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INTRODUCTION

This document lists all the Proposed Motions that have been received. A revised version (Conference document no. EGC 5b) will be circulated at the Conference, prior to the Voting Session on Wednesday 28 August 2019. This will include any Proposed Amendments to Proposed Motions that are received prior to the Conference, or during the Conference. In addition, it is also possible for Member Organisations (MOs) to table Proposed Motions at the Regional Conference and these will also be included in Conference Document no. EGC 5b.

Member Organisations are informed that Amendments may be submitted up to 09:00 (CEST) on Tuesday 27 August 2019. However, if a Member Organisation is intending to submit an Amendment in advance of the Conference, it would be helpful if this could be received as soon as possible by emailing procedural.europe@wagggs.org.

If an MO intends to table a Proposed Motion, it would be helpful if this could also be received as soon as possible by emailing procedural.europe@wagggs.org or submitted to the Procedural Team during the Conference latest by 09:00 (CEST) on Tuesday 27 August 2019.

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Motion Number: M_EGC_01

Proposed Motion: Regional Report 2017-2019

The European Guide Conference:

- approves the activity report of the triennium 2017-2019 as detailed in Conference Document no. EGC 7; and
- notes that an annual financial report for 2019 will be circulated in 2020, ready for the European Extraordinary General Meeting at World Conference.

Proposer: The Europe Committee WAGGGS

Voting Eligibility: Full Members

Majority required: Two thirds majority

Results of Voting:

For

Against

Abstentions

Motion Number: M_EGC_02

Proposed Motion: Financial Report 2018

The European Guide Conference:

- recognising and noting Conference Document no. EGC 8;
- adopts the 2018 Financial Report

Proposer: The Europe Committee WAGGGS

Voting Eligibility: Full Members

Majority required: Two thirds majority

Results of Voting:

For

Against

Abstentions

Motion Number: M_EGC_03

Proposed Motion: Regional Plan 2020-2022

The European Guide Conference:

- approves the objectives and strategic direction of WAGGGS at Europe Region level as detailed in Conference Document no. EGC 9;
- directs the Europe Committee WAGGGS to make the strategic decisions to implement the Regional Plan 2020-2022, according to the resources available;
- directs the Europe Committee WAGGGS to ensure the Europe Region's active involvement in the WAGGGS strategic planning process (to be finalised and approved by the World Conference in 2020) to influence the development of WAGGGS Global Strategy that both supports and benefits from the delivery of regional priorities.

Proposer: The Europe Committee WAGGGS

Voting Eligibility: Full and Associate Members

Majority required: Simple majority

Results of Voting:

For

Against

Abstentions



Motion Number: M_EGC_04

Proposed Motion: Financial proposal for 2020

The European Guide Conference:

- approves the proposed budget for 2020 as detailed in Conference Document no. EGC 9;
- notes that the budgets for 2021 and 2022 will be adopted at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Europe Region at the World Conference in 2020, in line with the recommendations of Conference Document no. EGC 6.

Proposer: The Europe Committee WAGGGS

Voting Eligibility: Full Members

Majority required: Two thirds majority

Results of Voting:

For

Against

Abstentions



Motion Number: M_EGC_05

Proposed Motion: Europe Contribution - Proposals for 2020-2022

The European Guide Conference, noting that:

- the document proposes the Europe Contribution that each Member Organisation should be requested to make in each year of the 2020-2022 triennium; and
- the budgets and the strategic steer shared in Conference Document no. EGC 9 highlight the continued importance of a Europe Contribution for resourcing the development of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting in Europe;
- approves the proposed Europe Contribution for 2020-2022 (Conference Document no. EGC 10).

