

EUROPE REGION / RÉGION EUROPE

CONSTITUTION 2016

1. MEMBERSHIP

1.1 The Europe Region of the ISGF consists of the National Scout and Guide Fellowships (NSGFs) of the European countries. Any other NSGF belonging to a country adjacent to the Europe Region may join it on the decision of the Europe Region Conference and with the agreement of the ISGF World Committee. The members of the Central Branch in Europe are also members of the Region.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Europe Region is to support and uphold the principles of the ISGF.

3. AIMS

3.1 The Aims of the Europe Region are to:

- a) Support its Sub-Regions.
- b) Foster the development of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship in the Region and support the programme and activities of its Members.
- c) Help groups of Central Branch members in Europe to become NSGFS
- d) Encourage the exchange of ideas, visions and experiences within the Region.
- e) Promote Regional gatherings and co-ordinate schedules of events within the Region.
- f) Develop public relations and sponsoring in Europe, in co-ordination with the ISGF World Committee.
- g) Develop contacts and strengthen partnerships with the WAGGGS and the WOSM Europe Region.
- h) Represent the European NSGFs within European intergovernmental organisations (e.g. EU or the Council of Europe), by agreement with the ISGF World Committee
- i) Manage the Europe Support Fund.

4. LANGUAGES

4.1 The official languages for the Europe Region are those laid down in the ISGF Constitution and Bye-Laws.

4.2 The Europe Conference may decide to adopt other languages to be official within the Europe Region.

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5. SUB-REGIONS

The Europe Region is sub-divided into Sub-Regions, by agreement with the World Committee.

6. EUROPE REGION COMMITTEE

- 6.1** The Europe Region Committee is the executive body. Its membership consists of one representative from each Sub-Region, appointed by the respective Sub-Region, each with voting rights, and at no time shall more than one elected member from any NSGF serve on the European Region Committee.
- 6.2** The ISGF World Committee may appoint to the Europe Region Committee one of its own members without voting rights.
- 6.3** The Europe Region Committee may appoint a representative to attend the meetings of the ISGF World Committee at their invitation, without voting rights.
- 6.4** The Europe Region Committee may co-opt members for specific purposes for a limited period, of time, without voting rights.

7. OFFICERS

- 7.1** The Europe Region Committee shall designate the following main responsibilities among its own members:
- Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- 7.2** The ISGF World Committee shall be informed of these designations.

8. TERM OF OFFICE

- 8.1** The term of office of a Committee member shall be three years, commencing immediately after the Europe Region Conference and finishing at the end of the next Conference. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.

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9. MEETINGS AND VOTING

- 9.1** The Europe Region Committee meets according to the needs of the Region but must meet at least once a year. The meetings should be held in the Sub-Regions by rotation if possible.
- 9.2** The Europe Region Committee may approve its own rules of procedure.
- 9.3** Each Committee member has one vote and the Chairman has an additional casting vote.

10. EUROPE REGION CONFERENCE

- 10.1** The Europe Region Conference is the governing body of the Europe Region. The Conference will take place every 3 years. Its purpose is to discuss current problems and situations and to make decisions according to item 3 of this Constitution.
- 10.2** Each NSGF of the Europe Region and the Central Branch shall have four votes, which they can use as they think fit, irrespective of the number of their delegates attending.
- 10.3** Any NSGF which fails to pay its annual region fees up to and including the end of the financial year preceding the Conference shall forfeit its right to vote until payment has been received, unless the Europe Committee has granted remission or postponement of payment of the fees.
- 10.4** The invitation, provisional agenda and call for other agenda items must be in the hands of the NSGFs at least 3 months in advance of the Conference.
- 10.5** The Europe Region Conference shall be prepared by an NSGF in collaboration with the Europe Region Committee, using guidelines available from the ISGF World Bureau.
- 10.6** The quorum for the Europe Region Conference shall be half plus one of the Members of the Europe Region.
- 10.7** The Chairman of the Conference shall be appointed by the Conference upon the proposal of the Europe Region Committee
- 10.8** Voting shall be as agreed for World Conferences of the ISGF unless otherwise agreed at a Europe Region Conference by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

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11. FINANCES

- 11.1** Each European NSGF shall pay an annual fee to the Region of an amount to be agreed at each Europe Region Conference.
- 11.2** Accounts for each Europe Region Conference shall be kept by the Organising Committee, finalised within 12 months, and submitted to the Europe Region Committee.
- 11.3** The budget for postage and other necessary administrative expenses shall be approved by the Europe Region Committee and with the Sub-Regions if they are concerned.
- 11.4** Each Committee member must pay his/her own expenses for attendance at meetings or be supported by his/her own NSGF.
- 11.5** The Europe Region Committee is responsible for keeping the accounts of the Europe Region.
- 11.6** The accounts shall be audited annually and presented to all Committee members and to the World Bureau. NSGFs shall receive triennial accumulated accounts three months before the Europe Region Conference, at the expense of the Committee.
- 11.7** In the event of the Europe Region being disbanded all debts should be paid and any monies remaining be transferred to the Europe Support Fund or to the ISGF funds.

12. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 12.1** Proposals for amendments to this constitution must be received, by the Europe Region Committee, no later than the end of October during the year preceding an upcoming Europe Region Conference.
- 12.2** Any amendment to this Constitution must be agreed by the Europe Region Conference, due notice of it having been given in advance. Voting on amendments shall be by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote. Amendments adopted by the Europe Region Conference shall become effective following their approval by the ISGF World Committee.