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Friends of Scouting in Europe (FOSE)  
**Newsletter**

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Dear Friends,

### **We are now over 700 Friends of Scouting in Europe**

A special welcome to the 100 new Friends of Scouting in Europe who have joined us in recent months. In June, we were 635. Now, six months later, it is a great pleasure to announce that we are 733. We have had FOSE receptions in Italy, Norway, Luxembourg, Denmark, Sweden, UK, Serbia, and Poland. FOSE also met at the World Scout Moot in Iceland, at the World Scout Conference in Baku, and at the Academy in Hungary. Thank you for your enthusiastic positive responses. Welcome on board!

Crucial for this successful growth have been the FOSE country coordinators ("Super Friends"). Three new have recently started: in Luxembourg, Norway and Poland. Other countries are already preparing themselves, so we can expect more new countries on the "FOSE map" in the future... We are always looking for new volunteers for other roles too. Please let us know if you are available to help.

**FOSE Country Visit to Serbia** in October was wonderfully organised by Lene and Peter and the Serbian Scouts. Please see attached the notes of the FOSE Annual Gathering which took place during the weekend. Next year's country visit will be in **Montenegro** on 11-14.10.2018. Welcome!

### **Projects looking for funding: call for donations**

During the country visit, the Serbian Scouts presented 9 local projects from different parts of the country. We have already got over 10 000 EUR to finance four of them, but some more money would be needed to fund them all. And there are new projects also from Croatia, FYRO Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland and Slovenia. In this end-year period, would you, or your group, or your association like to make a gift, and invest in the growth of Scouting? Please see [www.europeanscoutfoundation.com](http://www.europeanscoutfoundation.com) → "Projects".

**A new FOSE leaflet** has been produced: [www.europeanscoutfoundation.com](http://www.europeanscoutfoundation.com) → "About FOSE"

### **Welcome to FOSE receptions**

Please join if you are participating in the event, or otherwise nearby. You may want to bring with you a new Friend to be welcomed. More reception dates will be confirmed in due course, and information about each reception will be published on [www.facebook.com/EuropeanScoutFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/EuropeanScoutFoundation)

Spain	27 January, at the Regional Groups' meeting in Madrid
Greece	24 February, in Athens
Iceland	7 April, at the BIS annual meeting in Reykjavik
France	15 April, at the Scoutisme Français General Assembly in Paris
Romania	2 June, at the Educational Methods Forum in Bucharest

In closing, a **kind reminder to pay your annual donation** before the end of the year. You can easily pay by credit card or bank transfer (for instructions, see [www.europeanscoutfoundation.com/fose-application-form](http://www.europeanscoutfoundation.com/fose-application-form)) or through your national FOSE payment system. Your donation is much needed and it goes a long way in Central and Eastern Europe. Thank you very much for your generous and faithful support.

With sincere thanks for your ongoing support, and with our very best Season's Greetings,

Henrik Söderman

Enclosures: List of Friends of Scouting in Europe  
Notes from the FOSE Annual Gathering in Serbia