2025-R10 – Ensuring Continued Collaboration between the Europe Region WAGGGS and the European Scout Region

Background

Through the Joint Communication 8-2024 circulated on 9 December 2024, we were informed that the WAGGGS World Board had decided to hold governance elements of future regional conferences of WAGGGS online. The future of the European Guide and Scout Conference (EGSC) as a joint event has since been highly uncertain. We deeply value the joint character and the benefits of an in-person EGSC, and it is important for the European Scout Region to continue this tradition. While it is not our decision to make, our voice and support are needed.

Should the joint EGSC not be continued in the foreseeable future, we must proactively explore alternative ways to uphold this valuable connection.

Content Proposal

The 25th European Scout Conference,

- *Recalling* the long history of collaboration between the Europe Region WAGGGS and the European Scout Region, particularly through the successful delivery of joint European Guide and Scout Conferences (EGSCs),
- *Acknowledging* the complementary approaches of the European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM in addressing the needs of young people across Europe,
- *Recognising* that this cooperation creates opportunities for shared learning and enhanced impact and visibility across Europe,
- *Mindful of* the positive outcomes resulting from past joint and in-person EGSCs in fostering unity, resource sharing, and collaborative decision-making, as well as the added value of joint EGSCs for Scout and Guide National Organisations (SAGNOs),
- *Understanding* that the decision for continued joint EGSCs needs to be mutually agreed by both the European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM with sufficient notice,
- *Envisioning* a future where the European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM grow and continue to support each other, and
- *Emphasising* the importance of sustained dialogue beyond the European Regional Committees of WOSM and WAGGGS.

Requests the European Scout Committee:

- **To maintain** the ongoing dialogue with the Europe Committee WAGGGS to express the European Scout Conference's sustained interest in organising and conducting in-person European Guide and Scout Conferences in 2028 (if possible) and beyond.
- **To share** regular updates with Member Organizations about progress and outcomes of this dialogue.
- **To collaborate** with the Europe Committee WAGGGS to explore and implement alternative formats to ensure continued in-person exchange and cooperation, should joint European Guide and Scout Conferences not be viable.

Calls on Member Organizations

- **To express** their support for further cooperation between the European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM, especially in regard to a continuation of the tradition of an in-person European Guide and Scout Conference.
- **To strengthen** the partnerships between WAGGGS and WOSM on a national level.

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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 proposed Joint Action Plan 2025-2028

Historical Background

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

- World Scout Conference Resolutions:
  - 2008-29: WAGGGS-WOSM Consultative Committee
  - 2005-21: WAGGGS-WOSM Relationships
  - 2002-13: WAGGGS-WOSM Relationships
  - 1999-14: Feasibility Study
  - 1996-06: Scout and Guide National Organizations (SAGNOs)
  - 1996-07: World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)
  - 1990-19: WAGGGS-WOSM Relationships
  - 1990-20: WAGGGS-WOSM Relationships
  - 1985-13: World Guide and Scout Consultative Committee
  - 1983-03: Coeducation
- European Scout Conference Resolutions:
  - EUR-R02-2019: Working Together
  - EUR-R04-2019EO: A way Forward
  - EUR-R01-2013: Regional Scout Plan 2013-2019
  - EUR-R06-2013: Strategic Partnership with WAGGGS
  - EUR-R05-2007: Joint Work with the European Region WAGGGS 2007-2010
  - EUR-R10-2007: Overlapping Regional Plans
  - EUR-R03-2004: Amendment to the Regional Scout Plan
  - EUR-R05-2004: Joint Plan 2004-2007
  - EUR-R12-2004: Improved Co-Operation with the Europe Region WAGGGS
  - EUR-R04-2001: Joint Plan of Action
  - EUR-R15-2001: WAGGGS-WOSM Collaboration
  - EUR-R15-1998: Statement on Relationships
  - EUR-R17-1998: Future Cooperation
  - EUR-R01-1992: WOSM and WAGGGS Collaboration, Plan of Action for one European Guide and Scout Region

Resource Implications

Human	**Financial**
Volunteers: ▪ This work comes as part of the core capacity of the European Scout Committee.	Estimated 112’000 USD for the implementation of all the proposed actions. These costs are estimated based on operational costs of the World Scout Bureau and include:

Staff: ▪ This work come as part of the core capacity of the WSB-Europe Support Centre. **External Resources:** ▪ No additional external resources required.	▪ Meetings of regional governance and staff. ▪ Attendance and planning of dedicated joint events and/or initiatives to ensure continued in-person exchange and cooperation. This estimation excludes the cost foreseen for the implementation of Draft Joint Action Plan 2025-2028.

