



## EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE

### Opportunity for an Individual Volunteer Position in the WSB – Brussels

The mission of WOSM is educating young people to play a constructive role in society. We see the EVS as a “natural” way to promote active citizenship for young people and in particular the value of volunteering as key role in youth involvement. Our Organisation is made up of volunteers from all around Europe who every day commit themselves to young people and for this reason the volunteer will have the opportunity to be directly involved in supporting them from a European point of view. We also believe that volunteers, as international young people, can add a fresh character and new viewpoints to our work.

#### Volunteer position description

##### *Project environment*

The volunteer will work at the European Regional Office of WOSM, in Brussels. S/he will share the office with three people of different nationalities (France and Italy) and moreover s/he will have the possibility to meet and work with a large number of WOSM volunteers and staff from all around Europe. The main aim of the European Scout Region is to support the 41 National Scout Organisations and this means that the Volunteer will have the chance to “touch” concretely the European dimension everyday in her/his service.

The service will take place in Brussels, the capital of Belgium and also headquarters of many European and international institutions and organisations, offering the volunteer opportunities to network and make useful contacts for future work. Brussels is a real international and multi-cultural city that offers many possibilities to meet people coming from different countries.

The location of the office is in the central part of Brussels and we share the building with other volunteer-led organisations. The volunteer may also have the opportunity to travel linked to events and meetings.

As an organisation, WOSM is based on volunteering. 99% of those associated with WOSM are volunteers and, as the European Regional Office, we work with and for volunteers. Every year WOSM organises many trainings and networking meetings to support volunteers and the EVS volunteer will have the opportunity to attend some of them.

First of all, the EVS volunteer will be introduced to the office, and be informed about her/his tasks and the overall objectives of the European Scout Region. During the service s/he will have the opportunity to learn basics about project and organisational management such as: project initiation, development and implementation, effective reporting, computer knowledge, working in a team, taking on responsibilities, (inter-cultural) communicational skills, etc...

To build knowledge there will be a short period of shadowing a number of staff and volunteers — contributing to a greater knowledge of the range of work undertaken by the organisation.

The volunteer work will be focused in particular on two main areas: the preparation of the European Scout Conference 2010 and the support of the projects managed by the Brussels Office, mainly on External Relations.

The European Scout Conference is organized every three years and gathers the 41 European National Scout Organizations.

Regional Conference functions:

- To further the Scout Movement within the Region by promoting the spirit of world brotherhood, cooperation and mutual assistance among Scout organizations within the Region.
- To foster the idea of European citizenship based on a common heritage and destiny.
- To develop cooperation among European youth.
- To exercise other functions resulting from the Constitution and other laws governing the Region.
- To ensure the proper implementation of the decisions and policies laid down by the World Organisation of the Scout Movement that affect the European Region.

The next European Scout Regional Conference will be held in Brussels, Belgium in July 2010.

The service will last 7 months (from March to September 2010).

The normal working week would be from Monday to Friday from 09.00-13.00 and 14.00-17.00.

We would like to receive an EVS volunteer who:

- would like to commit her/him self for young people through the implementation of projects with a European dimension;
- has some background knowledge and experience in non formal education
- is interested in working in a inter-cultural and multi-cultural environment;
- is interested in topics as social inclusion, diversity, active citizenship;
- can preferably speak basic English or French;
- has understanding of the fundamental principles of Scouting;

We will ensure the overall accessibility of the EVS by sending the Call to a wide network of national and European organisations, distributing the Call on several networks and email lists and of course on our website. We would prefer to cooperate with a sending organisation that is also involved in the youth field and/or active citizenship, complying with Scouting's principles and values.