Proposer: The Europe Committee WAGGGS

Voting Eligibility: Full Members

Majority required: Two thirds majority

Results of Voting:

For

Against

Abstentions

Motion Number: M_EGC_06

Proposed Motion: Youth Event linked to 17th European Guide Conference

The European Guide Conference:

- acknowledging the desire of Member Organisations to increase the number of young women standing for governance positions (as expressed in Motion 32 during the 36th WAGGGS World Conference);
- recognising the importance of exposing youth members to the processes that surround governance and decision making at Regional level;
- acknowledging that attending international events fosters knowledge, skills and attitudes and enables individuals to be empowered and inspired to action

Calls upon the Europe Committee WAGGGS:

- To organise a youth event to prepare our youth members aged 16-25 years to take an active part in our 17th Europe Regional Conference and subsequent Regional Conferences.

Rationale:

Recognising the diversity of individual Member Organisations (MO) and Component Associations (CA) within Europe Region, we have agreed for the purposes of this Motion to define young delegates as youth members within the 16 – 25 age range. Each MO/ CA can decide which ages within that range responds to their current needs most appropriately.

We believe the Region can provide opportunities for our youth members to have an authentic experience of decision making in action through a youth event. This event should have a capacity building element, it would also be useful to provide training on advocacy and conference skills.

Depending on the timing of the event, it could be run as a forum style event - where young delegates can share their ideas and views on a particular issue and these could be presented later during the Regional Conference. Alternatively, such an event may be held some months before the Regional Conference, where young delegates can attend this event and can report back to their National Board, before the Regional Conference. This will give time to the Member Organisations with delegates attending the event to evaluate the outcomes from this forum, before the main Regional Conference.

Proposer:

- Council of Irish Guiding Associations
- Girlguiding UK
- Malta Girl Guides Association
- Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Österreichs
- Ring Deutscher Pfadfinderinnenverbände
- Scouting Netherlands
- The Polish Scouting & Guiding Association

Voting Eligibility: Full and Associate Members

Majority required: Simple majority

Results of Voting:

For

Against

Abstentions

Motion Number: M_EGC_07

Proposed Motion: Joint Work

The European Guide Conference:

- referring to the long experience of cooperation and the common values and areas of concern and interest with WOSM European Scout Region;
- considering the important resources allocated to achieving common goals through joint programs and events in the past;
- noting that the current Memorandum of Understanding between WAGGGS Europe Region and WOSM European Scout Region ends at the 16th European Guide and Scout Conference;
- recognizing the benefits of having committees and working groups working together towards achieving common outcomes;
- emphasizing the importance of having a democratic platform for MOs/National Scout Organisations (NSOs) to take joint decisions regarding the work done together in the region and to facilitate the exchange between people representing their respective organisations (board members, chief executives, ICs, delegates, ...);
- acknowledging the commitment made by both WAGGGS Europe Committee and WOSM European Scout Committee at the International Commissioner (IC) Forum 2019 to continue the work already started;
- wishing to emphasize the relevance of WAGGGS/WOSM joint work for the Europe Region and its members,

Tasks the Europe Region Committee to foster joint work by:

- Allocating resources towards close cooperation with WOSM European Scout Region,
- Finding ways to allow a multi-level collaboration, including a decision-making platform for MOs and NSOs to agree on the joint overarching principles and missions
- Working for the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations.

Background information:

Sharing common values and goals, WAGGGS Europe Region and WOSM European Region have been working together on different projects for a few years now. Allowing both organization to become stronger through sharing their respective expertise, this tradition of joint work is bringing real benefits to MOs and NSOs.

With the current Memorandum of Understanding between WAGGGS Europe Region and WOSM European Region coming to term, we strongly wish to emphasize the importance of continuing the work previously started by both Regions and therefore ask WAGGGS Europe Committee to commit again to allowing joint work in the Region.

Proposer: Mouvement Scout de Suisse (MSdS)

Voting Eligibility: Full and Associate Members

Majority required: Simple majority

Results of Voting:

For

Against

Abstentions

Motion Number: M_EGC_08

Proposed Motion: AISBL Financial Governance

The European Guide Conference:

- reaffirming the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) 2017 approved Motion 6 for an improved AISBL structure (WAGGGS Europe Office in Brussels);
- considering the importance for MOs to be informed on the implementation of conference approved motions;

Requests the Europe Region Committee to produce a written report on the implementation of the new AISBL structure, as voted for during the EGM that took place in Delhi in 2017.

