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INVITATION  
**Network Meeting for Guide and Scout External Representatives**  
8 -11 November, Malta

In order to assist in the implementation of resolution “Society 7” adopted at the 8th European Guide and Scout Conference the Europe Region organized a meeting in 1996 for those Scouts and Guides involved in influencing Youth Policy on behalf of their organizations in a National Youth Council and those representing European Guiding or Scouting in the European youth structures. As a result of that first meeting it was decided to organize a similar meeting annually – 2017 will see the 21st meeting.

The Network Meeting is an annual event organized by Europe Region WAGGGS and WOSM – European Region, where we invite Guides and Scouts that represent their MO/NSOs on various external platforms including their National Youth Councils.

The aim of the meeting is to improve our members (MOs and NSOs) standing and impact on society by supporting them in the field of external relations. The network meeting provides the opportunity for volunteers that are working in the field of external relations, communication, partnerships or other closely related areas from each Organization to come together to explore how conducting external relations can help our members to better fulfill the mission for Scouting and Guiding.

**The specific objectives are to:**

- Equip participants with the skills to develop effective targeted campaigns on behalf of their national associations
- Build confidence of participants to be visible and active in society by upholding and embodying our shared values such as volunteering, youth voice and non-formal education
- Develop participants ability to communicate their organizations messages and priorities to a variety of external audiences
- Build participants understanding of advocacy and ability to advocate at the local, national, European and global levels
- Empower organizations to work with external relations and advocacy in their own countries
- Facilitate the sharing of experiences and best practices, networking and cooperation between partner organizations
- Introduce and explore national, European and global youth agenda and how this relates to the work of WAGGGS and WOSM

**The expected outcomes are:**

- Young people have acquired the knowledge and skills needed to speak out and take action on issues they care about at local, national, European and global levels
- Participants have increased capacity to develop advocacy projects
- Guide/ Scout associations are enabled to develop advocacy plans and opportunities within their structures for their young members
- Guide/Scout associations in Europe have reinforced their collaboration and cross-fertilized ideas in the development and influencing of youth policies at national and European level

**Participant Profile**

The main objective of the Network meeting is to train members who are currently not active or in the early phase of developing their external relations activities and will also assist the networking of the volunteers of the organizations that are working on external relations on the national level.

Therefore, the Network Meeting 2017 will particularly target Guides and Scouts who correspond to this



specific profile:

- Have been newly appointed to represent their organization externally in their National Youth Council or any other external platforms and institution
- Have been active in its MO/NSO but have little experience in the area of external relation.

There is no age limit for taking part in the event but it is recommended that associations follow the European Youth Forum's age limit and select participants under the age of 35. Participants should be available for the entire duration of the event.

### **When**

Wednesday 8 November to Sunday 11 November 2017.

### **Venue**

The meeting will take place in Malta. Further details on the venue will be shared in the acceptance letter.

### **Programme**

Through role-play, work in small groups, exercises and plenary discussion, participants will learn and share information about the role of Guiding and Scouting in the public domain, campaigning and advocacy. They will develop their ability to speak out and represent their MO/NSOs at the local, national, European and global levels. A Detailed program and information on how to prepare for the meeting will be sent to participants once they receive their acceptance letters.

Participants may be asked by the organizers to assist in the facilitation of training sessions according to individual experiences and interests.

### **Planning Team**

The Planning Team is composed of members of WAGGGS and WOSM staff and the resource pools of volunteers from the Europe Region WAGGGS and the European Scout Region WOSM.

### **Hosting team**

Malta Girl Guides

### **Languages**

The event will be run in English *with participants assisting with translation (into French) as required.*

### **Participation Fee**

The participation fee for the meeting is 300 euro per person (covering five nights' accommodation and subsistence). This fee doesn't include the travel costs to arrive at the venue nor any personal expenditure and participation costs for any social programme. Any extra nights accommodation required by the participant will be at the participant's own cost. Associations will be invoiced for the participation fee with instructions for payment.

Participants from the NSO/MOs that are partners to the Erasmus + application have a reduced participation fee of 100 euro per person, being their travel expenses covered up to a lump sum calculated on the travel distance for each participant and described in the call for partners. Please, see in the table below the list of associations and the number of participants per association that can benefit from the Erasmus+ grant. We would kindly remind all partners in the Erasmus+ funding application that you need to register at least one participant in this event as your association is committed as partner of the project. If your association has secured a spot for more than one participant and for any reasons you are not going to be able to use all the places available, please inform as soon as possible Stefania ([stefania.francescon@waggggs.org](mailto:stefania.francescon@waggggs.org)).

For those who are not eligible for the grant and may find difficult to meet the participation fee additional funding may be available from the European Region WAGGGS and WOSM-Scout Region to those MO/NSOs. Please, contact us if this is the case and we will assess each case individually.

### **Travel and visa arrangements**

Confirmed participants will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Please, do not book your flights before receiving a confirmation letter from WAGGGS where we will provide more information about the logistics.

Participants from NSO/MOs that are partners in the Erasmus + application will be reimbursed for their travel expenses up to a lump sum calculated on the travel distance for each participant as described in the table



below. The participants will need to send all the invoices, the electronic ticket, original travel tickets and boarding passes to WAGGGS together with a claim form within one month from the end of the event – by 11 December 2017.

All participants will be required to provide all their travel information details through a form that will be circulated to the confirmed participants. This allows not only knowing when they travel but also the price of their tickets, to anticipate budget forecasts.

### Cancellation

The Europe Region WAGGGS and WOSM- European Region reserve the right to charge the association for any expenses incurred, if participants cancel their registration after their acceptance has been confirmed.

### Insurance

The European Scout Region and the Europe Region WAGGGS do not cover the participants for insurance neither during the event nor during the travel to or from the venue. Please note that it is the exclusive responsibility of the National Scout Association / Member Organisation to check and make sure that participants are covered by insurance (illness, accident, repatriation).

### What to do now ...

Complete the online application form by **1 October 2017**.

<https://goo.gl/forms/CSGywugT1w2zaTLN2>

The candidate's International Commissioner will need to confirm her/his approval of the application by sending a quick to email to the **Europe Region WAGGGS Office** at [networkmeeting@waggggs.org](mailto:networkmeeting@waggggs.org) by **1 October 2017**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jean-Ann Ndow in the WAGGGS Office: [jean-ann.ndow@waggggs.org](mailto:jean-ann.ndow@waggggs.org).

### Erasmus+ grant partner organisations

Country	Partner Organization	Number of participants sponsored by grant	Travel grant per participant (EUR)
Austria	<a href="#">Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Österreichs</a>	2	275
Belgium	Les Scouts	1	275
Bulgaria	Organization of Bulgarian Scouts	2	275
Czech Republic	Junak - svaz skautu a skautek CR	1	275
Finland	Suomen Partiolaiset - Finlands Scouter ry	2	360
France	Eclaireuses et Eclaireurs de France	1	275



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Germany	Deutsche Pfadfinderschaft Sankt Georg	1	275
Hungary	Magyar Cserkészszövetség	2	275
Ireland	Irish Girl Guides	2	360
Latvia	Latvian Scout and Guide central organization	2	360
Lithuania	Lietuvos skautija	2	360
Malta	The Malta Girl Guides Association	4	-
Malta	The Scout Association of Malta	3	-
FYROM	Sojuz na izvidnici na Makedonija	2	275
Netherlands	Scouting Nederland	1	275
Portugal	Corpo Nacional de Escutas	2	360
Romania	Organizatia Nationala "Cercetasii Romaniei"	2	275
Spain	Movimiento Scout Católico	1	275
UK	The Scout Association	2	360

