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Conference Report

Joint Committee of the European Regions of WOSM and WAGGGS



**17TH EUROPEAN
GUIDE AND SCOUT CONFERENCE
ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS
22-27 JULY 2022**

Introduction

This document records all decisions made at the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference and serves as Conference Report. All conference documents are available on the website of the Conference:

<https://en.17egsc.weconnect.eu.com/index.php/documents/>

The 17th European Guide and Scout Conference was hosted by Scouting Nederland and was held at De Doelen Conference Centre in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The Conference met on 23 and 26 July 2022 for a total of two half day sessions.

Conference Opening

The chairpersons of the two Regional Committees, Eline Grøholt (Europe Committee WAGGGS) and Lars Kramm (European Scout Committee, WOSM) officially declared open the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference on 26 August 2022, when they welcomed delegates, observers, and guests from across Europe and even further afield.

The programme of the Conference included the following main elements:

- Opening Ceremony (on the eve of the official opening of business)
- Opening of business
- Meet the Candidates for election to the European Committee WAGGGS and the European Scout Committee
- International Evening
- Rotterdam Evening
- Joint Forum - Networking & Sharing Best Practices
- Voting Session: Draft Recommendations and Bid to Host the 18th European Guide and Scout Conference in 2025
- Closing Session of the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference EGSC

Roll Call

450 people from 37 National Scout Organisations (NSOs) of WOSM and 32 Member Organisations (MOs) of WAGGGS from 42 countries in the two European Regions were present at the beginning of the Conference. It was announced that all delegations were in compliance with provisions of the Conference's proposed Rules of Procedure and therefore had the right to vote in conformity with art 2.2 and 2.3 of the Rules of Procedure proposed for the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference ([Joint Conference Document 1b](#)). At the moment of the Roll Call 39 delegations were present in plenary, representing a total of 69 votes. Simple majority was therefore 34 votes.

Joint Rules of Procedure

The initial draft version of the Joint Rules of Procedure was endorsed by the Joint Meeting of the Europe Committee WAGGGS and the European Scout Committee on March 2022. In absence of any draft amendments proposed by Member Organisations, the final draft version circulated in May 2022 ([Joint Conference Document 1b](#)) did not include any changes compared with the previous version.

Approved by acclamation

Conference Presidency

In conformity with art 3.1 of the Rules of Procedure, the European Scout Committee and the Europe Committee WAGGGS proposed the following delegates as chairpersons of the Conference:

Proposed by WAGGGS: Fiona Lejosne, Fédération du Scoutisme française, France
Proposed by WOSM: Elise Drouet, Fédération du Scoutisme française, France, and Julius Kramer, Scouterna, Sweden

Approved by acclamation

The newly appointed Conference chairpersons subsequently took the chair.

Election of Members of the Recommendations Committee

In conformity with art 5.1 and 5.3 of the Rules of Procedure, the European Scout Committee, and the Europe Committee WAGGGS proposed the following delegates to be elected Members of the Recommendations Committee of the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference:

Proposed by WAGGGS: Eleni Konstantinidou, Σώμα Ελληνικού Οδηγισμού, Greece
Proposed by WAGGGS: Verena Kunberger, Ring Deutscher Pfadfinder*innenverbände, Germany
Proposed by WOSM: Jane Plavevski, Сојуз на извидници на Македонија, North Macedonia
Proposed by WOSM: Ida Mikkelsen, Fællesrådet for Danmarks Drengespejdere, Denmark

With 66 votes in favour and 3 abstentions the proposed delegates were appointed to serve as members of the Recommendations Committee of the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference.

Approved by electronic vote

Approval of the Tellers

In conformity with art 5.5 of the Rules of Procedure, the European Scout Committee and the Europe Committee WAGGGS propose the following delegates to be approved as Tellers for the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference:

Proposed by WOSM: Laurence Vervier, Scouting in Luxembourg, Luxembourg
Proposed by WOSM: José Pamplona, Federação Escotista de Portugal, Portugal
Proposed by WAGGGS: Koraline Van Dijk, Scouting Nederland, Netherlands)
Proposed by WAGGGS: Johanna Larsson, Scouterna, Sweden

Approved by acclamation

Agenda

Noting that no proposals for additional agenda item or for amendments of the circulated Draft Agenda for the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference had been received, the European Scout Committee and the Europe Committee WAGGGS proposed to follow the Agenda as circulated.

Approved by acclamation

Presentation of Roverway 2024

The Planning Team from Speidernes Fellesorganisasjon (NO), host organisation of Roverway 2024, presented an overview of the status of planning of this major event in the European regions for Scouts and Guides between 18 and 25 years of age. The event will take place « North of the Ordinary » in Northern Norway in Summer 2024.

Presentation of the Bids to Host the 18th European Guide and Scout in 2025

Representatives from Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Österreichs (AT) presented their bid to host the 18th European Guide and Scout Conference. This was the only bid the European Regions had received from Member Organisations to host the next Regional Conference.

