



Paris, January 18th 2012

Dear Friends in Scouting and Guiding,

First of all, let us wish you all a happy new year 2012!

Scouts et Guides de France (SGDF) on behalf of the North South network's Troïka, in cooperation with the European Scout Bureau, are pleased to invite you to the Partnership event which will be held from 15th March to 18th March 2012 in Paris.

Where?

The meeting will take place in the 19th arrondissement of Paris. You will be accommodated in dormitories at St Christopher's inn Paris, 159 rue de Crimée, 75019 Paris. For more information about the youth hostel and how to get there, please check the following web site out: <http://www.st-christophers.co.uk/paris-hostels/location-in-paris>.

There are three underground Metro lines nearby which hook up to all the over ground trains. Here's how we'd get there:

From Gare du Nord (5 Minutes)

Catch line 5 toward Bobigny-Pablo-Picasso. Get off at Laumiere station, come out of Exit 1, walk straight on for 300m until you come to a cross roads. Turn left and walk for 3 minutes until you cross a bridge over the canal. Here you will find St Christopher's Paris hostel and Belushi's late night bar.

From Gare de l'Est (4 Minutes)

Catch line 7 towards La Courneuve and get off at Crimée. Follow rue de Crimée towards the canal for 150 meters and you'll find us.

From Gare de Lyon (30 Minutes)

Catch line 1 toward Château de Vincennes and get off at Bastille station. Catch line 5 towards Bobigny-Pablo-Picasso and get off at Laumiere station. Come out of Exit 1, walk straight on for 300m until you come to a cross roads. Turn left and walk for 3 minutes until you cross a bridge over the canal. Look out for the huge St Christopher's hostel in Paris and the Belushi's bar.

From Gare Montparnasse (30 Minutes)

Catch line 4 towards Porte de Clignancourt and get off at Gare de l'Est. Catch line 7 towards La Courneuve, and get off at Crimée. Follow rue de Crimée towards the canal for 150 meters and you'll find us.

From Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport (45 Minutes)

Catch the RER B toward Saint Remy les Chevreuses and get off at Gare du Nord Station. Catch line 5 towards Bobigny-Pablo-Picasso and get off at Laumiere station, come out of Exit 1, walk straight on for 300m until you come to a cross roads. Turn left and walk for 3 minutes until you cross a bridge over the canal.

From Orly Airport (55 Minutes)

Catch the Orlyval train shuttle and then connect on RER B towards Paris. Get off at Gare du Nord and then catch line 5 toward Bobigny-Pablo-Picasso. Get off at Laumiere station, come out of Exit 1, walk straight on for 300m until you come to a cross roads. Turn left and walk for 3 minutes until you cross a bridge over the canal.

From Beauvais Airport

Take the Airport shuttle to Porte Maillot (Approximately 10 euros per ticket and 45 minutes away). From here take the metro line number 1 to Palais Royal (10 minutes away) and change to line number 7. Get off at Crimée metro station. Take the rue Mathis exit. When you're outside cross the large avenue and follow the rue de Crimée. We are 200 meters away on your right hand side – just before the canal bridge. From the airport to our hostel, the journey should take approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes.

What?

This meeting is organized by a network which aims at fostering, strengthening and developing new partnerships between European youth NGOs and youth NGOs from other



regions of the world; including every neighbouring partner countries, Africa, Asia, South America and Pacific countries. These meetings gather people from different cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds volunteering together in joint projects. They are promoting greater understanding and co-operation between the stakeholders based on mutual respect, awareness and reflection on the differences in values, respect of the human rights and inter-cultural activities. The event aims at gathering European NGOs already involved in partnerships with youth NGOs from third countries (and neighbouring partner countries) as well as YNGOs willing to embark on partnerships with partners from other regions. In order to achieve these priorities, the project will follow the objectives described below:

- Improving and fostering relationships between the partners , facilitating the creation of new and/or the strengthening of already existing partnerships
- Promoting exchanges of experiences, information, best practices and success stories among the partners on partnerships designed by and for young people
- Improving capacities and skills of the young volunteers involved in partnerships and inter-cultural exchanges
- Disseminate the results of a Youth in Action funded project, "Unguvu"
- Contributing to the impact assessment of partnerships and volunteering engagement in partnerships

Who?

All NSOs and NSAs in the European Region are welcome to join and participate. For this event, we strongly hope that your partners from the Arab, African, Asia Pacific, Eurasian and Interamerican Regions will join us. To facilitate this participation, we highly recommend you to support your partners! Indeed, the expenses associated with the participation of your partner needs unfortunately to be bear by your organisation as the grant does not cover their participation in the meeting (but covers part of yours!)

How much?

We are pleased to inform you that the grant application which has been submitted to the French agency of the European Youth in Action Programme was accepted! This means that the NSOs and NSAs which have sent a partnership agreement (PPA) will benefit lower participation fees. Besides, this grant will allow our brothers and sisters from the Eurasian Region to participate and contribute to the success of this meeting.

The fees are set at 50 € (maximum) per "Youth in Action" participant, and 200 € (maximum) per other participant.

What's more, we ask you to process the booking of your travel tickets quickly to save on transportation costs and comply with the grant regulations. (See Annex 1) .

Registration

Please, register for the event, **before February 5th 2012** (we can not guarantee accommodation after that date), using the following link:

<http://partnerships.europakonline.net/registration> .

