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Dear friends

Hajde! Project

We are writing to provide an update on the Hajde! Project following the European Scout Conference in May and the examination of all the support which is offered from the Regional level.

We are aware that the Hajde! Project has not really found its place in South East Europe. After 18 months of running, and two coordination meetings, we recognise that the expectations of a majority of associations are not being met. We assess that the aims of the project were possibly too intangible and our two attempts to raise additional funding were not successful, meaning that we could not expand the number of events within the project.

Hajde! was intended to provide a series of prototype activities which could form exemplars to be used by associations. The limited funding meant that we could not expand in the way that was intended.

We assess also that there is a wider diversity of needs within South East Europe and want to bring the resources and expertise of the whole Region to make a real impact in the sustainable development of South East Europe.

We have therefore decided that the Hajde! Project will end on 30 September, one year ahead of the planned close of the project.

What does this mean to South East Europe?

We hope that the list of actions found below will indicate that South East Europe remains one of the priorities of the Regional Committee and this will be reflected in specific support as indicated below:

- We remain committed to encouraging interaction between Scouting and the local community. There remains much to be gained for all parties involved in such actions.
- We remain committed to providing opportunities for networking throughout the whole Region supporting, by prior agreement with the Region, sub regional meetings with clear aims, objectives and outcomes. Where such meetings are agreed in South East Europe, the Belgrade Office will provide logistical support to the coordination of such meetings.
- We remain committed to providing coordination of actions between South East European associations and associations from other parts of the Region and will arrange coordination meetings as required.
- We wish to extend the participation of South East Europe associations in the life of the Region and will provide funding directly for individual participants, proposed by associations, to enable them to attend region-wide events which have traditionally not attracted many participants from South East Europe. Requests will be dealt with confidentially by the Regional Director.
- We wish to encourage associations to use the opportunities for grants through the new

Partnerships for Development and Growth Fund and have introduced an extended period to enable projects to be built in conjunction with your Committee Contact or a member of the regional staff.

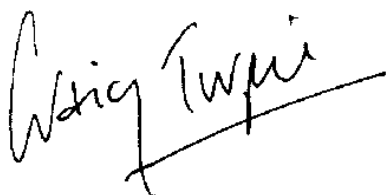
- We will use tailor-made support to meet the specific needs identified by individual associations by working with them and using a range of expertise to ensure that the needs are met in the best possible way. Tailor made support can be provided in a number of ways such as: facilitated discussions to help you find solutions, expert input to raise awareness of issues, training in particular topics, supporting you in external meetings and occasionally by providing finance to help something get done. From time to time, the tailor-made approach may be used to work with a number of associations with a common problem.
- We will use the newly established Funding Unit to identify opportunities for external funding and, where appropriate, will assist in coordinating applications from a number of associations.
- We will continue to provide a dedicated office in Belgrade with 2 members of staff. There will be greater interaction between Jordan and Mihajlo and their other staff and volunteer colleagues.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your Committee Contact, of either of us for further clarification.

We look forward to working with you all in the coming years.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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