Report on Joint Work 2019-2022

Eline Grøholt and Martin Seeman, Chairperson of the Europe Committee WAGGGS and Vice Chairperson of the European Scout Committee, respectively, presented the Report on Joint Work undertaken during the outgoing Triennium.

During the Triennium, the Joint Committee met in person twice and on numerous occasions online during the Triennium 2019-2022. The in-person meetings took place in Duisburg, Germany, in March 2020, and in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, in March 2022.

A number of the key achievements of Joint Work were reported to the Conference:

Refugees and Human Rights Joint working group

- Webinar on Refugees
- Ideathon on Refugees and Human Rights (Paris, 2022)
- Workshops at the Academies in 2019, 2020 and 2021

Azimuth - the tool to facilitate international Guiding and Scouting experiences

- Connect across Europe- Thanks to Azimuth, you can easily get in touch with new Scouts and Guides to create international projects.
- Explore new places- New adventures are just a click away. Start them now!
- Easy to use system- Azimuth isn't the bottleneck of new explorations.

The Academy

- The flagship training event of and for both Regions. Held in Slovenia in 2019 and online in 2020 and 2021
- More than 100 participants, including at the two online versions
- The Academy 2021 was held spread over two weeks with webinars during the weekends and self-followed sessions during the weekdays.

IC Forum 2022

- Held online on Gathertown in February 2022
- Workshops & networking for International Commissioners (ICs) from both Regions
- Some topics from the workshops: Sending participants to International Events, Managing International Teams, Youth Delegates Programme, Implementing World Policies, Initiatives, and Programmes at National Level

Final Conclusions

A big “thank you” was expressed to the volunteers and staff who delivered the Joint Work during the outgoing Triennium. A strategic review of Joint Work was initiated during the Triennium but did not fully materialise. With the updated Memorandum of Understanding and a Joint Action Plan for the period 2022-2025 the two Regions aim at bringing more clarity to Joint Work. The two Regional Committees are dedicated to continuing developing Joint Work in line with the M Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Action Plan.

Vote to determine the host of the 18th European Guide and Scout Conference

Following the presentation of the bid by the candidate earlier during the Conference, the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference voted to accept the bid from Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Österreichs (Austria).

The bid was accepted with 64 votes in favour, 3 against, and 1 abstention. The 18th European Guide and Scout Conference will therefore take place in Vienna, Austria, in the summer of 2025.

Report of the Recommendations Committee

The Recommendations Committee acknowledged the submission and receipt of two draft recommendations from the Joint Committee - 17EGSC-JC01 & 17EGSC-JC02, as well as one bid to host the 18th European Guide and Scout Conference in 2025.

The Recommendations Committee reported that no draft amendments to the two proposed draft recommendations had been submitted. Therefore, the Committee put forward for debate and voting the two draft recommendations as submitted by the Joint Committee (for their text, please refer to [Joint Conference Document 3](#)).

- 17EGSC-JC01-Memorandum of Understanding between WAGGGS Europe and the European Scout Region
- 17EGSC-JC02-Draft Joint Action Plan for the Triennium 2022-2025

The Recommendations Committee also put forward three draft courtesy recommendations to express our acknowledgment and gratitude.

Recommendation of Courtesy 1 (17EGSC-C01)

The 17th European Guide and Scout Conference expresses its sincere thanks to those who contributed to the organisation of this Conference through sponsorship, donation of services and goods, moral and practical support, patronage, and other contributions. A particular thanks goes to Scouting Nederland and its Host Team.

Recommendation of Courtesy 2 (17EGSC-C02)

The 17th European Guide and Scout Conference records with pleasure the presence of guests who attended the Conference including those from Member Organizations of both WAGGGS and WOSM which are not members of the Europe Region WAGGGS or the European Scout Region of WOSM.

Recommendation of Courtesy 3 (17EGSC-C03)

The 17th European Guide and Scout Conference records its thanks to the Co-chairpersons of the Conference, the Europe Committee WAGGGS 2019-2022, the European Scout Committee 2019-2022, the Recommendations Committee and Tellers, as well as the staff of the Europe Office WAGGGS and the World Scout Bureau Europe Support Centre.

List of Courtesy Recommendations and Result of Debate and Voting	
17EGSC-C01 - Recommendation of Courtesy 1	Adopted as proposed by acclamation
17EGSC-C02 - Recommendation of Courtesy 2	Adopted as proposed by acclamation
17EGSC-C03 - Recommendation of Courtesy 3	Adopted as proposed by acclamation

List of Draft Recommendations and Result of Debate and Voting	
17EGSC-JC01 - Memorandum of Understanding between WAGGGS Europe and the European Scout Region	Carried as tabled 66 votes in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions (simple majority required)
17EGSC-JC02 - Draft Joint Action Plan for the triennium 2022-2025	Carried as tabled 66 votes in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions (simple majority required)

Input on Future of Joint Work

Member Organisations were invited to make suggestions on upcoming Joint Events and Activities on flipcharts placed outside the main plenary hall to inform the work of the incoming Regional Committees in the new

Triennium 2022-2025. The result of this brainstorming exercise was collected by the two outgoing Committees to be handed over to the incoming Committees as part of the handover documentation.

