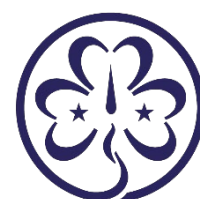




# Document 6B

## PROPOSED MOTIONS AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS



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# INTRODUCTION

This document lists the Proposed Motions, Tabled Motions and Proposed Amendments to Proposed Motions that the Procedural Team received prior to the Regional Conference, and during the Regional Conference by the deadline of 19:00 (CEST) on July 23rd, 2022. This revised version (Conference document no. EGC 6B) replaces Document 6A.

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# Proposed Motion Number: M\_EGC\_01

## Triennial Regional Report 2020-2022

Proposer: *The Europe Committee WAGGGS*

Voting Eligibility: *Full and Associate Members*

Majority required: *Simple majority of votes cast*

### Proposed Motion:

The European Guide Conference:

- approves the Triennial Regional Report 2020-2022, as detailed in Conference Document no. EGC 3; and
- recognises that the financial reports from 2019 and 2020 have already been approved at the annual meetings in 2020 and 2021, and that the 2021 numbers will be shared once audited.

# Proposed Motion Number: M\_EGC\_02

## Triennial Regional Action Plan 2023-2025

Proposer: *The Europe Committee WAGGGS*

Voting Eligibility: *Full and Associate Members*

Majority required: *Simple majority of votes cast*

### Proposed Motion:

The European Guide Conference:

- approves the objectives and strategic direction of WAGGGS at Europe Region level as detailed in Conference Document no. EGC 4.c Part A;
- directs the Europe Committee WAGGGS to make the strategic decisions to implement the Triennial Regional Action Plan 2023-2025, according to the resources available.

## Proposed Amendment Number: A\_EGC\_2.1

**Proposer:** German Guide and Scout Federation (rdp); Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Österreichs (PPÖ); Israel Boy & Girl Scouts Federation

**Voting Eligibility:** Full and Associate Members

**Majority required:** Simple majority of votes cast

**Proposed Motion that the Proposed Amendment refers to:** M\_EGC\_02

## Proposed Amendment:

(The proposed changes are indicated in *red* in the following text)

The European Guide Conference

- approves the objectives and strategic direction of WAGGGS at Europe Region level as detailed in Conference Document no. EGC 4.c Part A;

- directs the Europe Committee WAGGGS to make the strategic decisions to implement the Triennial Regional Action Plan 2023-2025, according to the resources available *and encourages the Committee to use the Azimuth platform as a tool to fulfil the regional objective 3 “40% of MOs have at least one strong, ongoing partnership with another MO” and objective 5 “3000 of MO representatives and girls members participate in (online or) face-to-face activity or event in the Region”.*

## Rationale:

Azimuth helps establish contacts between groups and exchange formats in the Region and thus relieves ICs and the Committee. Therefore, it is a good tool helping achieve the ambitious set goals for the upcoming Triennium.

## Resources Implications:

n/a

# Proposed Motion Number: M\_EGC\_03

## Europe Contribution 2023-2025

Proposer: *The Europe Committee WAGGGS*

Voting Eligibility: *Full Members*

Majority required: *Two-thirds majority of votes cast*

### Proposed Motion:

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 2023-2025 triennium; and*
- *the budgets and the strategic steer shared in Conference Document no. EGC 4.c highlight the continued importance of a Europe Contribution for resourcing the development of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting in Europe;*
- *the Committee is actively seeking to diversify its funding to reduce reliance on the EVC for future triennia;*
- *approves the proposed Europe Contribution for 2023-2025 (Conference Document no. EGC 7).*

