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SEMINAR ON GROWTH IN SCOUTING

15-18 FEBRUARY 2018, LATVIA

## Invitation to the European Region's **SEMINAR ON GROWTH IN SCOUTING**

**Riga, Latvia | 15-18 February 2018**

Growth is very important and relevant segment for European Scouting.

It is part of our regional plan where we commit ourselves that "by 2019, there will be a significant increase in the number of members and in the quality of Scouting undertaken in the European Region" and it is part of our contribution to the global vision where we "will actively contribute to the development of World campaigns and initiatives to propose growth of 5% year on year in each and every NSO in Europe.

Many Scout associations and organisations across Europe are putting tremendous effort in the area of growth: many have achieved remarkable results, many are just starting and many are desperately looking for solutions and best practices.

All European NSOs completed the Growth Commitment survey prior to the World Scout Conference earlier this year and the requests for assistance are being clarified and compiled at present.

To address these questions and working towards the implementation of the Regional Scout Plan, the European Scout Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) is organising the Seminar on Growth in Scouting where NSO/NSAs from all over Europe can meet, learn about the various aspects of Growth and share experiences, as well as ideas and knowledge regarding the growth in their NSO/NSAs.

### **Programme**

The programme of the event will be spread over three days providing space and environment for discussions on understanding of Growth in a Scouting context, introducing the Organisational Development Approach of the European Scout Region, developing a common European understanding of Growth based on Vision 2023, developing Growth Strategies, developing action plans, as well as implementing actions, tools and platforms to support NSO/NSA Growth.

### **The main goals of the event are:**

- To provide an understanding of the different approaches to Membership Growth in the context of Scouting;
- To equip leaders with the skills and knowledge needed to develop and manage Growth strategies and respective action plans;
- To strengthen the capacities of leaders and increase their potential to become active ambassadors for growth of their organisations;
- To develop a platform for future support and cooperation, using the Tailored Support Approach of WOSM and potentially develop the framework for a "NSO/NSA Growth Network".

## Who should attend the Seminar on Growth in Scouting? (Participants' profile)

Members or prospective members of national or regional teams that support growth in their NSO/NSAs; Participants are expected to be able to communicate well in English and should be familiar with the use of electronic communication media (e.g. email, Facebook).

## Dates

### 15-18 February 2018

- Arrival: Participants should arrive on Wednesday, 14 February 2018, *before 18h00*.
- Departure: Return journeys should be planned for Sunday, 18 February 2018, *after 14h00*.

## Venue of Meeting and Accommodation

The Seminar will be held in Riga, Latvia. The exact venue of the Seminar will be confirmed and shared with you shortly.

## Travel

The closest international airport to the venue is Riga Airport RIX (<http://www.riga-airport.com/>)

## Language

The event will be held in English.

## Number of participants

- The event is designed for 30 - 40 participants.
- Registration priority is given to have the largest number of different NSO/NSAs represented.

## Applications

- All interested participants can apply online by completing the application form: <https://goo.gl/forms/zZmqiIT32ZqveQKI2>
- Once someone has completed the form, the International Commissioner (IC) of the respective NSO/NSA will be requested to approve the application. No travel bookings should be made before receiving this confirmation.
- **The deadline for submitting applications is 10 January 2018!**

## Participation fee

- As a grant from the Erasmus+ programme was awarded to support this event, there are two levels of participation fee. For participants from organisations that are a partner to the Erasmus+ application, the participation fee is EUR 115 for those that will be accommodated in a single room and EUR 45 for those that will be accommodated in a twin room. For participants from non-partner organisations, the participation fee will be EUR 350 for a single room and EUR 280 for a twin room.
- The fee covers accommodation and meals from dinner on 14 February to lunch on 18 February 2018. It also covers all programme materials and documentation.
- The participation fee does not include any insurance or personal expenses, such as telephone and bar charges.
- Participation fee invoices and payment details will be sent to concerned NSO/NSAs.
- For participants from partner organisations, travel will be supported to a certain extent, depending from which country they come.
- Because of the importance of this topic, the Region will welcome requests for grants to support participation particularly from non-partner organisations.

## Travel arrangements

Once participants are selected, they should make their own travel arrangements and obtain visas (if necessary). The message with approval of your application will contain a link where you will be able to submit your travel details.

## Insurance

It is the participant's national association's exclusive responsibility to make sure that the participant is covered by an insurance policy for illness, accidents, and repatriation.

## Other information

All other information related to the Seminar on growth in Scouting will be published on the event page on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/events/133831887381708/>

