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## INVITATION

### Network Meeting for Guide and Scout Representatives to National Youth Councils and External Platforms

13-16 February 2014 - Zagreb, Croatia

“Bringing Youth Policy to the Next Level”

In order to assist in the implementation of resolution Society 7 adopted at the 8th European Guide and Scout Conference the Europe Region organised a meeting in 1996 for those Scouts and Guides involved in influencing Youth Policy on behalf of their organisations in a National Youth Council and those representing European Guiding or Scouting in the European youth structures. As a result of that first meeting it was decided to organise a similar meeting annually – 2014 will see the 18th meeting.

The aim of the meeting is to strengthen young people’s and youth leaders’ capacity to understand and contribute to the development of youth policies at European and national levels.

The specific objectives are to:

- **Create a network of participants** sharing ideas on the development of youth policies that affect the lives of young Europeans;
- Provide participants with the **knowledge and skills** they need to be active in the field of youth policy both at European and national levels, where they can act as multipliers;
- Encourage **European co-operation and opportunities to network** and develop **strategies for mutual support and future partnerships** on the main topic;
- Facilitate the **transfer of knowledge and experience of representing Guiding and Scouting** in national youth platforms and explore the links between the national and international levels;
- Reflect on the **role of youth organisations** in the development of youth policy at national and European level.

### Participants’ Profile

The participants for the meeting should be external representatives of their national Scout/Guide association, i.e. to a National Youth Council (NYC) or to another external platform.

There is no age limit for taking part in the event but it is recommended that associations select participants under the age of 30. We would particularly welcome participants from associations who have not previously participated in a Network Meeting.

Participants should be available for the entire duration of the event and actively commit to be engaged in the network of representatives in the future.



## Programme

The programme will formally begin on Thursday 13 February 2014 at 15.00 prompt (with an introductory session for new comers from 15.00 to 18.00), ending at 13.30 on Sunday 16 February.

Participants to this meeting should arrange their travel accordingly (departures should be not before 15.30). Through role-play, work in small groups, exercises and plenary discussion, participants will share information and examine the role of Guiding and Scouting in the development of youth policy at national and European level, and current European policy initiatives. A detailed programme and information on how to prepare for the meeting will be sent to participants with the acceptance letters.

During the seminar, participants will develop personal action plans to develop their role as a Guide or Scout external representative and it is expected that Associations will coordinate, encourage and support the implementation of these plans after the meeting.

Participants may be asked by the organisers to assist in the facilitation of training sessions according to individual experiences and interests.

## Venue

The meeting will take place in Zagreb, in Croatia, hosted by Savez izviđača Hrvatske (the Scout Association of Croatia).

### HOTEL CENTRAL

Ulica kneza Branimira 3, Zagreb, Croatia

[www.hotel-central.hr](http://www.hotel-central.hr)

## Travel and visa arrangements

Travel costs are payable by the sending organisation and participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

Check if you require a visa to enter Croatia. It is the responsibility of each successful participant to obtain a visa allowing up to six weeks prior to the meeting to complete the application process. If an official invitation is required to obtain a visa, please complete the attached visa information form and send it to [europa@scout.org](mailto:europa@scout.org).

## Languages

The event will be run in English with participants assisting with translation (into French) as required.

## Participation Fee

The participation fee for the meeting is **EUR 200** per person. Excluded from this fee is any personal expenditure and participation in any social programme. Any extra nights' accommodation required by the participant will be at the participant's own cost. Associations will be invoiced for the participation fee with instructions for payment.

If you are a partner of the Youth in Action project related to this event, and provided that the project application is successful, your participation fee will be reduced to EUR 50.

Some of you may recall you completed a partner agreement to participate in the application for funding for this meeting. Unfortunately as of today, we do not know yet if the funding application was successful, but we will inform about this as soon as possible, as some additional rules on participation apply if we receive funding.

## Cancellation

The Europe Region WAGGGS and European Region of WOSM reserve the right to charge the association for any expenses incurred, if participants cancel their registration after their acceptance has been confirmed.

**What to do now...**

Complete the application form and return it by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014 to the WOSM European Regional Office and send by e-mail to [europa@scout.org](mailto:europa@scout.org).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Letizia Gambini in the WOSM European Regional Office at [lgambini@scout.org](mailto:lgambini@scout.org).

Acceptance letters should be expected in the second week of January 2014, participants requiring visa to Croatia should therefore preferably apply before the 15th December 2013 to allow the organisers to support their visa letter.