## Proposed Amendment Number: A\_EGC\_3.1

Proposer: *Scoutisme Français; Ring deutscher Pfadfinderverbände*

Voting Eligibility: *Full Members*

Majority required: *Two thirds majority of votes cast*

Proposed Motion that the Proposed Amendment refers to: *M\_EGC\_03*

## Proposed Amendment:

*(The proposed changes are indicated in red in the following text)*

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 2023-2025 triennium; and*
- the budgets and the strategic steer shared in Conference Document no. EGC 4.c highlight the continued importance of a Europe Contribution for resourcing the development of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting in Europe;*
- the Committee is actively seeking to diversify its funding to reduce reliance on the EVC for future triennia;*
- the Committee takes into consideration the Recommendations of the 2021 Europe Region Task & Finish group report for future triennia, i.e., the four key elements of transparency, impact, flexibility and diversification;*
- approves the proposed Europe Contribution for 2023-2025 (Conference Document no. EGC 7).*

## Rationale:

Given WAGGGS Europe's progress in ensuring the financial stability of the Association, transparency and the work of the Task Force and given its consideration by the Committee, we support this Proposed Motion and the levels of the EVC proposed.

During the EGM held in November 2020, the Conference approved motion N°6 "Establishment of a working group to find a new funding model for the Europe 21-27 Region" carried by the Europe Committee, creation of the EVC Task & Finish Group. As outlined in the terms of reference: "The purpose of the Task & Finish group is to advise the Regional Committee on a long-term sustainable funding model for the Region until 2027". The group presented a comprehensive explanation of the Region's financial model and deepened the relation to the EVC. The four key-elements are:

1. Transparency
2. Impact
3. Flexibility
4. Diversification

We deeply thank the Group for their work and the Report, and we believe their recommendations are key for the Region's stability and achievement of the regional action plan, and more largely, supports the ongoing of guiding and scouting in Europe.

However, only one of the four commitments is specified in the motion proposed by the European Committee: "to diversify funding", which fortunately is already being set-up thanks to the work of the regional Staff and Committee.

The need to consider the Recommendations of the Task Force do not appear in the wording of Motion 3, but lightly in document 7. Moreover, it would support the region's funding from MOs that the key elements recommended by EVC Task & Finish Group are approved by the Conference by including it in this Motion.

## **Resources Implications:**

n/a



# Proposed Motion Number: M\_EGC\_04

## Triennial Regional Budget 2023-2025

Proposer: *The Europe Committee WAGGGS*

Voting Eligibility: *Full Members*

Majority required: *Two-thirds majority of votes cast*

### Proposed Motion:

The European Guide Conference:

- approves the proposed triennial regional budget for 2023-2025 as detailed in Conference Document no. EGC 4.c, part B.

## **Proposed Motion Number: M\_EGC\_05**

### **Promotion of International WAGGGS Events for Young Members**

**Proposers:** *Israel Boy & Girl Scouts Federation; The Girl Guides Association of Cyprus*

**Voting Eligibility:** *Full and Associate Members*

**Majority required:** *Simple majority of votes cast*

### **Proposed Motion:**

The European Guide Conference:

*Acknowledging the importance of more international activities for young members aged 14 to 17 years old that aim to make them more connected to other Guides and Scouts in the Europe Region;*

Tasks the Europe Region Committee to promote WAGGGS Europe Region events for members aged 14-17 years old, such as youth fora before the Regional Conference, European camps, youth exchanges, etc. These activities may contribute to WAGGGS Vision and strategic goals, indicatively Gender Equality, Diversity & Inclusion and Environment & Sustainability. Some of these activities may use existing tools, e.g., the new "Azimuth" website, while sharing information across MOs and supporting new WAGGGS Europe Region youth events. The Regional Committee will initiate a pre-youth Regional Conference, so the young members aged 14-17 can meet and hold their own Conference.

### **Rationale:**

The objective of this proposed motion is to connect and involve young members through WAGGGS Europe Regional activities.

We feel that young members under 18 years old are not fully connected to WAGGGS Europe at regional level, mainly because there are not sufficient activities for the age group of 14-17 years old. International events take part at a local level, though most of them are not communicated to all ICs and many members miss the information about them.

There are digital tools that can help us all find out about international events, though they are mostly used by WOSM and not by WAGGGS, which makes many young members not identify with WAGGGS.

