



## Invitation

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

### Rome, Italy, 26-30 June 2013

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#### Background

This is the tenth in the series of Euro-Arab meetings which have developed from being institutional meetings between the Arab and European Regions of WOSM more to be a real sharing of experiences, knowledge and projects between representatives of the National Scout Organisations of the two regions. This meeting will further develop to build more youth participation and a dialogue of understanding and common interest.

#### Aims

The Aim of the meeting is to continue to build and develop 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:

- increase the participants' positive awareness of other cultures;
- carry out exchanges on best practices and partnerships which contribute to active citizenship;
- create new bilateral/multilateral partnerships and strengthen those already existing;
- increase the knowledge on different concepts, institutions and elements related to the two regions and the interregional element;
- share information on funding

#### Dates

26-30 June 2013

Participants are requested to arrive on Wednesday, 26 June during the day. Departures are on Sunday, 30 June.

#### Venue

The meeting will take place in Rome, Italy. The venue is The Roma Scout Centre that offers shared rooms (opportunity to request a single room for an extra fee).

#### 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
- Transfer of knowledge, empowering motivated, confident and skilled volunteers active in the field of youth at local and national level
- A peer to peer learning exchange
- A follow up back home on the issues tackled, in the best way identified by the participant

#### Languages

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 or who have the willingness to be;
- Young people involved in intercultural and interreligious dialogue;
- Members of International Teams, International Commissioners and Youth Representatives;
- Aged from 18 upwards;
- Able to communicate well in English, French 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 between 18 and 25.**

#### Number of participants

The event is open to approximately 50 participants.

## **Applications**

The online application form should be completed by 30th April 2013.

## **Participation fee**

### **The participation fee is € 190**

The fee covers all accommodation and meals from the dinner of Wednesday, 26 June to breakfast on Sunday, 30 June; the local transport, all programme materials and documentation and translations.

(For a single room there is an additional cost per night: 30,00€)

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.

A Youth in Action application has been submitted in February to the Italian agency. We are still looking forward for the result of this application and if it is successful, the partners to the grant will benefit from a reduced participation fee. They will be directly contacted.

## **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. Once received this confirmation, they will be able to book their travel. Please do not book travel before confirmation is received.

The venue is in the centre of Rome, which can be reached by direct train or bus from "Leonardo da Vinci Airport"- Fiumicino (Rome) or by bus from "Ciampino airport" Ciampino (Rome).

Participants are responsible for making this transfer themselves at their own expense. Detailed instructions will be provided.

Travel forms will be included in the information package to be sent to participants with the acceptance letter.

## **Insurance**

The WOSM - European Region does not cover insurance of participants during the event neither during the travel to or from the venue.

Please note that this is the exclusive responsibility of the national association to check and be sure that the participants are covered by an appropriate insurance (illness, accidents, repatriation etc...)

## **Additional information**

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