



The Joint Plan of Action – Europe Region WAGGGS and the European Scout Region 2004 – 2007

“Active European Citizenship”

Citizenship is a key value of Guiding and Scouting – the duty to community, country and each other is something that each Guide and Scout knows and is empowered to contribute to. As we welcome an enlarging and increasingly diverse Europe we must ensure that young people are equipped to respond to the changes in their community and are empowered to be active within them – bring the core values of Guiding and Scouting to these environments. Notions of Citizenship are changing – it is not enough to be an active citizen in our own ‘home’ environments but it is increasingly necessary to be aware of and participants in trans-national citizenship – global citizenship and European citizenship. This is not new for our Movement – Guiding and Scouting in Europe have been sharing these same core values and these were expressed in the Charter for Guiding and Scouting in Europe published in 1995.

This Joint plan focuses on how we prepare, equip and empower young people for the responsibilities of citizenship in our Global, Regional, National and Local communities.

The Joint Plan draws on, apart from the shared values, input from young people, the White Paper on Youth from the European Union and the experience of the past joint work to build up new challenging ways of work for the future of Guiding and Scouting in the third millennium.

Young People

The consultation of young people was carried out during RoverWay 2003 in Portugal through the distribution of feedback postcards and consultations during in the campsite activities in the European tents. The most striking result of this research is that Rangers and Rovers want Guiding and Scouting to be a major provider of opportunities for international exchanges.

The White Paper

The EU White Paper on Youth has as one out of three main objectives “to encourage young people to be active citizens”¹. The joint work of Guiding and Scouting in Europe wants its young members to become active citizens within the broad concept of ‘Europe’ by providing its component and member organisations with relevant tools to achieve that. Under this aspect the objectives of the European Union and of Scouting and Guiding in Europe are the same.

European Charter for Guiding and Scouting

The joint work made so far has proven that there are two areas where we have been really successful;

- a) seminars and events where people have met and exchanged ideas and best practices in various fields and
 - b) co-ordination of work within the youth policy sector in the EU and the Council of Europe.
- However, the two regions are also experiencing that member and component organisations are facing challenges unique to their situation. It is therefore necessary to revitalise the way the joint work is supporting member and component organisations. This should be done on the basis of a process among member and component organisations to refocus the charter. The

¹ The full text of the objective is as follows: “Measures to encourage young people to be active citizens should be instituted and supported and that their effective participation in democratic life should be reinforced. Greater participation by young people in the life of the community in which they live, Greater participation of young people in the mechanisms of representative democracy, Learning to participate.”

work on youth policies and lobbying is successful and should be continued and promoted during the triennium.

New ways of work

Lastly in order to meet the needs of young people in Europe today, the joint plan has to pave the way for new and innovative working methods that will be up to the challenge of bringing European Scouting and Guiding over the century without showing its age. We must allow young people, members and non-members, to meet on their own arena. We must make sure that the Guides and Scouts of the third millennium are well prepared to face the challenges of life in Europe. We must explore new ways of work for this to happen. With this background, the Joint Plan is an integrated part of the work of the Europe Region WAGGGS and the European Scout Region and resources will be allocated in order to reach all this.

How the Plan was developed

The Europe Committee WAGGGS and the European Scout Committee developed goals and objectives that were presented to the 11th European Guide and Scout Conference. Delegations were asked to consider these Goals and Objectives and propose amendments if they wished Delegations then voted on the Goals and Objectives of the Joint Plan. In addition, delegations were asked to suggest strategies and methods that could be adopted to achieve the Goals and Objectives. These were not voted on by the Conference but used as a reference point by the two committees when they came to develop the Joint Action Plan. The Committees have formed 4 groups that will work on ensuring the implementation and monitoring of the activities in the Joint Action Plan. These groups consist of:

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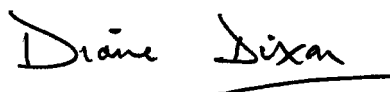
Each group welcomes comments from Associations on the ideas in the plan and for suggestions of hosting Seminars and for contributions towards other activities. The Regional Directors will allocate resources - both human and financial - to each of the Actions on an equitable base and based on the capacities and expertise of both Regions.

Much of the Joint Action Plan can only be realised with the co-operation of Associations. Information needs to be gathered, best practice shared, experts identified and participants sent to events. We ask each Association to commit to the realisation of the Joint Action Plan.

