2025-R11 – The Future of Joint Work

Background

The uncertainty surrounding joint work has caused Member Organizations (MOs) concern. Therefore, we must address the uncertainty and clarify which joint work shall be done during the Triennium. We believe that joint work is an essential part of European Scouting and Guiding, and a significant opportunity for sharing best practices and experiences between WAGGGS and WOSM.

By setting clear expectations for the new Committees of the European Regions of WOSM and WAGGGS, we believe that the joint work of the two Regions can be stronger and more ambitious throughout the upcoming Triennium.

We acknowledge that the human and financial resources available to the organisations are significantly different in WAGGGS and WOSM. We therefore propose that the two organisations perceive joint work as a partnership where both parties contribute according to their capabilities. We believe that both European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM contribute expertise and knowledge that can be fruitful for both organisations.

Content Proposal

The 25th European Scout Conference,

- *Acknowledging* the work that the Joint Work Task Force has done throughout the past Triennium,
- *Recognising* that a similar motion is expected to be at the 18th European Guide Conference,
- *Further acknowledging* the fact that the European Scout Conference has no mandate to decide what the European Region WAGGGS will do or is interested in, and

Requests the European Scout Committee

- **To approach** the Europe Committee WAGGGS suggesting continued Joint Work and to work towards developing a Joint Triennial Action Plan together with Europe Region WAGGGS.

Requests the European Scout Committee:

- **To strengthen** joint work with the WAGGGS Europe Region by exploring the development of a Joint Triennial Action Plan, to be presented for the 26th European Scout Conference in 2028.

Requests the European Scout Committee:

- **To seek** solutions and compromises to overcome the differences between WAGGGS and WOSM.
- **To find** alternative ways of equalising the partnership based on their different strengths, aiming for a fruitful outcome for both partners based on the report and suggestions from the Joint Work Task Force 2022-2025.

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Seconded by: Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Österreichs (AT), Scouterna (SE)

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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).

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 50’000 USD for the implementation of all the proposed actions.
Staff:	

▪ This work comes as part of the core capacity of the WSB-Europe Support Centre. **External Resources:** ▪ No additional external resources required.	These costs are estimated based on the World Scout Bureau's operational costs and include meetings of regional governance and staff. Note: This estimation excludes the cost foreseen for the implementation of Draft Joint Action Plan 2025-2028.

