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## Invitation Partnerships Event 2017 24-27 February 2017 in Brussels, Belgium

Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen and Les Scouts, in collaboration with the European Region of WOSM, on behalf of The Partnerships Network and in cooperation with their troika, are pleased to invite you and your partner organisations to the "Partnerships Step by Step" Event, which will be held between 24 and 27 February 2017 in Brussels, Belgium.

### What?

This event is organised by The Partnerships Network, a coalition of Scout and Guide associations, which aims at fostering, strengthening and developing partnerships between associations in Europe and associations from other regions of the world.

The overall idea of the network is to share and create information about ongoing partnerships, as well as to provide a platform for the exchange of experiences and knowledge. A continuing reflection on the relevance of partnerships, as well as the promotion of intercultural understanding and mutual respect are central elements of the Partnership Network.

At this particular Partnership Event, the **objectives** will be:

- Encouraging the creation of new partnerships with Scout and Guide organisations from other regions, and especially with the Asia-Pacific Region;
- Promoting exchanges of experiences, information, tools, best practices and success stories in order to strengthen partnerships;
- Encouraging the increase of quality in partnerships and especially, by exploring how partnerships can have an expanded impact on more young people;
- Explore potential follow-up activities of the Unguvu coalition (Euro-Africa multilateral partnership coalition) for the organisations that are interested to continue such collaboration.

Please see **preliminary programme below**. If you have suggestions, please include them in the registration form, as well as your examples of good practice and topics that you could contribute with in the event.

### Who?

Organisations/Associations who are Member Organisations of WOSM and WAGGGS, particularly from the Europe and Asia-Pacific Regions, that are interested in the topic.

Your delegation ideally consists of people who are already engaged in partnership activities or are motivated to create new partnerships, as well as people in strategic positions, such as International Commissioners.

### With whom?

We would like to invite your partner organisations from Asia-Pacific and strongly encourage you to support and facilitate their participation in the event. In order to have a holistic view of the topic and share visions and ideas, their presence is crucial to the success of the event.

### When?

The event officially starts on Friday 24 February 2017 at 17:00 hours with the session - "Introduction for newcomers" and a parallel "Catching-up" session for the participants who already participated in previous Partnership Events. The formal programme of the event will end on Monday 27 February 2017 around 13:00. A packed lunch will be provided for Monday noon.

The hosts propose you to join on a **optional programme on Monday afternoon**, visiting the Parliament and the Brussels Support Centre of the European Scout Region. If a minimum of 10 participants register for this option, we will try to arrange a meeting with a member of the European Parliament.



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Accommodation for Monday evening can be arranged upon request at your own expense. Please make sure to check the connected option in the Registration Form.

### **Where?**

The event will be held at Brussels, Belgium. The venue is easily accessible by metro, tram and bus. Accommodation will be in shared rooms (up to four people sharing). There is a possibility to be accommodated in single bedrooms for an extra fee of 40€ per night. Please contact the hosting team at [info@pe17.be](mailto:info@pe17.be) if you wish to have specific accommodation. More information will be provided directly to all the participants when their registration is confirmed.

### **Participation fee**

The participation fee for the event is EUR 250. This fee does not include travel cost to reach the venue. You will be provided with the necessary information on how to make the payment prior to the event. For the participation of your partner associations, we count on your financial support.

Some financial support for the participation of NSOs coming from the Asia-Pacific Region of WOSM can be provided upon request by the European Scout Region (maximum 500 euro/person travel costs that will be distributed on first come first served). For more information on how you can benefit from the support available please contact Marguerite Potard at [mpotard@scout.org](mailto:mpotard@scout.org).

Exclusively for the European Region- an Erasmus+ application has been submitted in October 2016. We expect to have the results in December 2016. All organisations partnering in the Erasmus+ application will be informed separately about the outcomes of it and, if granted, about the conditions of their participation.

### **Registration**

Please register online for the meeting before 20 January 2017. You can register using this link: <http://partnership.rovernet.eu/?p=249>

Please do not make travel arrangements before you receive a confirmation letter from the Planning Team of the event that your registration has been accepted. **Participants needing a visa are required to register by 1 January 2017** to ensure that enough time is available to go through the visa process.

### **Visa procedure**

Requests for invitation letters for visa applications have to be completed in the online registration. Please send an email to [info@pe17.be](mailto:info@pe17.be) for any further information concerning the procedure to apply for a Visa in Belgium. Participants that needing a visa to enter Belgium must **register by 1 January 2017**.

### **Languages**

The working language of the Partnerships Event 2017 is English. However, we encourage participants to help each other with translation.

### **Insurance**

Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen, Les Scouts and the European Region of WOSM do not cover the health insurance of the participants at any time. Please note that it is the exclusive responsibility of the participants' national association to check and be sure that the participants are covered by insurance (illness, accidents, repatriation etc.).

### **Planning Team**

The Planning Team is composed of members of Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen, Les Scouts, volunteers of the European Region of WOSM from Sweden, Denmark, and Ireland and two staff members of the European Scout Office.

### **Contact**

More information will be soon uploaded on the event website <http://partnership.rovernet.eu/>. If you have any questions regarding the Partnerships Event, please do not hesitate to contact the organising team: [info@pe17.be](mailto:info@pe17.be) or Sinziana Rasca ([srasca@scout.org](mailto:srasca@scout.org)). We are looking forward to welcoming you to Belgium! Upon your registration you will receive more information regarding the Partnerships Event 2017.

Yours in Scouting and Guiding,

**The Planning Team of the "Partnerships Step by Step" Event 2017**



## Partnerships Event - Partnerships “Step by Step” draft programme (24-27 February)

Time	Friday	Saturday			Sunday		Monday	
0800-0900	Arrivals	Breakfast			Breakfast		Breakfast	
0900-0930		Keynote speaker GS1			Keynote speaker GS2		Keynote speaker GS3	
0930-1030		Partnership building blocks S2.1	Leaving a Legacy S2.2		Talking “CENTS” S5.1	Broadcasting competences S5.2	Patrol Market S7.1	
1030-1100		Fun Break			Fun Break			
1100-1130		SDGs in partnerships S3.1	Online platforms for partnerships S3.2		Talking “CENTS” S5.1	Broadcasting competences S5.2	Closing and EVAL	
1130-1230								
1230-1400		Lunch			Lunch		Packed Lunch	
1400-1530		ERA-scout S4.1	Partnerships with APR S4.2	UNGUVU S4.3	Scoutsurfing? S6.1	Risk Management S6.2	Departure or Optional afternoon program  (Visit to the Parliamentarium and Brussels WOSM office)	
1530-1600		Fun Break			Fun Break			
1600-1700		Patrol work			Patrol work			
1700-1730		Newbies S1.1	Oldies S1.2	Belgian Storytelling				
1730-1800		Belgian Storytelling						
1800-1830		Walkie Talkie and the forming of patrols		Partnership exhibition and BINGO		Regional presentation		
1830-1900						Preparation		
1900-2000	Dinner		Preparation of the International Evening and standing dinner		Belgian Night			
200-2030								
2030-2100	Opening session		International Evening					
2100-2200	Patrol work							