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GOALS	OBJECTIVES	METHODS/ STRATEGIES	INDICATORS/ EVALUATIVE CRITERIA/OUTPUTS
ENABLING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE ACTIVE EUROPEAN CITIZENS	Provide concrete opportunities for young people within Guiding and Scouting to develop their European Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and continue RoverWay • 2 Joint seminars on topics related to youth programme/educational programme (2006) • Joint seminar on Empowering young people for decision making (2007) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roverway is held in Summer 2006 • 100% of young people take part in Roverway web activities • 50% of participants make plans for developing activities after Roverway • 15% of activities are realised. • Representatives from 30 Associations attend the events or 200 people participating in European events • 15 Associations are represented by participants under the age of 30
	Develop a system for continuous dialogue with young people within and outside the movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a webpage for young people to exchange ideas for promoting and developing twinning between individual groups and Member Organisations/National Scout Organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 hits per year • 10 twinning projects are carried out

<p>To support young people to understand and acquire knowledge about the realities of intercultural and multicultural Europe today.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and support new ways of international exchange, partnership and activity for Member Organisations and National Scout Organizations by supporting the International Commissioner and Function in Associations through the International Commissioners Forum (2006) • International Seminar – Introduction to International Guiding and Scouting (2005) • Encourage participation in the North-South Network • Encourage participation in the Overtures Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 participants at the International Commissioners Forum • 15 Associations are represented by participants under the age of 30 • Increased attendance at North-South Network. Participation by North -South Network in Regional initiatives • Increased attendance at Overtures Network. Participation by Overtures Network in Regional initiatives
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	<p>To develop European Citizenship projects that support and empower young people as active European Citizens at National level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Europe wide web based game on 12 steps to European Citizenship to be used by any leader in a National Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game is created and accessible to all. • 100 'hits' on the game



<p>Assist Associations in identifying their role as Peace Builders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Seminar - Peace Makers on the Move • Support European Participation in the Joint World project: Working for peace <i>“A Billion young people working for peace for a hundred years”</i> by <i>highlighting examples of peace work on regional websites and through europak mailings</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 Associations participate in the seminar • 30 Associations participate at this project, with concrete action.
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THE LEADING ORGANISATIONS IN THE EUROPEAN YOUTH SECTOR	Provide at least one relevant training opportunity per year for young people to take on responsibilities in European youth work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active participation in activities and events organised by the European institutions and the European Youth Forum • International Seminar on Understanding the European Institutions and the Role that Guiding and Scouting can play in influencing National Youth Policies (2005) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 young people from each region have the opportunity to attend events and activities • 15 Associations are represented by participants under the age of 30 • Many Guides and Scout in key positions in National Youth Councils
	Provide relevant training and briefings for Member Organisations and National Scout Organizations to contribute and participate in the policy work of WAGGGS and WOSM towards the European Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide regular briefing notes on policy issues and how Associations can be involved • Provide opportunities for Associations to bring forward issues they wish to be promoted on a European level • Event on Volunteering/Life long learning and its contribution to vocational skills training/development of leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 briefing notes issued per year • 100 subscribers to information mailing list • 2 issues raised by Member Organisations/National Scout Organisations are taken up by External Representatives • two way channel between Rregions and Associations established • 30 Associations attend the event. • 5 external organisations contribute to the event • Clear outcomes and actions on recognition of volunteering are developed



<p>Establish a forum with other members of the Alliance of Chief Executive Officers on a European Level and identify at least one policy issue for common promotion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange a meeting for the Alliance on European Level and identify at least one issue that could have a common approach – possible topic could be economic investment in young people and its rewards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum established, issue identified and common actions developed
<p>WAGGGS and WOSM co-ordinate and develop common policies and positions on relevant European issues and ensure that Associations are co - instigators of this process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Positions developed on Youth Employment and Active Citizenship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Policies developed • Partners are identified on relevant subjects.
<p>Ensure that there is strong representation of WAGGGS and WOSM on European Youth Bodies and on National Youth Bodies to enable there being always at least one representative from WAGGGS and/or WOSM on the Boards and Committees of European Youth Bodies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAGGGS and WOSM Co-ordinate their approach to nominating candidates for elections • Network meetings for Guide and Scout representatives in youth platforms • Development of database of Scouts and Guides active in National Youth Councils and other relevant bodies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful elections with at least one Scout or Guide on relevant committees and boards. • Network Meeting is held and at least 15 Associations are represented by young participants under the age of 30 • Networking and information sharing takes place between meetings • Continual updating of database



