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The World Scout Bureau Europe Support Centre has compiled all Draft Resolutions proposed by Member Organisations for consideration by the 24<sup>th</sup> European Scout Conference (2022) and so endorsed by its Resolutions Committee.

A brief explanation, the text of the Draft Resolution and background information are included in the Conference Document to provide Member Organisations with the required information to facilitate discussions before a decision is made by the Conference during a voting session at the Conference. Details about pre-engagement opportunities and the process for proposing amendments are available on the Conference website.

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## 24ESC-04 – Facilitating international exchange in Scouting and Guiding

### Brief explanation or justification for the Draft Resolution

International exchange has always played a core role in Guiding and Scouting thanks to the international nature of the movement. The need to facilitate international encounters for our members has been apparent through the repeated resolutions on “Go Scout Go Guide Abroad” in 2016 and 2019. Within the implementation of these resolutions, the European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM have approached an international team lead by the German Guide and Scout Federation (rdp) to develop a tool fulfilling these needs with the support of the regions.

The result has been the development of the digital platform – now called “Azimuth” – and was finalized in Nov. 2021. It can be accessed via [www.azimuth-weconnect.eu](http://www.azimuth-weconnect.eu) by every Scout and Guide from the European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM, while ensuring a safe space through an MO-based registration system. It is a peer-to-peer platform that allows local groups to list requests and offers or browse entries of other groups on various types of international exchange, including offers of Scout Centres, international camps, remote exchanges or summer trips.

The Azimuth team has committed to the development of the platform as well as the initial operation and administration until the European Scout and Guide Conference. After a period of handover following the conferences, the group will no longer be available for the operation (including the communication to, the onboarding and support of MOs, as well as the technical support) and intends to hand over the responsibility for Azimuth to the European Regions of WOSM and WAGGGS.

### Content proposal: 24ESC-04 (2022) Facilitating international exchange in Scouting and Guiding

The 24th European Scout Conference,

- *emphasising* the value of international exchange in Scouting,
- *recalling* the long-standing request to the European Guide and Scout Regions for a possibility to facilitate Europe-wide exchange, e.g. through the resolutions and work on “Go Scout Go Guide Abroad”, as an alternative to currently used inefficient methods of emails and a variety of nation-specific solutions,
- *acknowledging* the possibilities brought about by digital tools and the willingness of the Region to engage in innovative delivery of its offers,
- *thanking* the international team of Azimuth for having laid the basis for a contact tool to be used within Europe,
- *highlighting* the broad interest in the tool received and the more than 400 users from over 20 MOs as of April 2022 who have already signed up to the platform,
- *welcoming* Azimuth as a concrete example of a successful cooperation between the European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM, and
- *recognising* a parallel Motion has been submitted to the 17<sup>th</sup> European Guide Conference regarding the same subject and using the similar phrasing (“the Motion”)
  
- **Requests** the European Scout Committee,
  - **To work** with WAGGGS towards joint responsibility for the operation of the contact platform Azimuth
    - **by initiating** a handover-phase from the current Azimuth team after the European Guide and Scout Conference, finalizing until the end of 2022,
    - **by ensuring** the continued hosting by providing the necessary IT-infrastructure,

- **by providing** support to Member Organizations for using the tool (e.g. through onboardings, trainings and communication), and
- **by setting** up a structure to support the maintenance and continued improvement of Azimuth via a staff position or a volunteer group, including allocating sufficient financial means and staff hours, and
- **to further develop** Azimuth by continuing to reach out to organisations to broaden the user-base, as well as to identify and implement changes to Azimuth where necessary and helpful.
- In case the Motion is carried by the 17<sup>th</sup> European Guide Conference, **to clearly distribute** the responsibilities amongst WOSM and WAGGGS for the points above to ensure continuity of the project or to take on full responsibility for those points, should the Motion not be carried by the 17<sup>th</sup> European Guide Conference.

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## Background Information Document

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Draft Resolution title:	<b>Facilitating International exchange in Scouting and Guiding</b>
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### Policy Implications

No policy implications.

### Historical Background

The first reference to an organised approach to support Scouts participating in long-term European youth exchanges can be found at the European Scout Conference held in Brussels, Belgium, in 2010. Since then, different initiatives, gradually enlarging the target group, were presented to the European Guide and Scout Conferences as recommendations: EraScout ([Conference Resolution 21ESC/20](#), [Joint Recommendation 15EGSC/5](#)), [Go Scout and Guide Abroad](#), with various degrees of success. The advent of social media, with young people able to promote and share their projects and initiatives freely and easily, has determined the idea to evolve in recent years.

During the last triennium a joint working group started the development of a digital tool to facilitate the exchanges between all Scouts and Guides in Europe seeking partnerships, not only those involved in long-term youth exchanges programmes. The tool developed was called Azimuth and it is now in the final development phase.

### Resource Implications

The complexity inherent to a digital platform covering vast differences in national/local realities across Europe as well as taking into account the different needs and expectations of young people using the platform requires a high number of resources, time and care of administrators. This entails, among others, continuous monitoring of members and posts and supervision in ensuring the projects proposed and partners involved are in compliance with the MOs' internal policies in this area.

Taking into account that it is a newly developed platform (not an addition to a digital means that young people are already using in their daily life), it will require a high investment in continuous promotion, training, bug fixes and support.

Human	Financial (in USD)
<b>Volunteers:</b> 2-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hosting and troubleshooting: 56'400</li> <li>▪ Upgrades and IT support: 20'000</li> <li>▪ System Administration: 30'000</li> <li>▪ Training and promotional material: 3'000</li> </ul>
<b>Staff:</b> 1	
<b>External Resources (experts, trainers, consultants, etc.):</b>  2 Consultants at 0.50 FTE	

