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The 7th Europe Workshop, under the theme „ROUTE 2020“ - STEP BY STEP TO THE FUTURE – PART 3, The use of New Media to attract new members, took place in Smolenice, Slovakia, during the days 3-8 March. We had 32 people from countries as: Austria, Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Greece, Spain, Ireland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, The Netherlands, Belgium and Czech Republic.



The group was very excited since their arrival on Friday 3rd.

Doris Stockmann, ISGF Europe Committee President, welcomed all the participants and the President Dr. h.c. Ing. Tibor Mikus of the Trnavsk District. Also, Vladimir Janecka, President of the Slovakia Fellowship, welcomed all the participants and wished them a interesting and enjoyable stay at Smolenice.

The workshop had a lot of group workshops and presentations, where topics such as how to advertise ISGF, how to communicate and how to improve / keep Membership in ISGF.

Nana Gentimi, Vice-Chairman of the World Committee also gave her welcome and on behalf of the W.Committee wished all the participants a good week.

The host country, Slovakia, did a presentation about their work as a NSGF and also how the Scouts movement is implemented in their country.



Throughout the working days, Angela Dernbach (central sub-region) presented us with a workshop where all participants work together towards advertising ways to promote ISGF in their countries.

Since 2010, ISGF European workshops have tried to reach a successful communication between its members and learn new technologies. In Smolenice it couldn't be different.

Communication, visibility and networking were discussed between the participants in a workshop that Ana (south europe sub-region) presented. The participation of all participants was very important, for the exchange of ideas and ways of working.

Leny Doelman (CB) also took part on the the workshop and she presented the social media topic and how to use it. Also, she explained and gave us a task regarding the ISGF website.

Pierred Decoene (Western sub-region) presented the actual numbers for the european members as our Treasurer, giving us the real situation.

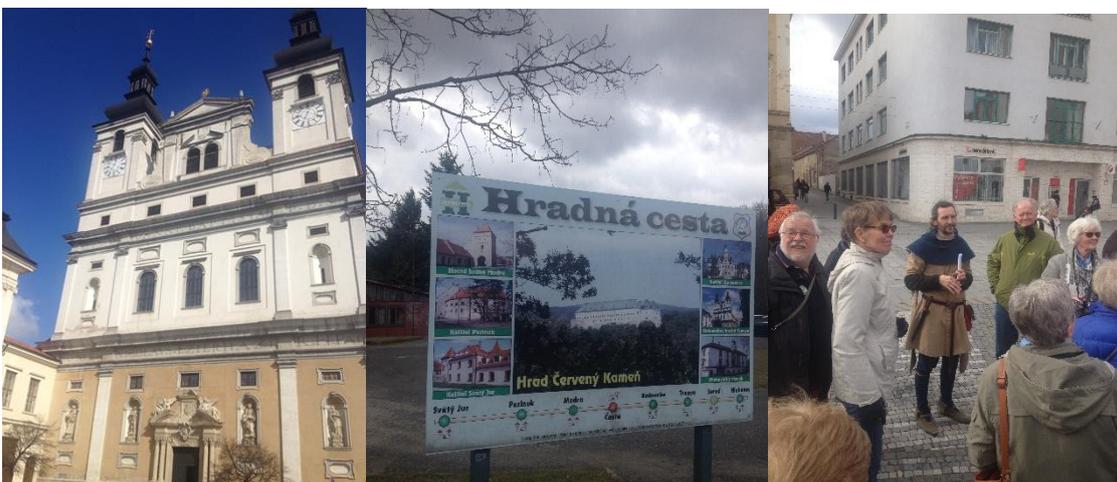
Although Valdik Kask from Estonia, a young member of ISGF, couldn't be present, he sent his ideas and inputs for the workshop which were very well received and helped bringing some more topics for the debate.

The workshop also embraced countries presentations, where we could see their activities, projects and the development of their national fellowships.



The excursion took us to visit the Little Carpathian mountain, the castle of Cerveny Kamen and Trnava old city and it's beauties.

We were all welcomed at the Trnava district assembly hall by the Trnava district President.



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Overall, this workshop showed us the differences between the represented countries as well as aspects on which all should continue working on.

Debates and laughs were always present in this event. As well as music and dance as we had the presence of a cultural and folk group from Slovakia.

In conclusion, we should take in consideration all the aspects regarding the need of transmitting the history of ISGF to our own fellowship in order to get our members interested and to know that they are part of a big family all around the world. And, we must not forget as B-P once said **"Scouting and Guiding is not only a game for children, it's also a way of life for adults"**.

The Europe Committee would like to say thank you to all the people who were part of the organization of the workshop and all the participants, for their work and dedication.



(Note: Together with this short resume of the workshop, please see attached several presentations and documents.)