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The 10th European Scout Agora

Scoutcentrum Kruithuis,
Delft, The Netherlands.
19-23 April 2017

How far are you willing to go?



Dear International and Rover Commissioners,

We invite up to **4 Rovers** from your NSA or NSO to live this empowering, inspiring, meaningful but also fun and exciting educational experience built "for Rovers by Rovers", with the support of the European Scout Region. We will encourage your Rover Scouts, inspire them, and equip them with the skills and supports to be actively involved upon returning home. 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.

The theme for this event is "**How Scouting evolves with its time**". In a society that is constantly evolving, we need to keep Scouting relevant and young people engaged. Rovers will explore different ways of bringing Scouting in tune with its time, by actively participating in the development of new ideas and projects to bring back home.

We would love for your Rovers to join us.

Best regards,

Berta, Zvezdelin, Violeta and Sarah

MOTTO, OBJECTIVES AND CONTENT

Objectives

- Make Agora a space where participants can be informed and talk about the different aspects of Scouting around the world
- Develop new Scouting activities in Agora related to challenges Scouting is facing (new technology, Youth Empowerment, community projects, Europe) - Future is Now.
- Participant involvement; co-construction: have workshops about topics that participants want to know about.
- Get the participants to know the others participants' culture, country specificities and NSA/NSO.

Focus points of the programme

- How Scouting evolves with its time
- Tradition vs. Innovation in Scouting
- Sustainable development
- Rovering
- Youth Empowerment

Motto

The motto of Agora 2017 is 'How far are you willing to go?'

WHAT'S AN AGORA?

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". Thus, 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 come together, are connected and shared; a crossroads 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 focuses on a major theme, on which the programme is built upon.

Dates and Venue

The 10th Agora will be organised at **Scoutcentrum Kruithius**, Delft, The Netherlands, between **19 and 23 April 2017**.

The venue provides accommodation in shared dormitories

PARTICIPANTS AND PLANNING TEAM

PRACTICAL INFO

Participant Profile and NSO/A Requirements

Participants should:

- Be members of the last age section in their NSO/A (aged 16-24) who are enthusiastic, motivated, open to new ideas and willing to share their own experiences.
- Be willing to talk about personal experiences and have a knowledge of how Rovers operate in their own countries.
- Have a minimum standard of English which allows them to understand and communicate well during the event.
- Not have too much prior experience in adult roles within their NSO/As or in international work.

NSO/As are encouraged to:

- Ensure that their delegations are as diverse as possible (gender, geographical or economic background).
- Provide selected participants with sufficient knowledge of the Rover Programme in their own country.
- 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. This would, ideally, be shared with participants before their participation.

Planning Team



- **Berta Mendoza (Spain)**
- **Zvezdelin Dimitrov (Bulgaria)**
- **Sarah Moinet (France)**
- **Violeta Popsor (Romania)**

Máire Fitzgerald (Coach)

Raül Molina (WSB Support)

Terminology

Aware that each National Scout Association has different names for the different age sections; for 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 fee

The participation fee is **€175**. The fee covers all accommodation and meals from the evening of Wednesday, 19 April to lunch on Sunday, 23 April, all the materials for the sessions and the social programme. 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.

Language

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

Travel

Once participants have been confirmed (by 15 March 2017), 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

28 February 2017