### **Resource Implications:**

A Regional staff member will oversee sharing the information across different MOs and update a list of regional events dedicated to young members in Europe that will be shared and open to every MO. A dedicated fund will offer support to members with low socio-economic status to be able to travel to different European events, so everyone can have a chance to take part in these events.

## Proposed Amendment Number: A\_EGC\_5.1

Proposer: *Israel Boy & Girl Scouts Federation; The Girl Guides Association of Cyprus*

Voting Eligibility: *Full and Associate Members*

Majority required: *Simple majority of votes cast*

Proposed Motion that the Proposed Amendment refers to: *M\_EGC\_05*

## Proposed Amendment:

*(The proposed changes are indicated in red in the following text)*

The European Guide Conference:

*Acknowledging the importance of more international activities for young members aged 14 to 17 years old that aim to make them more connected to other Guides and Scouts in the Europe Region;*

*Realising the need to offer our younger members more training in Governance and engage them with the work done by our Guiding Movement regionally.*

Tasks the Europe Region Committee to *consider the following:*

### *A. Training and Educational Opportunities:*

WAGGGS Europe Region events for members aged 14-17 years old, such as *youth fora before the Regional Conference*, European camps, and youth exchanges *as well as promoting international activities organized by MOs, etc.;*

These activities may contribute to WAGGGS Vision and strategic goals, indicatively Gender Equality, Diversity & Inclusion and Environment & Sustainability. Some of these activities may use existing tools, e.g., the new "Azimuth" website, while sharing information across MOs and supporting new WAGGGS Europe Region youth events.

### *B. Governance Training and Education:*

*Initiation of a pre-Regional Conference youth event starting from the next Triennial Action Plan (2026-2029) so that young members aged 14-17 can meet, hold their own Conference, and make their voices heard by the adult members of the Movement.*

## Rationale:

The rationale behind the Proposed Amendment is that young members should be trained early enough in Governance for their own interest.

## Resource Implications:

The work for the promotion of the international activity can be done by staff members in collaboration with MOs who organise these events.

Regarding the pre-Regional Conference youth event, it can be undertaken by the host MO and the participating delegations. The Committee can discuss funding or sponsorship.

# Proposed Motion Number: M\_EGC\_06

## Crisis Support Network

Proposer: *Soma Hellinikou Odigismou - SHO (Greek Guiding Association)*

Voting Eligibility: *Full and Associate Members*

Majority required: *Simple majority of votes cast*

### Proposed Motion:

The European Guide Conference:

*-remiscing the cataclysmic floods in Western Europe and the well-established environmental concern in our Guiding and Scouting values;*

*- reflecting on the actions taken by MOs in response to wildfires in Mediterranean countries by activating a civil network on a national level;*

*- understanding the need for a more coordinated effort to provide support in countries facing conflict;*

*- reflecting on the extraordinary response of MOs in supporting refugee flows and other humanitarian emergencies, and offering aid;*

*- acknowledging the need for volunteers at the countries receiving refugees and migrants from third countries.*

Calls upon the Europe Region Committee to create a space for establishing a Crisis Support Network, where Volunteers from MOs across the Europe Region will:

*- exchange best practices of coordinating different crisis responses on national and regional level;*

*- search for resources to support MOs and Volunteers, e.g., reports from other NGOs, knowledge and good practices from experienced Volunteers, training from experts outside our Movement;*

*- coordinate external support from MOs, not directly affected by a crucial event, with a strong will to offer help;*

*- build stronger relations with European bodies and global organizations – such as RescEU integral to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and the UNHCR (United Nations Refugee Agency) operating in various European countries - to exchange knowledge or best practices and respond to their need for volunteers.*

### Rationale:

The events from last year alone, have shown us that even though we cannot predict a critical event, i.e., a disease, a natural catastrophe or a conflict caused by humans, we can most certainly

respond to it. We do not have to do it alone. A network of Volunteers across MOs in the Europe Region will communicate and provide information about the current events in a country and the actions taken by that MO and specify exactly where and what kind of help is needed. This network will facilitate the communication channels and coordinate the support from one MO to another.