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ENABLING SAFE AND LEGAL PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS IN ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES	Provide information on legal requirements, European and national governing bodies (if any) and local Guiding and Scouting standards for adventurous and residential activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ordinate collection of information from Member associations and European Institutions • Publish and maintain a web based database • Create email group for discussion of queries between countries and to facilitate discussion and sharing of best practices. • Use events and activities to enhance awareness of legal implications in Scouting and Guiding Activities • Introduce concepts of risk management and crisis management to Associations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website established by mid 2005 and regularly updated • As many countries as possible, but at least 30%, have submitted information • Discussion group launched by the end of 2005



PROMOTION OF THE VALUES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF GUIDING AND SCOUTING AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY	Define how the Values of Guiding and Scouting reflect European Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation on the Charter on Guiding and Scouting carried out with young people • Team established to work on the evaluation of the Charter with a mandate to plan the process of revision, finalise a revised charter and establish, implement and monitor the process. • Consult young people at Roverway on the charter and its relevancy. • International Seminar on the Values in Guiding and Scouting (2006) takes place with an invited/appointed group of young people centrally placed in Associations and balanced between the different types of Associations in Europe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Charter, which can be used towards European Institutions. • Process of revising the charter which is a challenging and developmental process.
	Promote the values included in the Charter in Europe and amongst the National Scout Organisations and the Members Organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop methods for the Charter to promote Guiding and Scouting to the European Institutions and used to identify role Guiding and Scouting plays in Society . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Charter presented at the 12th European Guide and Scout Conference and adopted by the Conference. • Revised charter is published in hard copy and electronically.
	The Values expressed in Charter should be regularly reviewed to ensure that they reflect European Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europe Committees identify ways in which the dynamic process of reviewing the charter can be continued. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revised charter is integrated into the development of the joint action plan for 2007 - 2010



Calendar of Joint Events and Actions 2004 – 2007

2004	Seminar/Event	Other Actions		
Autumn	<i>Network Meeting for Guide and Scout Representatives – Ljubijana, Slovenia</i> <i>Seminar Celebrating Diversity – Strasbourg, France</i> <i>Seminar Youth Programme and Image – Geneva, Switzerland</i> <i>Seminar Partnerships – Kandersteg, Switzerland</i>	Completion of Partnership Guidelines	Completion of Tool kit on Research Methods	Completion of Tool kit on Child Protection
Winter		Setting up of working group on the Charter		

2005	Seminar/Event	Other Actions			
Spring	<i>Seminar Peace Makers on the Move – Our Chalet, Switzerland</i> <i>Seminar on Local Development/Community Project, Portugal</i>	Development of web page for youth exchange	Develop-ment of website for Information on Legal requirements	Send call to MO's/NSO's to give information on legal requirements for Guide/Scout activities	Briefing note Number 1
Summer		Meeting with Alliance of CEO's - Europe	Publication of tool kits	Briefing note Number 2	Develop-ment of database for Guide/ Scout represen-tatives



Autumn	<i>Seminar Introduction to International Guiding and Scouting Seminar Understanding the European Institutions and the Role Guiding and Scouting can play in influencing National Youth Policies Network Meeting for Guide and Scout Representatives – Czech Republic</i>	Development of Positions on Youth Employment and Active Citizenship	Briefing Note Number 3	
Winter	<i>Event on Volunteering/Life Long Learning and its relationship to adult training/leadership</i>	Development of Web Based Game - 12 steps to European Citizenship	Launch discussion groups on Safety issues	Briefing Note Number 4

2006	Seminar/Event	Other Actions		
Spring	<i>Seminar on Youth Programme/Educational Programme Seminar on Values in Guiding and Scouting</i>	Development of Web Based Game - 12 steps to European Citizenship	Briefing Note Number 5	
Summer	<i>ROVERWAY - Italy</i>		Briefing Note Number 6	
Autumn	<i>Seminar on Youth Programme/Educational Programme International Commissioners Forum Network Meeting for Guide and Scout Representatives</i>		Briefing Note Number 7	
Winter			Briefing Note Number 8	

2007	Seminar/Event	Other Actions		
Spring	<i>Seminar on Empowering Young People for Decision Making</i>		Briefing Note Number 9	
Summer	<i>12th European Guide and Scout Conference - Slovenia</i>		Briefing Note Number 10	