Visa procedure

Requests for invitation letters for visa applications shall be sent until the end of January at: international@sgdf.fr to Tamara DANIEL (+33 1 44 52 37 35), please indicate as subject: "*Visa March partnership*" with the following datas: name, first name (s), date of birth, passport number and responsibility in the association whether they are volunteers or among professional scout or guide staff, post address, and telephone number (mobile if possible). The procedure for visa applications is the following: NSAs or NSOs outside the EU have to request an appointment at the **French Embassy** (if none, then the



embassy dealing with Schengen visa) even though you have not received the official invitation yet. You must let SGDF know about it (international@sgdf.fr) as soon as you know the date of appointment at the embassy to ensure proper tracking of your file and to **establish the letter of invitation**.

Program

see below

Contact

For any question please contact Aurélie, aurelipie@hotmail.com or Alix, amasson@scout.org.

We are looking forward to welcome you in Paris for a great time all together, from friends from all over the world.

Yours in Scouting,

Christian Larcher
Scouts et Guides de France
(on behalf of NS Troika)

Alix Masson
European Scout Office



Annex 1 - References prices for the transports

If your flight ticket is above the indicated price, please contact Benjamin, bthurotte@scout.org, otherwise you might not be reimbursed.

Organisation	Number of participants	Means of transport	Costs per person (100%)	Reimbursements to be expected (70%)
The Swedish Guide and Scout Council	2	Plane	300	210
Verband Christlicher Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder (VCP) e.V.	2	Plane	250	175
Suomen Partiolaiset-Finland Scouter ry	1	Plane	330	231
Russian Association of Scouts/Navigators	2	Plane	500	350
ASDE-Scouts de España	2	Plane	250	175
Corpo Nacional de Escutas	2	Plane	300	210
Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan	2	Plane	550	385
Belarusian Republican Scout Association (BRSA)	2	Plane	400	280
Danish Guide and Scout Association	1	Plane	200	140
Danish Baptist Guide and Scout Association	1	Plane	200	140
Georgian Organisation of the Scout Movement	2	Plane	500	350
Pfadibewegung Schweiz (PBS)	2	train	150	105
Lithuanian Scouting	2	Plane	300	210
Zwiazek Harcerstwa Polskiego	2	Plane	200	140
Scouts et Guides de France	1	Train	150	105
Associazione Guide e Scouts Cattolici Italiani	1	Plane	150	105



Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori ed Esploratrici Italiani	1	Plane	150	105
Movimiento Scout Católico (MSC)	1	Plane	250	175
Federació Catalana d'Escoltisme i Guiatge	1	Plane	150	175
The Scout Association	2	Plane	150	105
Asociatia Nationala A Scoutilor Din Moldova	2	Plane	400	280
Bandalag íslenskra Skáta	2	Plane	450	315
Soma Hellinon Proskopon	2	Plane	240	168
Hayastani Azgayin Scautakan Sharjum Kazmakerputiun	2	Plane	500	350
Scouting Ireland	1	Plane	185	129,5



Stronger solidarity through better partnerships

Thursday 15th March 2012		Methodologies
<i>Afternoon</i>	<i>Arrivals</i>	
18:00	Welcome Session	Games to get to know each other overview of the aims and objectives of the event and sharing of partners expectations for the event Presentation of the resource corner
19:30	Break	
20:00	International Evening	Intercultural icebreaking evening, where partner YNGOs share their culture, food, national dress etc: getting to know each other and their countries
Friday 16th March 2012		
9:00	Key note address from the host UNESCO	
9:15	Experts from CCFD, MAEE, Anna Lindt and Eurasia foundation	Presentation of their partnerships methodology and/or their challenges: 45 minutes per organisation
12:30	Lunch	
14:00	Unguvu Project workshop	Presentation of the project Testing a part of the training module designed in this project (a training session was produced as a result of Unguvu project cofinanced by Youth in action programme)
15:30	Break	
16:00	Unguvu project workshop	continued
17:30	Presentation of the survey on the impact of partnership in Africa carried out by CCFD and SGDF	Presentation and working group
18:30	End of the day	
19:00	Dinner	
20:00	Networking session	Exchange and sharing around exhibition of projects
Saturday 17th March 2012		
9:00	Overview of the day	
9:15	Exploring challenges and solutions based on afternoon sessions.	Open café method Sharing in plenary



10:45			Break
11:15	How to build a partnership	Thematic interest sessions (external input)	Market methodology, where each participant can choose where he/she wants to go
	Communication in a partnership		
	Equality in inter-regional partnerships		
	Input: what in my organisation I can take from what I've learnt		Group by country
13:15	Lunch		
14:30	Partnership building sessions		Partnership Building Sessions (bilateral/multilateral sessions where partners have the opportunity to review any existing partnerships and to explore the possibility of new partnerships, possibly within the Youth in Action framework)
16:00	Break		
16:30	Partnership building sessions continued		This session and the previous ones will be facilitated based on needs expressed
18:00	Evaluation of the day		
18:30	End of working day		
20:00	French themed cultural visit to the centre of Paris		
Sunday 18th March 2012			
9:00	Overview of the day		
9:15	Eurasia	Thematic interest sessions (geographically specific challenges)	
	Arab		
	Africa		
11:15	Break		
11:30	Sharing of the conclusion from the previous sessions		
12:00	Evaluation of the event		
12:30	Conclusions		
13:00	Lunch		
Afternoon	Departures		