



## Invitation

# RoverNet4 -- VentureNet1X

The 4<sup>th</sup> European Network meeting for national Rover commissioners  
The 1<sup>st</sup> European Network meeting for national Venture Scout commissioners  
9 – 12 May 2013



### **Background**

The last network meeting for national Rover Commissioners dates back to 2008. At the recent European Scout Forum on Educational Methods in Romania, there was a strong emphasis on networking opportunities for national leaders working in the same areas. As a result, the European Scout Region is renewing its tradition for events aimed to Rover Commissioners and starts, at the same time, to offer a similar event for national Venture Scout Commissioners. Though this is an invitation for both events, the programme and the content of the meetings are separate and very different.

RoverNet, being at its 4<sup>th</sup> edition and following a long series of European initiatives defined for this age section (rovernet.eu, RoCoReKi, Roverway, Agora, ESVP, etc.) will try to build on existing projects and programme frameworks whereas VentureNet, at its first edition, aims to establish the network and explore the possibilities for future cooperation, potential partnerships and Regional support initiatives/frameworks.

### **Aims**

The general aims for both events are:

- To offer an opportunity for exchanges and sharing of inspiring practices for national commissioners
- To explore the potential support initiatives offered by the European Scout region in further developing the programme of the age sections

### **Objectives**

- To get updates on the recent developments within WOSM on issue pertaining to the education for adolescents and post-adolescents
- To facilitate contact and partnerships between associations on issues of common interest
- To create a lasting network
- To share information about national programmes for the last age sections
- To discuss the potential European Scout frameworks able to support national commissioners in adding value to their programmes

### **Dates**

9 – 12 May 2013

Participants are requested to arrive on Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, in the afternoon. The departures are from Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of May, starting at 12:00.

Those arriving earlier or leaving later should mention this clearly in their travel form.

### **Venue**

Due to a late cancellation from the initial agreed venue (Portugal) we are currently negotiating alternative options (Malta, Croatia, Czech Republic and Finland are among the considered options). A final decision will be taken and announced very soon.

### **Methodology**

A series of active and engaging methods will be used for both events: audio-visual presentations, case studies, group discussions and team tasks, workshops and resource centre, etc.

### **Languages**

Both events will be held in English.



## Participants profile

- National Commissioners for the last age section (i.e. Rovers) and/or members of their national teams for RoverNet4
- National Commissioners for the 14 – 18 age section (i.e. Venture Scouts) and/or members of their national teams for VentureNet1x
- Able to communicate well in English

## Number of participants

The events are designed to accept up to 50 participants between them.

## Applications

Online application forms are available on the [event web-page](#). Should you have any problem with the online version, a Word document is attached to this. Please send the filled form to World Scout Bureau - European Regional Office (att. Radu Stinghe, email: [rstinghe@scout.org](mailto:rstinghe@scout.org)) If the application is sent by e-mail, please send it through your national office or international commissioner (to confirm the support from your national association). Applications received directly from individuals will not be considered.

## Participation fee

The base participation fee is **EUR 150**. For associations sending representatives to both events, each "pair of fees" is reduced to **EUR 250**.

The fee covers all accommodation and meals from the evening of Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of May to lunch on Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of May as well as programme materials and documentation. Bank connections and details for paying the seminar participation fee will be reported to all participants by the RoverNet acceptance letter. A grant received from the European Union allows the organisers to **reimburse a certain amount of the travel costs** to one or two participants from any given country. This is subject to negotiations on a case by case basis with the funding grant so please contact us directly to get more info.

## Travel arrangements

Once participants have been selected, they will receive acceptance letters by 9 April 2013), they should make their own travel arrangements and obtain a visa, if necessary. If you require an official invitation to obtain a visa, please indicate this clearly on your application form. Please be aware, that it may take up to six weeks to obtain a visa, so please send your visa form with the application form in order to allow sufficient time for that process.

Detailed travel information will be included in the information package to be sent to participants with the acceptance letter.

## Insurance

The European Scout Region does not cover the participants during the event neither during the travel to or from the venue. Please note that this is the exclusive responsibility of the national association to check and be sure that the participants are covered by insurance (illness, accidents, repatriation etc...)

## Planning Team

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- Mary Scriven – Ireland
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- Jón Ingvar Bragason – Iceland

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- Tonio Axisa – Malta
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## Additional information

If you need any further information please contact Radu Stinghe, WSB - European Regional Office on e-mail: [rstinghe@scout.org](mailto:rstinghe@scout.org)

## Annexes

- Application Form