## **Resource Implications:**

Following a Call by the Europe Region Committee, the Volunteers will be selected by the MOs according to the process followed in their country. The Volunteers will have the same term as Europe Regional Volunteers, which is one triennium. The Lead Volunteers should be trained in crisis management and team coordination to lead the team of Volunteers selected by the MOs. The funding for the Volunteers' training will be drawn from the regional budget with the prospect of looking for EU funded programs. The Volunteers are part of the network, which will be mobilized when a crisis takes place. The Campfire platform will be the allocated space for the Network to come together and set out objectives.

## Proposed Amendment Number: A\_EGC\_6.1

Proposer: *The Polish Scouting and Guiding Association (Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego, ZHP)*

Voting Eligibility: *Full and Associate Members*

Majority required: *Simple majority of votes cast*

Proposed Motion that the Proposed Amendment refers to: *M\_EGC\_06*

## Proposed Amendment:

*(The proposed changes are indicated in red in the following text)*

The European Guide Conference:

*-remiscing the cataclysmic floods in Western Europe and the well-established environmental concern in our Guiding and Scouting values;*

*- reflecting on the actions taken by MOs in response to wildfires in Mediterranean countries by activating a civil network on a national level;*

*- understanding the need for a more coordinated effort to provide support in countries facing conflict;*

*- reflecting on the extraordinary response of MOs in supporting refugee flows and other humanitarian emergencies, and offering aid;*

*- acknowledging the need for volunteers at the countries receiving refugees and migrants from third countries.*

Calls upon the Europe Region Committee to ~~create a space for establishing a Crisis Support Network, where Volunteers from MOs across the Europe Region will:~~

- ~~develop a crisis management process for Europe Region, including responsibilities, ways of working, communication flows between Committee, Volunteers and MOs;~~
- ~~create and coordinate a Crisis Support Network, where Volunteers from MOs across the Europe Region will~~ can exchange best practices of coordinating different crisis responses on a national and regional level;
- ~~coordinate external support from MOs, not directly affected by a crucial event, with a strong will to offer help;~~
- search for resources to support MOs and Volunteers, e.g., reports from other NGOs, knowledge and good practices from experienced Volunteers, training from experts outside our Movement;
- build stronger relations with European bodies and global organizations (if applicable) – such as RescEU integral to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and the UNHCR (United Nations Refugee Agency) operating in various European countries - to exchange knowledge or best practices and respond to their need for volunteers.

## Rationale:

Considering the crises that are and will be happening in Europe and recognising the need to act proactively to mitigate the risks and respond effectively we believe that a crisis management process is needed in the Region.

We recognize the need for coordinated and proactive monitoring and reaction to crisis.

While we appreciate involvement of MOs in responding to any crisis, we would recommend that the coordinating and supporting the response effort should be undertaken by the Regional Committee.

We acknowledge the fact that the crisis is currently present in a few different parts of Europe and the movement is being impacted.

We recognize the effort of MOs and involvement of volunteers acting and responding to crisis.

## **Resources Implications:**

Crisis management activities will need to be included in the portfolio of a Europe Region WAGGS Committee Member.

## Tabled Motion Number: M\_EGC\_07

# Facilitating International Exchange in Guiding and Scouting

**Proposer:** German Guide and Scout Federation (rdp); Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Österreichs (PPÖ, Austria); Israel Boy & Girl Scouts Federation

**Voting Eligibility:** Full and Associate Members

**Majority required:** Simple majority of votes cast

## Tabled Motion:

The European Guide Conference:

- *emphasising the value of international exchange in Guiding and Scouting, as reflected in Regional Objective 3 “The Europe region will become a strong hub for MOs” under the global strategic theme of international connections and global community;*
- *recalling the long-standing request to the European Guide and Scout Regions to facilitate Europe-wide exchange, e.g., through motions and work on “Go Scout Go Guide Abroad”, with the purpose to replace the currently used methods, such as emails and MO-specific solutions;*
- *acknowledging the willingness of the Europe Committee WAGGGS to engage in innovative delivery of its strategic goals through the use of digital tools;*
- *also acknowledging the work of the international team of Azimuth on the contact tool to be used within Europe;*
- *highlighting the broad interest in the tool with more than 400 registered users from over 20 MOs (April 2022);*
- *welcoming Azimuth as a concrete example of a successful cooperation between the European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM;*
- *recognising a parallel Draft Resolution has been submitted to the 24th European Scout Conference regarding the same subject and using similar phrasing (“the Draft Resolution”).*

