2025-R07 – Securing the Future of Roverway: Governance, Accountability and Inclusive Participation

Background

Roverway is a much-loved educational event that brings together young people from across Europe, created by Scouts and Guides, for Scouts and Guides. Since it began in 2003, it has become a key part of the life of the European Regions of WOSM and WAGGGS.

However, many Member Organisations* who would love to host Roverway feel they can't. This is often because they have not had the support they need to strengthen their capacity, or the timeline for planning the event isn't predictable. As a result, only a few organisations have felt able to step forward.

This Resolution proposes a fairer and more transparent way to decide who hosts Roverway, allowing all eligible Member Organizations to participate in the process. It also asks the European Scout Committee and Europe Committee WAGGGS to create a clearer event cycle and give more support to potential hosts, so that more Member Organizations feel ready and able to bid in the future.

The goal is to ensure Roverway continues to grow, stays sustainable, and reflects the diversity and strength of our movement through shared responsibility, better support, and democratic decision-making.

Should the Resolution not be presented or adopted by both conferences, the European Scout Committee is encouraged to continue constructive dialogue with its WAGGGS counterparts, and to explore alternative ways, within the spirit of collaboration, to ensure the continuity and value of Roverway for young people across Europe.

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Content Proposal

The 25th European Scout Conference,

- *Affirming* that Roverway is an educational event for and by young people;
- *Recognising* that Roverway has, since 2003, become an important and valued event within the life of the European Scout Region, the Europe Region WAGGGS and the youth programmes of their Member Organizations*,
- *Acknowledging* that Roverway is a joint event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and that its success is built on collaboration and shared purpose,
- *Further affirming* that future editions of Roverway would be enriched by enabling more Member Organizations to host the event, including those currently limited by organisational capacity, the lack of a predictable event cycle and insufficient support for capacity building and institutional preparation,
- *Believing* that the continued development, sustainability and success of Roverway depends on shared ownership, inclusive decision-making and clarity around governance and support for hosts;,
- *Noting* that Member Organizations must have the ability to assess, debate and decide on bids for hosting the event in a transparent, ethical and accountable manner, and
- *Believing* that Member Organizations should be fully enfranchised in the decision-making process regarding hosting,

Requests the European Scout Committee:

- **To engage** with the European Region WAGGGS in dialogue and joint planning processes, in line with the existing Memorandum of Understanding adopted at the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference (joint conference) in 2022, to evolve the process for selecting future Roverway hosts in a way that is open, transparent, and participatory.

- **To express** to the Europe Region WAGGGS the desire of the European Scout Conference for a host selection process that allows all eligible Member Organizations to submit proposals, and for decisions to be made through a democratic and transparent process involving Member Organizations of the European Regions of WOSM and WAGGGS.
- **To support** Member Organizations in building capacity and readiness to host future editions of Roverway, including by providing guidance, resources, and predictable timelines.
- **To report** to the Member Organizations on the progress of this engagement and related developments during the Triennium.

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Seconded by: Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Österreichs (AT), The Scout Association of Malta (MT), Federación de Escultismo en España (ES)

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Background Information Document

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Policy Implications

This draft Resolution relates to the Memorandum of Understanding established between the European Regions of WOSM and WAGGGS (Recommendation 17EGSC-JC01 adopted by the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference in 2022) as well as to the planning and management of Regional Events (WOSM Events Strategy).

Historical Background

The following historical resolutions, decisions or proposals are relevant when considering this draft Resolution:

- European Scout Conference Resolutions:
  - EUR-R12-2004: Improved Co-Operation with the Europe Region WAGGGS

Resource Implications

Human	**Financial**
Volunteers: ▪ This work comes as part of the core capacity of the European Scout Committee. ▪ WOSM Consultants	Estimated 65’000 USD for the implementation of all the proposed actions. These costs are estimated based on operational costs of the World Scout Bureau and include: ● Meetings of regional governance and staff. ● Delivery of WOSM Services. ● Attendance to Regional Events and initiatives.
Staff: ▪ This work come as part of the core capacity of the WSB-Europe Support Centre.	
External Resources: ▪ No additional external resources required.	