



## **PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

between

The Europe Region of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement

and

The Eurasia Region of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement

### **1. Preamble**

Both sides take into account:

- 1.1. each partner wishes to be recognised as a an equal partner;
- 1.2. the commitment to build on ideas based on social justice, solidarity and peace;
- 1.3. the analysis of the needs and aspirations of young people in our societies;
- 1.4. intercultural learning in respect of each other's values and beliefs;
- 1.5. the development of each member association involved, respecting their preferences;
- 1.6. the principle that each individual is mainly responsible for his/her own development through dialogue with others based on the ideas of the Scouting Law and Promise;
- 1.7. the fundamentals of the World Scout Movement (particularly the Scout Method);
- 1.8 the ongoing partnership activities for over ten years between the Eurasia and the European Scout regions;
- 1.9. This partnership agreement is a commitment between the partners, based on shared ideals and conventions. It clearly defines the aims and the objectives of the partnership. It also defines tasks and the framework in which each partner can act.

### **2. Aims and objectives of the agreement**

The main aim of the agreement is capacity building of the member NSOs of both Regions through increased cooperation between the two regions signing this agreement. This can be achieved through the following objectives:

- a. Increasing collaboration in External Relations; allowing members from both Regions to join an External Relations representatives group of either Region thus giving the opportunity to any member of the group for representation to the European Structures such as the European Youth Forum, Council of Europe, Advisory Council on Youth, European Alliance of Volunteering and participating in External Relations events such as the Network meeting.
- b. Developing joint training programmes and seminars; experience sharing between the Regions and NSOs on various issues: service to society, diversity and inclusion, non-formal education and volunteering, leadership, etc.
- c. Encouraging common funding applications for events in partnership between the two Regions, inter alia the Leadership Training Fund.



- d. Opening up all Europe and Eurasia Region training and events to any of the members of the respective Regions, allowing them to participate, build competence, exchange experiences and share best practices.
- e. Promoting bilateral and multilateral activities and projects between the NSOs of the two Regions, and encouraging partnerships between NSOs mainly through the Partnership Event which takes place regularly.
- f. Exchanging publications, manuals and brochures issued by both Regions in order to share information.
- g. Continuing the cooperation also on a Committee level by meeting during the World Conference to set the goals of the partnership of the following triennium and also by inviting the respective Chairs of the Regions to attend at least one Committee meeting of the other Region each triennium.
- h. Encouraging both Regions to make full use of available tools which facilitate the establishment, implementation and evaluation of partnership projects. The World Scout Bureau, Europe and Eurasia Support Centres, will prepare a brief aide-memoire listing such available tools.
- i. Involving the Support Centres from both Regions to support events where there are participants of the respective Regions.
- j. Assisting through the Support Centres of both Regions in finding funding for volunteers from both Regions to participate in Regional events/trainings.
- k. Encouraging the exchange visits between the Scout units in both Regions that will enhance the bilateral relations and support the development of agreements between various Scout units and groups.
- L. Encourages, in the strongest terms, relations between groups and levels of NSOs that are members of WOSM thus promoting also the unity of the movement.

General provisions:

- 2.1. The Steering Groups of the two Regional Committees will have the task of proposing recommendations and establishing plans to enable this agreement to be carried out within a clear and agreed timetable;
- 2.2. Any changes of the present agreement are subject to prior agreement of both parties;
- 2.3. In case of breach of the agreement, general dissatisfaction or necessity to change this agreement, both partners will try to find a solution through discussion with mutual respect. If those discussions do not improve the situation, either side can terminate the agreement giving notice of six months;
- 2.4. This agreement shall expire and be terminated at the end of the year 2023. An extension to the agreement is subject to an evaluation of the agreement being undertaken;
- 2.5. This agreement has been ratified by European Scout Committee in Baden and the Eurasia Scout Committee at separate meetings held in the respective Regions during Spring 2016.
- 2.6. This partnership agreement has been executed in English.



*European Scout Committee*

Andrea Demarmels, Chairperson

Tbilisi (Georgia), 15 May 2016

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*Eurasia Scout Committee*

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Tbilisi (Georgia), 15 May 2016

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