Calls upon the Europe Region Committee,

a. to work with WOSM towards joint responsibility for the operation of the contact platform Azimuth, by:

- *initiating a handover-phase for the current Azimuth team following the European Guide and Scout Conference, to be completed until the end of 2022;*
- *ensuring the continued hosting by providing the necessary IT-infrastructure;*
- *providing support to MOs for using the tool (e.g., through onboarding, trainings and communication), and;*



- 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;

b. 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;

c. in case the Motion is carried by the 24th European Scout Conference, to clearly distribute the responsibilities amongst WAGGGS and WOSM in an MoU for the points above to ensure continuity of the project, by clearly distributing the responsibilities amongst WAGGGS and WOSM for the points above to ensure continuity of the project; in case the Motion is not carried by the 24th European Scout Conference, WAGGGS Europe Region Committee is encouraged to consider how many resources can be invested in the tool, which should then be requested by the MOs, while bearing in mind the strategic goal of the Triennial Action Plan “International connections and global community” and building a strong hub of MOs.

## Rationale:

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 motions on “Go Scout Go Guide Abroad” in 2016 and 2019. Within the implementation of these motions, 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 Guide and Scout 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 and Guide Centres, international camps, remote exchanges, or summer trips.

This will help Europe Region build and foster strong and ongoing partnerships, as reflected in the Triennial Action Plan for our Region and the third Regional Objective “The Europe Region will become a strong hub for MOs”. In addition, it will help fulfil the fifth Regional Objective “We will ensure that volunteers and MOs’ members can experience WAGGGS programmes and community” by giving MOs the chance to inform groups from other MOs in a safe space about ongoing opportunities or WAGGGS projects in their country. Thus, the tool can help by giving more MO representatives and members the chance to take part in face-to-face activity or events in the Region and to connect internationally.

The Azimuth team has been 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 communication, onboarding, and support of MOs, as well as technical support) and intends to hand over the responsibility for Azimuth to the European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM.

## Resource Implications:

We deliberately do not want to give a concrete financial value, as we want to give the Committee the freedom to review their given resources first and then choose a feasible approach in consultation with the MOs.

## Tabled Motion Number: M\_EGC\_08

### Information and Transparency on Our Cabaña

**Proposer:** *Lëtzebuerger Guiden a Scouten (LGS); Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Österreichs (PPÖ); Ring deutscher Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen (rdp); Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Liechtensteins (PPL); Comité de Enlace del Guidismo en España (CEGE)*

**Voting Eligibility:** *Full and Associate Members*

**Majority required:** *Simple majority of votes cast*

### Tabled Motion:

The 17<sup>th</sup> European Guide Conference,

- *appreciating all the work done in order to keep the World Centres open;*
- *emphasizing the unique selling points of all the existing WAGGGS World Centres;*
- *pointing out the current situation at Our Cabaña specifically.*

Tasks the Europe Region Committee to request more detailed information and transparency from the World Board on the decision-making process, the status, and future of the World Centre “Our Cabaña” to stay fully informed and up to date until a final decision has been made, given that it is the only World Centre that does not yet have reopening plans and has been closed since 2020. The collected information, which must be distributed to the MOs, includes, but is not limited to, progress made with respect to exploring options; financial information; information on funds contributed to Our Cabaña from WAGGGS' budget; donations from donor groups such as, but not limited to, the World Foundation, Friends of Our Cabaña and OBPS; the risks and challenges identified with respect to the reopening options and notification if non-reopening/sale is set to occur as the last, emergency option.