Closing of the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference

The Conference Chairpersons as well as the outgoing two Regional Chairpersons officially declared closed the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference on 26 August 2022, when they expressed their special gratitude to the Chairpersons and the members of the Host Team of Scouting Nederland, the members of the two Regional Committees, the members of staff of the two Regional Offices and all delegates for the Conference work achieved.

Messages of thanks were also addressed to the team of interpreters and Conference hall technicians, the Tellers and members of the Recommendations' Committee, as well as to the many guests and observers who had contributed to the debates and followed the Conference with interest.

The Chairpersons of the newly elected European Scout Committee and the Europe Committee WAGGGS, Paula Neher and Matthias Gerth, also addressed the Conference looking forward to fruitful work in partnership during the new Triennium and wishing all delegates the best.



Annexe 1 - Delegations of Member Organisations Present

Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder Österreichs (AT, WAGGGS & WOSM)	Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder Liechtensteins (LI, WAGGGS & WOSM)
Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan (AZ, WAGGGS)	Lietuvos Skautija (LT, WOSM)
Ассоциация белорусских гайдов (BY, WAGGGS)	Scouting in Luxembourg (LU, WAGGGS & WOSM)
Guidisme et Scoutisme en Belgique (BE, WAGGGS & WOSM)	The Malta Girl Guide Association (MT, WAGGGS)
Организация на Българските Скаути (BG, WOSM)	Malta Scout Association (MT, WOSM)
Savez izviđača Hrvatske (HR, WOSM)	Association des Guides et Scouts de Monaco (MC, WAGGGS & WOSM)
Σώμα Κυπρίων Οδηγών (CY, WAGGGS)	Савез Извиђача Црне Горе (ME, WOSM)
Σώμα Προσκόπων Κύπρου (CY, WOSM)	Scouting Nederland (NL, WAGGGS & WOSM)
Junák - český skaut (CZ, WAGGGS & WOSM)	Сојуз на извидници на Македонија (MK, WOSM)
Pigespejdernes Fællesråd Danmark (DK, WAGGGS)	Speidernes Fellesorganisasjon (NO, WAGGGS & WOSM)
Fællesrådet for Danmarks Drengevejere (DK, WOSM)	Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego (PL, WAGGGS & WOSM)
Eesti Gaidide Liit (EE, WAGGGS)	Associação Guias de Portugal (PT, WAGGGS)
Eesti Skautide Ühing (EE, WOSM)	Federação Escotista de Portugal (PT, WOSM)
Suomen Partiolaiset - Finlands Scouter (FI, WAGGGS & WOSM)	Cercetasii României (RO, WOSM)
Fédération du Scoutisme Français (FR, WAGGGS & WOSM)	Савез Извиђача Србије (RS, WOSM)
Sakartvelos Gogona Skautebis Asociacia - DIA (GE, WAGGGS)	Slovensky Skauting (SK, WAGGGS & WOSM)
Ring Deutscher Pfadfinder*innenverbände (DE, WAGGGS, WOSM)	Združenje Slovenskih Katoliških Skavtinj in Skavtov (SI, WAGGGS)
Σώμα Ελληνικού Οδηγισμού (GR, WAGGGS)	Zveza tabornikov Slovenije (SI, WOSM)
Σώμα Ελλήνων Προσκόπων (GR, WOSM)	Comité de Enlace del Guidismo en España (ES, WAGGGS)
Magyar Cserkészszövetség (HU, WOSM)	Federación de Escultismo en España (ES, WOSM)
Bandalag íslenskra Skáta (IS, WAGGGS & WOSM)	Scouterna - The Swedish Guides and Scouts (SE, WAGGGS & WOSM)
Comhairle Bantreoiraithe na hÉireann (IE, WAGGGS)	Mouvement Scout de Suisse (CH, WAGGGS & WOSM)
Gasóga na hÉireann (IE, WOSM)	Асоціація Гайдів України (UA, WAGGGS)
Hit'ahdut HaTzofim VeHaTzofot BeYisrael (IL, WOSM)	GirlGuiding UK (UK, WAGGGS)
Federazione Italiana dello Scautismo (IT, WAGGGS & WOSM)	The Scout Association (UK, WOSM)
Latvijas Skautu un Gaidu Centrala Organizacija (LV, WAGGGS & WOSM)	

Note: This list reflects delegations present at any time of the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference and the concurrently held 17th European Guide Conference and 24th European Scout Conference. However, not all delegations were necessarily present at the moment of the roll calls undertaken during the 17th European Guide and Scout Conference.

Annexe 2 - Conference Documents

The Joint Conference Circulars and Joint Conference Documents are available on the [Joint Conference Website](#) in English and French.