The report should be sent to MOs within 2 months after the conference and should contain the following elements:

- a brief explanation of the current state of the implementation and the steps taken;
- a list of members sitting on the board of the AISBL (name, positions, body they represent);

In case the implementation of the requested structure hasn't been completely concluded yet, a provisional report explaining the reasons and information on how the implementation will be achieved should be sent to MOs within two months after the conference. The requested structure should then be implemented at the next possible meeting and a final report should be sent as soon as possible, but not later than a year after the conference.

Background information:

Following the recommendation made by the Financial Governance Task Force in a report presented at the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) in Delhi in 2017, the European MOs approved Motion 6, a motion aiming at implementing an improved AISBL structure for the WAGGGS Europe Office in Brussels. Because the implementation of this motion would provide a better control over the Region's finances and therefore follow the path of good governance practices, we think this motion is of great importance.

While we acknowledge and appreciate the work done by the Committee during this past triennium, we think that we currently lack exact information that would allow us to judge the fulfilment of this motion and properly report on this topic back to our MO.

For that reason, we are asking the committee to provide the European MOs with a written statement reporting on the developments of this motion.

If the full implementation has not been achieved yet, we ask the Committee to implement the requested structure at the next possible meeting and to produce a final report to MOs as soon as implemented.

Proposer: Mouvement Scout de Suisse (MSdS)

Voting Eligibility: Full and Associate Members

Majority required: Simple majority

Results of Voting:

For

Against

Abstentions

Motion Number: M_EGC_09

Proposed Motion: Climate change and environmental sustainability

The European Guide Conference:

- recalling WAGGGS' 2014 position statement¹ on ensuring a sustainable environment;
- noting WAGGGS' continuous engagement in the UNFCCC's Conference of Parties (COP);
- recognising WAGGGS' contribution to the 2009 Climate Change – Take Action Now! Toolkit² developed by UNICEF and the Alliance of Youth CEOs;
- recognising the growing concern and wave of youth activism taking to the streets across Europe, in a call to action against climate change;
- remembering that 'Connecting to my world' is an essential element of our Girl Guide and Girl Scout Educational Method, which includes the need to form a deep and lasting connection to our environment and an understanding on how to protect it;
- highlighting that our members are empowered through an effective non-formal education programme to be active and responsible citizens, who leave this world better than how they found it.

Calls upon the European Committee WAGGGS to further the work on addressing climate change and strengthening environmental sustainability within the European Region.

Calls upon the European Committee WAGGGS to reflect and act on:

- how the European Region can play her part as a role model for Member Organisations/Component Associations (e.g. communication about the sustainability of the events, ...);
- how the European Region can pro-actively support MOs/CAs to implement environmental education in their programme, events, ... (e.g. by sharing inspirational practices, organising workshops during existing events, fostering exchange between MOs/CAs, increasingly visibility of WAGGGS materials on climate change, ...);
- how the European Region can make existing events more sustainable (e.g. reducing food waste, decreasing plastic waste, using local suppliers, ...); and
- consider the option of a working group or taskforce to further develop and implement this work.

Background information:

Climate change is the defining challenge of our generation and poses a critical threat to our future. It threatens our ability to guarantee safety, dignity, and basic rights to all persons and particularly endangers the most vulnerable, including women and girls.

Proposer: Guiding and Scouting in Belgium

Voting Eligibility: Full and Associate Members

Majority required: Simple majority

Results of Voting:

For

Against

Abstentions

¹ <https://www.waggs.org/en/resources/waggs-position-statement-ensuring-sustainable-environment/>

² <https://www.waggs.org/en/resources/climate-change-take-action-note-toolkit/>