### Rationale:

Our Cabaña World Centre, situated in Cuernavaca, Mexico, has been in existence for 65 years. In 1952, the World Board approved the idea of a new World Centre, and its location was formalised in 1954 at the World Conference in the Netherlands. It finally opened in July 1957 as part of a Baden-Powell Centenary memorial. Since its opening, it has operated continuously as the only World Centre in the Western Hemisphere.

The property is about 20,000 square meters in size and, since the last expansion in 1969, has contained beds for around 100 people, a campfire circle, 7 gardens, arts and crafts rooms, a swimming pool and courts for basketball, tennis and volleyball. The infrastructure of the Centre permits it to house large events and host several different groups simultaneously.

Throughout all these years, the Centre has allowed girls and women from more than 30 Member Organisations in the Region to visit and attend as participants and volunteers. Its particularity is further characterised by the possibility for girls and young women to attend programmes in Spanish, which is a key advantage for those not proficient in English. It thereby holds cultural and strategic significance for our members. Considering the commitments of Compass 2032 and our global vision, Our Cabaña is not only an asset to the Western Hemisphere but to the movement.

Our Cabaña was managed by “Guías de México” (GdM) since 2014. However, in March 2020, the Centre, along with all the other World Centres, had to close due to the Covid-19 pandemic. During this crisis, GdM cancelled their management contract with WAGGGS as they could no longer carry the burden of management. As such, Our Cabaña was left with no organisation to manage it and has hence remained closed.

In March 2022, WAGGGS announced the formation of a sub-group from the World Board to undertake a consultation process “with a wide range of stakeholders and in-depth review” to consider the future of Our Cabaña after Guías de México chose to cease operating Our Cabaña.

On May 26, 2022, WAGGGS and the World Board announced that after extensive consultations and a review and analysis of legal, financial and management information, the World Board sub-group had presented three options for further analysis that would form the future of Our Cabaña.

Given our Cabaña’s significance, and in the interest of transparency and democratic participation, the Regional Conference recommends that all findings from the sub-group be made available to all Member Organisations.

## **Resource Implications:**

The Committee Members represent and defend the Region’s opinion and statement on a global level, i.e., during a World Board Meeting and share information with their MOs. Furthermore, during the decision-making process and after a final decision has been made, detailed information is provided to the MOs.

## Tabled Motion Number: M\_EGC\_09

### Expression of support concerning Our Cabaña

**Proposer:** *Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Österreichs (PPÖ); Lëtzebuerger Guiden a Scouten (LGS); Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Liechtensteins (PPL); Comité de Enlace del Guidismo en España (CEGE); Scouting Nederland (SN)*

**Voting Eligibility:** *Full and Associate Members*

**Majority required:** *Simple majority of votes cast*

### Tabled Motion:

The 17th European Guide Conference,

- *considering that the World Centres represent core values of WAGGGS by fostering an “equal world” and opportunities for “every girl and any girl” as advocated for in Compass 2032 and in our common Constitution;*
- *recognizing the importance of having a geographical diversity of World Centres.*

Asks the Europe Region Committee to voice our support on behalf of the Region in favour of Our Cabaña and the value it holds for all the regions composing WAGGGS, hoping that all other options concerning the future of Our Cabaña are explored to the fullest before a final decision is taken, especially as selling Our Cabaña could be final and irreversible.

### Rationale:

The Compass 2032 advocates for “an equal world”, thus providing the same opportunities for “every girl and any girl” to participate in international Guiding and Scouting events. This commitment is further strengthened by the second theme of our global strategy for 2022 and 2023 - “International Connections

and Global Community”. Moreover, an equal world means that girls and young women all over the world have the same opportunities to experience a safe space, to grow to their fullest potential, feel confident and empowered to lead to create a better world. In addition, WAGGGS is committed to the 8 principles of our Constitution, such as “progressive self-development”, “service in the community”, “teamwork” and “active co-operation between young people and adults”.

As one of the five World Centres, Our Cabaña is the only one located in the Western Hemisphere, the largest region of WAGGGS with a membership of more than 2.7 million young people. For the past 65 years, it has responded to the mission and vision of WAGGGS and implemented the 8 principles by offering a safe space, creating everlasting experiences, and providing opportunities to explore, grow, and thrive on a personal level for many girls and young women.

