



European Citizenship

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Citizenship is an important Scouting issue already addresses and that is directly connected with its purpose: to contribute to the education of young people and ?create? responsible citizens of their local, regional and international community?

Scouting has to do a lot with citizenship, but since Scouting is a movement and we are geographically situated in Europe ? we will refer to the more concrete concept of Active European Citizenship.

We would like to stress that by Europe we do not mean the European Union, but the whole European sub-continent (the Council of Europe has 46 European countries); and that European Citizenship is understood as a citizenship from within Europe and committed to the world (that should help us to achieve peaceful and democratic societies all around the world).

We understand European Active Citizenship as dynamic, integral and complex as the nature of our society is. The role of Scouting in facing and promoting understanding of citizenship implies engaging with the permanent challenge of constantly reconsidering the role and potential of young individuals, as citizens in our changing societies.

That is why it is very important that Active European Citizenship (AEC) is integrated in your youth programme, that we are aware when we work on it and know what knowledge, skills and attitudes we want to develop.

In this document you can find the explanation of Active European Citizenship; educational objectives for the last age section, guidelines for integrating Active European Citizenship in your NSO?s youthprogramme and some useful links.

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