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Memorandum of understanding for the Strategic Partnership between WAGGGS and WOSM, Europe Regions.

The Europe Region WAGGGS and the European Scout Region of WOSM (the Partners) hereby agree to work together as laid out in this document.

The partners agree to deliver projects and activities that bring more value and impact for their Members in line with the principles and values of the Guiding and Scouting Movements.

General Provisions:

All activities and projects will contribute to the respective agreed strategies of the Partners, will be achievable within the available resources of the Partners and will ultimately support Members to achieve more than would be possible if either Partner worked alone.

Based on evaluation and feedback, a joint approach of the Partners should be considered particularly when

- the pool of knowledge for associations to share experience and expertise is enlarged;
- the voice and influence of Scouting and Guiding associations is amplified with key decision makers and target audiences;
- the scale and range of participants at events are enlarged making these more practical, cost-effective, attractive and influential;
- the Partners can lift each other up or can build on or complement each other's work.

Duration of the agreement:

This agreement comes into effect at the 16th European Guide and Scout Conference in 2019 and will continue until the report of the two Regions in 2025, and all relevant accounts are closed.

At the beginning of their mandates, the respective Chairs of Europe Region WAGGGS and European Scout Region, WOSM will also sign this Memorandum of Understanding to confirm the continued commitment of the two European Regions.

This agreement is due to terminate naturally upon completion of the report and closure of accounts for the activities.

The Partners and their respective volunteer and staff teams will work with open and transparent communication, positive intent and trust.

Responsibilities of the Partners:

The Partners commit to respect the strategies, priorities, values, decision-making processes and ways of working of the other Partner. Decision-making processes and ways of working are reflected in the text of this Memorandum.

The Partners commit to agreeing together objectives of proposed projects, events and initiatives so that these contribute to the achievement of agreed Strategic Partnership outcomes and the respective strategies, targets/KPIs, and priorities of each Partner.

The Partners commit to taking responsibility for sharing information within their own organisations and with each of The Partners; to communicate openly, realistically, honestly and in a timely manner with The Partners, especially about any risks or challenges in the implementation of shared work plans or projects.

The Partners renew their commitment to overseeing ongoing projects and objectives already decided and being implemented in partnership.

The Partners commit to monitoring, evaluating and regularly reviewing the opportunities which arise based on achieving more through working in partnership.

Administration of this Memorandum:

The Co-ordinating Group of the two Regions; comprised of the two Regional Chairs, the two Regional Vice Chairs and the two key principal Staff Members are responsible for monitoring the fulfilment of this Memorandum; The Co-ordinating Group will also be available to address potential conflicts or challenges that the partnership might face.

Development and agreement of projects:

At any time, any Regional Committee or staff member can bring forward proposals of projects, events or activities which support the achievement of agreed strategic objectives to the two Regional Committees working together as the Joint Committee.

Confirmation on allocation and availability of existing staff, financial resources and approaches to specific donor agencies are the responsibility of the key principal Staff Members or their authorised delegates.

Based on the reports of projects and event teams, the two key Principal Staff Members will prepare a report to Members, detailing strategic progress achieved, key learning, key results relating to the outcomes and indicators/targets of the two Regions, and the impact on Member Organisations. This report will be shared with the Regional Committees for strategic input before circulation.

Ways of Working

For every area or event in which the Partners agree to work together including joint advocacy, the partners will develop a document outlining the ways of working on the topic/event which will include the agreed objectives, the desired impact, the resources required, the methodology to be used and the reporting of the work done.

The Joint Committee will undertake a review of these ways of working whenever the need arises, but at least once every two years.

Review

The impact and effectiveness of this MOU will be evaluated by the Joint Committee in consultation with Member Organisations after 2 years, with a view to providing feedback and recommendations.

Terminology:

WAGGGS:

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts - Europe Region
(World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (Europe), 0457.323.425)
Registered at Rue de l'Industrie 10, Brussels, Belgium

Represented by XXXX, and in the document referred to as 'WAGGGS'.

WOSM:

European Scout Region, World Organization of the Scout Movement
(Bureau Mondial du Scoutisme, CH 660.0.195.970-0)
Registered at Rue Henri-Christiné 5, p.o. Box 327, Genève, Switzerland

Represented by XXXX, and in the document referred to as 'WOSM'.

Members:

Member Organisations and National Scout Organisations in the European Regions
In the document referred to as 'Members'.

Partners:

The two organisations collectively are known as 'The Partners'.

Joint Committee:

A loose term referring to the two regional committees for WAGGGS Europe and the European Scout Region, WOSM working in partnership.

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