Our Cabaña offers a great variety of programmes on topics ranging from environmental pollution and societal issues to the participants’ own rights and responsibilities. This is

implemented through unique events such as the “Day of the Dead & Mexican Traditions”, the “Sea Adventure”, etc. On top of that, Our Cabaña is the sole World Centre in the Western Hemisphere and offers its programme also to Spanish-speaking guides and scouts who are not proficient in English, representing an irreplaceable value to the movement. Additionally, for financial reasons or due to visa availability, Our Cabaña represents for members of the Western Hemisphere the only opportunity to meet Guides from all over the world.

Considering the high added value of Our Cabaña to the movement, we as WAGGGS Europe Region would like to emphasise that any decision leading to the permanent closure of Our Cabaña should not be taken lightly.

Lastly, we are addressing this topic through a motion at this Regional Conference because the final decision will already be made by the World Board in September. Thus, we see no other opportunity to voice the support and concerns of the Europe Region to the World Board directly. We hope to channel said support and concerns through the Regional Committee.

## **Resource Implications:**

The Committee Members represent and defend the Region’s opinion and statement on a global level, i.e., during a World Board Meeting and share information with their MOs.

## Tabled Motion Number: M\_EGC\_10

# WAGGGS Europe Region growing through Open Spaces

Proposer: *Guiding and Scouting in Belgium (GSB); Comité de Enlace del Guidismo en España (CEGE)*

Voting Eligibility: *Full and Associate Members*

Majority required: *Simple majority of votes cast*

## Tabled Motion:

The European Guide Conference:

- tasks the Europe Region Committee to plan a digital open space at least five times a year dedicated to a programme related topic. It can be incorporated into existing platforms such as Campfire;
- tasks the Europe Region Committee to find a facilitator for the open space(s). This can be a regional volunteer, a representative from a MO/CA, etc.

## Rationale:

The objective of this proposed motion is to deliver a monthly open space. With these open spaces, we aim to exchange inspiring practices, share products/procedures/ideas/experiences, and find answers to questions and identified needs.

The audience are volunteers and staff of MOs and the Region.

Why is it interesting to create open spaces?

- Acknowledging the knowledge in the Region and the great work MOs do.
- Strengthening the connections and exchange possibilities within the Region.
- Offering opportunities to collaborate on programme themes between MOs.
- Optimising resources by sharing what we already have.

What can an open space look like?

- A group brainstorm session on volunteer management.
- An MO sharing a best practice about the implementation of the WAGGGS leadership model.
- A panel with people from several backgrounds on sustainability in Guiding activities.
- A facilitated discussion on how to approach and support trans women.
- A Q&A about supporting volunteers working around mental health.

## Resources Implications:

The Europe Committee will decide on a date and time and communicate it to the Region. They can decide on a topic or choose a topic that is promoted or proposed by a MO/CA.

## **Tabled Motion Number: M\_EGC\_11**

### **Discussion on RoP**

Proposer: *Mouvement Scout de Suisse*

Voting Eligibility: *Full and Associate Members*

Majority required: *Simple majority of votes cast*

### **Tabled Motion:**

The European Guide Conference:

- tasks the European Committee to encourage the World Board and the Governance team to explore potential ways for allowing MOs to amend the rules of procedure in due time and due processes (for example, but not exclusively, through a Proposed Motion organized before the Regional Conference or a Proposed Motion at the World Conference).

### **Rationale:**

Rules of procedure are an important part of our decision-making process, and we think MOs should be able to propose changes to them in a way that is recognized by all Member Organizations. While we appreciate the consultation process organized around the setting of the rules of procedure and we understand the fact that they must remain the same in all five regions, we would like to improve the participation of MOs in shaping our decision-making processes by making sure that feedback doesn't remain the only option for MOs.

### **Resources Implications:**

No financial implications. Human resources needed: Chair or vice-chair of the Europe Committee will bring the topic to a World Board meeting.



