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## Invitation

# 12<sup>th</sup> Euro-Arab Meeting

### Istanbul, Turkey, 17-21 February 2018

This is the twelfth in the series of Euro-Arab meetings which have developed from being institutional meetings between the Arab and European Regions of WOSM to be events offering a real sharing of experiences, knowledge and projects between representatives of the National Scout Organisations of the two regions.

#### Aim

The Aim of the meeting is to continue building and developing mutual relationships between Scouts from the Arab and European Regions based on the successes and challenges of former meetings.

#### Objectives

The objectives of the meeting are:

- increasing the participants positive awareness of other cultures;
- providing exchanges on best practices related to the engagement of Scouts to welcome refugees from both regions;
- creating new bilateral/multilateral partnerships and strengthen those already existing;
- increasing the knowledge on different concepts, institutions and elements related to the two regions and the interregional element;
- sharing information on funding and existing institutional dialogue between the two regions.

#### Dates

17-21 February 2018

Participants are requested to arrive on Saturday, 17 February during the day. Departures are on Wednesday, 21 February 2018.

#### Venue

The meeting will take place in Istanbul, Turkey. The venue is at the "Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Zeytinburnu Facilities".

#### Methodology

The activity will be a combination of theoretical and practical inputs, often using non-formal methods. Scouting methods will

be used during the event, including audio-visual presentations, case studies, group discussions and team tasks, workshops, games, exhibition and ideas fair and other active methods.

#### Outcomes of the meeting

It is expected that the outcomes will be:

- A short declaration written by the participants, to be used for further work
- A stronger understanding on how scouting is implemented in respective National Scout Organisations of both regions
- Some ideas and building contacts for possible follow-up activities and projects in Partnerships.
- New ideas and best practices on how Scouting from both regions are supporting the welcoming of refugees.
- Explore how other NGOs in cooperation with WOSM can foster the strengthening of Euro-Arab partnerships (e.g. European Youth Forum, Ana Lind foundation)
- Build networks between the two Regions

#### Language

The meeting will be held in English and Arabic, possibly with consecutive interpretation during plenary sessions. During working groups the interpretation service will be limited and assistance from participants may be required.

#### Participants' profile

- Those involved in partnership projects between the two regions;
- Members of International Teams, International Commissioners and National Boards of the organisations
- Aged from 18 years upwards;

- Able to communicate well in English or Arabic;

Following the recommendation of the previous Euro-Arab meeting, this meeting seeks to develop a growing participation of young people and all National Scout Organisations are asked to actively encourage the participation of young people aged between 18 and 25.

Ideally, each delegation will be composed of at least a young participant and a board member or key volunteer of the National Scout Organisation (e.g. National Commissioner, International Commissioner). This person **should have a decisive role** in the possibility of engaging the Scout organisation in any potential follow-up activities and new partnerships.

### Number of participants

The event is open to approximately 50 participants.

### Applications

The online application form should be completed by **6 January 2018**, using the following link:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/wSE0qk6Dsgo5dxec2>

### Participation fee

#### The participation fee is EUR 250

The fee covers all accommodation and meals from the dinner on Saturday 17 February to breakfast on Wednesday, 21 February 2018; also covered are local transport, all programme materials and documentation as well as translations.

The fee does not cover travel costs to reach the venue of the meeting. Bank details for paying the meeting participation fee will be

advised to all participants in the acceptance letter.

### Travel arrangements and visa

Once participants have been selected and advised, they will receive acceptance letters and the invitation letter for their visa, if necessary. For those who need a visa, please fill in the appropriate part in the online application form. For many countries which require it, the visa can be applied for online and issued directly to avoid waiting in long queues (cf. <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>)

Once participants will have received their confirmation of participation they will be able to book their travel. Please do not book travel before.

Further information on how to reach the venue will be sent directly to the participants. The venue is close to Istanbul Atatürk Airport (IST), on the European side of the city.

### Insurance

The European Region of WOSM does not cover risks of participants during the event nor during the travel to or from the venue.

Please note that this is the exclusive responsibility of the participant's National Scout Organisation or National Scout Association to check and ensure that the participant's risks are covered by an appropriate insurance (illness, accidents, repatriation etc.).

### Additional information

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