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The 8th European Scout Educational Methods Forum

Antalya, Turkey, 6-10 May 2015



AIM AND OBJECTIVES

Aim

The aim of the Forum is to assist National Scout Associations in monitoring and improving their Youth Programme and Adult Resources strategies, in order to increase the impact of the work done at national level to support the action at local level.

Objectives

By the end of the Forum, the participants will:

- Have had the opportunity to work with leaders from different national Scout associations on topics of common interest, sharing information and expertise and networking with peers
- have opportunities to work with other national leaders on exploring the relevance of our work and gather interesting and useful ideas
- have updated their knowledge and skills for effective support to the local level
- be informed about the proposed priorities for the Region in what relates to Youth Programme and Adult Resources
- have discussed the outcomes of the 1st World Scout Education Congress and debated the potential issues to be addressed at the next similar World event
- feel empowered, inspired, motivated and supported in their role

Expectations

The Forum will provide:

- An opportunity to debate, partake in training, work on and get inspiration regarding a number of issues dealing with scouting's relevance in today's European society
- A place to meet and exchange ideas with members of different European national teams for youth programme, age sections, training and/or adult resources
- An opportunity to get informed on the latest initiatives, projects and programme ideas developed by the World and/or European level of WOSM
- An opportunity to share your NSA's successes and challenges, best practices and interesting projects and learn about the work and projects of many other European NSAs
- A place where existing Regional initiatives, projects and programme frameworks are evaluated and adapted to better fit the needs and expectations of the NSAs
- A place where existing networks (Training Commissioners, Rover Commissioners...) or new ones (Cub Scouts Commissioners, Scout Commissioners...) have a chance to meet and decide on potential future actions, share expertise and renew/make contacts.

PRACTICAL INFO

Since 1999, leaders involved at national level in the areas of youth programme and adult resources from all over Europe have gathered every two years to take part in the Forum on Educational Methods. The Forum is one of the most popular events that takes place in Europe, and has a very special atmosphere due to the participants having similar interest in the educational aspects of Scouting and sharing similar backgrounds, challenges and concerns.

After Malta (1999), Spain (2001), Slovenia (2003), Luxembourg (2005), Denmark (2007), Portugal (2009) and Romania (2012) we invite you for the 8th edition of this major European event.

Dates and Venue

The Forum will be organised between **6 – 10 May 2015**, at **Club Hotel Sera**, in Antalya, Turkey - <http://clubhotelsera.com.tr/>



Winner of the Tripadvisor's "Certificate of Excellence" in 2011 and 2012 and the World Luxury Hotel Awards in 2012, Club Hotel Serra is a five star hotel in the largest sea resort in Turkey, Antalya. Situated just 9 kilometres from the airport and 100m from the beach, the 1150 rooms hotel is fully equipped for large conferences, offering plenary and meeting rooms with capacities of 10-750 people. The venue provides accommodation in twin rooms.

Theme

The theme of the event is **Act for Change** and it reflects the focus of the event on offering NSOs information, tools and support on two aspects directly related to the theme:

- the need and relevance of organisational change to fit the changing realities of modern European society
- the need for Scouting and young people to become important actors in changing their communities .

Working methods

The working methods of the event are structured around four areas:

Inspiration – keynote speakers, best practices presentations, 1 to 1 sessions, etc.

Input – sessions facilitated by experts from World/European Scouting or from NSOs

Networking – Open Space, Network sessions, participants' involvement before the event

Producing – Action Plans, Team Tasks

Content

The content of the Forum will be delivered following 5 tracks and it is expected that the participants will form "learning groups" which will follow, in general, one track for the entire event.

1. **Learning for Life**
2. **The Life Cycle of the Adult Volunteer**
3. **Scouting as part of the Community**
4. **Leadership in Scouting**
5. **Individual Growth within the Framework of Scouting**

Useful reading

In order to prepare the Forum in the best way possible, we advise participants to be aware of the content of the following resources and materials (depending on the track):

[The Report of the 1st World Scout Education Congress](#)

[A Strategy for Scouting – Vision 2023](#)

[World Scout Youth Programme Policy](#)

[World Scout Youth Involvement Policy](#)

[Adults in Scouting World Policy](#)

[World Adult Resources Handbook](#)

[WOSM's Woodbadge Framework](#)

[21st Century Leadership in Scouting](#)

[European Scout Region Triennial Strategic Plan](#)

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Participants' profile

National Commissioners for Programmes, Adult Resources, Training, Age Sections, Diversity, Development or other fields in direct relation with Educational Methods and members of their teams.

Participation fees

The maximum participation fee for the event is **EUR 320** and it covers all the meals and accommodation (twin rooms) starting from Wednesday dinner until Sunday lunch, programme materials, outdoors activities, etc.

Two funding applications have been submitted and a positive result will change the fee as well as allowing additional support for travel to the partner NSOs. Those concerned will be informed directly once the result of the applications has been made public by the agencies.

Languages

The working language of the event is **English**.

Travel

Once participants have been confirmed (by 3 April 2015), they should make their own travel arrangements.

No citizen from a European Scout Region country needs a visa to enter Turkey for trips shorter than 60 days.

The citizens of the following countries can enter Turkey with their national IDs: **Germany, Belgium, France, The Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Malta, Portugal, and Greece.**

(source <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/>)

Travel forms will be included in the information package to be sent to participants with the acceptance letter.

Application form

<http://emforum.euroscoutinfo.com/registrations/>

Deadline for applications

31 March 2015

More information

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