project!*

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.

***Important:** When you have an idea about developing an Erasmus+ project, contact the National Agency for Erasmus+ from the country where you will apply for funding and tell them about the project idea. Ask them for feed-back on the way the project idea fits with the priorities of the action that you wish to apply for. This way you will ensure a higher quality of your project and more chances to have it funded.*

- **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 ne needed. **Attention!** – *The budget for projects with “Neighbouring partner countries” is rather small, only 1-2 projects per action/deadline being funded in every Partner Country. Priority is given to projects where there is a balance between the number of partners from “Neighbouring partner countries” and “Partner countries” (for example 3 EU countries and 3 “Neighbouring partner countries”, such as Ukraine, Moldova and Azerbaijan). The project must address the development of the partners from “Neighbouring partner countries” with the help of the organisations from “Partner Countries”.*
- **Deadline:** 3 deadlines per year, the next one is 4 October 2016 for a start of activity from 1 January 2017.

- **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 Europe Support Centre, Brussels:** Sinziana Rasca, strasca@scout.org

Please note that both Europe Support Centres and some activities of the Europe Region and the Eurasia 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; in order to apply, an organisation has to complete an on line application. Please note that 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 April + 01 October. 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 or local community (e.g.: crisis, minorities, discrimination etc.). For the pilot projects the application is on-going (no fixed deadline). We recommend you to try and apply for a pilot project grant before trying to access the International Event ones.
- **More information:** <http://www.coe.int/web/european-youth-foundation>
- **Contact in the Europe Support Centre, Brussels:** Sinziana Rasca at strasca@scout.org



Please note that the European Youth Foundation supports the Europe Support Centres, Brussels and Geneva and some activities.

Visegrad Fund

Donor: equal contributions of the V4 countries (Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia) plus contributions from other governments (Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, USA).



- **Aim:** facilitate and promote the development of closer cooperation among citizens and institutions in the region of the 4 countries as well as between the V4 region and other countries, especially in the Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership regions.
- **Who can apply:** Any legal entity or natural person worldwide. Preferences are given to applicants from non-governmental and non-profit organizations, municipalities and local governments, public schools and universities, research and scientific bodies and public institutions. Any application must involve at least 3 partners from the V4 countries.
- **Procedure:** Application forms are available through an on-line system at <http://applications.visegradfund.org/>. The system usually opens 30 days prior to given deadline. Applicants need to register with an existing e-mail address to start a new application form.
- **Budget:** annual budget of EUR 8 million.
- **Deadline:** Small Grants: 1 March, 1 June, 1 September and 1 December. Standard Grants: 15 March and 15 September (unless stipulated otherwise on the website and in the on-line application system). The Visegrad Strategic Programme has a single annual deadline (the date is announced). Electronic application forms shall be submitted by 12:00 CET (noon) on given deadline date. Hard-copy versions (printouts) with relevant accompanying documentation shall be either sent by registered post on the same day at the latest or delivered to the Fund personally by 16:30 CET.
- **Example of approved projects/financed actions:** There are six categories into which Small/Standard Grants projects are divided (Strategic Grants follow annual [priorities](#)). These are:
 - **cultural cooperation** (film and theatre festivals, exhibitions, publications)
 - **education** (seminars, education workshops)
 - **scientific exchange and research** (academic workshops, conferences)
 - **youth exchanges** (summer camps, school exchanges)
 - **cross-border cooperation** (site-specific, locally or regionally relevant projects)—applicants and project partners cannot have their seats further than 80 km from given border (projects in this category can involve two or three countries—see paragraph [2.9](#))
 - **promotion of tourism** (tourist portals or brochures, promotion of concrete sites)
- **More information:** <http://visegradfund.org/home/>
- **Contact in the Europe Support Center, Brussels:** Sinziana Rasca at srasca@scout.org

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, NSOs/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 and to advance young people in life with a view to helping them become more responsible citizens. 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 one of the two Regional Support Centres. http://www.ericfranktrust.org/index.php?p=1_4_Apply-for-grants
- **Region Funds allocated for Tailored Support:** replacing the Partnership Fund, if there is a need for funding for a limited time and with a clear place in a strategic development plan for the NOS or NSA, then associations may talk to their Committee Contact to see what might be available. Such funding is limited and will be monitored with regular oversight as part of the Tailored Support process.
Contact your Committee Contact.

Useful resources for funding

- **Specifically for NSOs/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.balkanbsd.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 **Europe Support Centre, Brussels** always informs NSOs/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 in specific geographical areas of countries and therefore are not relevant for a communication addressing all the NSOs/NSAs in Europe. This includes, for example, programmes of the European Union focusing on neighbouring non-EU countries or that have different implementation objectives in different countries.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Europe Support Centres in Brussels or Geneva to inquire for more information.