



## Scouting in the European Parliament

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On Wednesday 28th February the European Scout Region hosted by Ville Itälä (FI) held its fifth meeting with members of the European Parliament (MEPs) in Brussels.

The topic of the meeting was how Scouting contributes to the employability of young people through providing opportunity to develop initiative, inter-personal skills, flexibility and to volunteer.

The meeting included reflection on how the Youth Pact is being implemented after almost two years. A statement was presented to MEPs to sign calling on the EU Commission to:

1. Encourage EU member states to implement the Pact in a coherent manner; recognising the valuable role that civil society, especially young people and youth organisations, can play;
2. Treat the Youth Pact's implementation as a transversal issue including inter-ministerial co-ordination;
3. Develop guidelines on how to involve National Youth Councils in the Youth Pact's national implementation - these guidelines should also exist at a European level.
4. Show real commitment by encouraging and facilitating access to the European Social Fund and the structural funds for youth organisations.