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## Partnership with other Regions

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The working group focused on the partnerships with the other Regions. Initially we discussed the possible ways of work, among which three have been pointed out:

- Setting measurable objectives
- Detailed market research
- Operational plan

Among the objectives we have identified the following:

- **Growth:** partnerships give us an opportunity to attract more young people to join Scouting
- **Gaining support**
- **Networking opportunities**
- **Motivating young people for further work**

A great part of the discussion was dedicated to the possible actions by the region as well as the NSOs within the region. These were for example:

- **Sharing outcomes as well as best practices** (not only the results but also ways of how to build strong partnerships)
- **Multilateral meetings** (such as Europe region – Eurasia region or Europe region – Africa region, North-South Network with a possibility to invite NSOs from other regions)
- **Coordination of projects**
- **Exchanges projects**
- **Charity collections** (educational aspect; example from France where they are now thinking of rewarding the most successful with a field visit to the receiving country)
- **Exchange of knowledge** (by that we mean also trainers) but bearing in mind that the other country might only need support and not training itself – it might even be impossible to give training because of the cultural differences
- **Integrating/sharing more programme ideas** – fund raising is not all; sharing the ideas about partnerships without significant financial inputs (though it is difficult to make links and keep the connections)
- **Use the modern technologies to facilitate and maintain the connections between young people** (JOTA, JOTI)
- **Supporting/facilitating administrative aspects of partnerships** (obtaining visas, making sure the participants are really Scouts) – bureaucracy often prevents the actual activities and the regional offices can help with that
- **Share the resources/materials** (it is important to obtain the translations so as to assure that the other regions and their NSOs can actually use them)
- **Awareness campaign** so as to obtain a privileged status due to the prior trusted cooperation

The region should support the work of the networks as well as invite other regions to join in. The partnerships are vital because they allow us to offer our membership an international experience even in their own local setting. It has been pointed out that we should also not be afraid of challenging the language barriers because the experiences gain additional appeal.