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Present a brief comment on your 2020 main activities

INSIDE COVID-19 AND BEYOND COVID-19

- 1. As in all countries, also in Italy all activities were strongly influenced by the event of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are all aware of what this dramatic global pandemic event has produced in families, businesses, young people and Scout communities. It forced us to be locked up in our homes, with our loved ones and in a close relationship between family members. In many cases to witness, helpless, the inexorable loss of some of us. However, facing the blocking of face-to-face relationships between people, we have tried not to turn off the life of relationships, friendships and long-distance encounters. Relationships are life. So we tried to react ourselves and to support our communities in order to maintain a minimum of activity of meetings and exchange of moments and life experiences. We have proposed initiatives both at the national level and at the regional level and many also among the members of individual communities. So after the middle of the year, after the summer, we started our meeting again, through new online methods.
- 2. In 2020, the movement commitment was marked by initiatives related to the three-year program, proposed at the beginning of the Board's term of office in 2019, which provides for discussion and projects on 5 theme, called Horizons:
- a. Social and political responsibility (Which ways of social and political engagement for the adults in scouting?)
- b. Sustainability in development Agenda 2030
- c. Harmony in relationships (Attention to family, social community and inter-generational relationships between young people and adults)
- d. Adult Christians in the Church (How can Christian values be expressed in the social and

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economic context today).

e. Scout method for adults (The Movement has launched a reflection on the theme: Education never ends, pedagogy and scout method for adulthood.)

For each theme (Horizon) various initiatives have been proposed and implemented at national level (seminars and online conferences with scout and non-scout experts), in regions and between communities. Despite Covid-19. about 20 meetings were held between different work groups and the communities started meeting again online as young adolescents.

- 1. TRAINING MEETINGS AND IN-DEPTH SEMINARS SCOUTING FOR ADULTS
- In 2020, numerous activities were carried out in two types: a) at the national level proposed to institutional bodies and working groups and b) those carried out by individual communities.
- a. At the national level we have worked a lot for continuing education and for being witness of projects and people related to the different themes of the national program.
- 1) Continuing education
- Meetings held in person between the training commissioners during the national events.
- Distance training (on line) with 4 "Mascincontri" (Masci meetings) webinars on the horizons of the national program, which were attended by over 1000 people for each meeting.
- Organization of a national seminar for 100 adults on pedagogy and on the scout method in adulthood; organized with 5 conferences and working groups, related to point e) of the programme, as above described
- Creation of press contributions through monographic issues of the magazine on the horizons of the program
- Creation of a newsletter on the 2030 Agenda, sent to all the communities.
- 2) Some witnessing activities with our presence:
- The Easter Vigil and catechesis with over 1000 participants
- The celebration on St. George's day on our YouTube Channel with over 1500 attendees
- Many regions and communities have carried out and have promoted the proposal of the Peace Light.
- The realization in the presence of the international solidarity initiative called "Tavolata senza muri", (Table without wall) carried out in via della Conciliazione in Rome (near St. Peter's Square)
- The realization of the vigil for peace, in the presence, and the human chain with other associations in Perugia and Assisi.

Your cooperation and support to Scouting and Guiding in your country, any activities?

Support to the youth scout association

Your involvement in community service?

The life of the regions and the communities has been very different and conditioned by the pandemic. However, we can say that most of the communities have had moments of meeting and training, also online, on the issues proposed by the national level and have carried out, even if in some cases at a reduced pace, the ordinary community service.

The main community services are related to

- management of canteens, collection of material and funds, and assistance the poorest, the elderly and the immigrants.
- · collaboration for school and literacy activities
- support in the areas involved in the phenomena of recent earthquakes
- activities in collaboration with civil protection or other local rescue associations
- engagement in religious and catechesis activities with the parishes

While the activities in community services have been maintained, unfortunately this year, most of the activities to socialize inside the communities, including those of life in nature, campings, trips, etc. have been missing, except in some cases.

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Any international dimension in celebrating Fellowship Day, Twinning, Peace Light?

Is your organization growing?

From the numerical point of view of the development of the movement, we have to record a slight decrease in members and communities calculated at around 3-4%, compared to the previous year, for a total of 187 members.

Our researches and internal debate shows the conviction that development depends mainly on the activities and the witness of the communities in their environment, supported by a regional and national presence of a scout testimony.

The opening of membership to communities by former Scouts and Guides and non-Scout adults is increasingly significant. To date, we must report the data that 50% of the members were scouts or guides in their youth age, and the other 50% did not practice scouting when they were young, but they met and experienced it as an adult.

Did you organize any fundraising events?

All communities and groups involved in fundraising projects for national and international projects have kept their commitments.

Initiatives and fundraising were carried out for:

- Donation and completion of educational and socialization facilities in the areas affected by the earthquake;
- Fundraising for the setting up and completion of (Masci) scout bases for the reception and training of young people
- Fundraising for international projects managed by the Masci "Eccomi" cooperative (11 projects in various countries around the world)
- Sale of rice to support school building projects in Africa " Abbiamo riso per una cosa seria" (in Italian "rice" sound the same as "laughed" so "We laughed about something serious"), in collaboration with other movements.

Any special programme for membership development?