



7th Euro Arab Meeting

RECOMMENDATIONS

The 7th Euro Arab Meeting, which gathered in Hammamet, Tunisia, from 1st to 6th November 2006, discussed a broad range of topics including partnerships in the frame of the Marrakech Charter (Bangalore Revised Edition) and concluded that a series of recommendations be transmitted to Regional Committees, National Scout Organisations, and that some recommendations be reserved for the personal attention of those attending.

COURTESIES

The 7th Euro Arab Meeting would like to extend its thanks for the warm hospitality and friendship extended to the participants by the people of Tunisia and the Tunisian Scouts.

We would particularly like to thank:

- His Excellency Abdullah El-Kaabey, Minister of Youth, Sports and Physical Education.
- Regional and Local Officials of Nabeul Governorate.
- Mr. Ali Fathallah, General Commissioner, Tunisian Scouts.
- All Tunisian Scout Leaders and the Organising Committee of the Meeting.

REGIONAL COMMITTEES

It is recommended by the 7th Euro Arab Meeting that the Arab Regional Committee and European Regional Committees:

1. Give strong support to the 'Rebirth of the Phoenix' initiative, being organised in Lebanon and take all necessary steps, in what will be a busy year, to stimulate interest amongst National Scout Organisations to participate and contribute to the success of this important project, concerned with the outcomes of recent conflict
2. Urge National Scout Organisations to consider fundraising campaigns associated with the Scouting dates, such as 22 February 2007 (Founders Day/Thinking Day), 22 March 2007 (Arab Scout Brotherhood day) and/or 23 April 2007 (St Georges Day) to support the 'Rebirth of the Phoenix' initiative.
3. Work together to facilitate an information exchange and knowledge transfer between Scout centres in both regions in order to explore how they can support Euro Arab co-operation and to promote their facilities, as well as their programme and volunteering opportunities.
4. Encourage Scout Centres to consider partnership agreements and to invite Centre Managers from the Arab Scout Region to participate in the European Centre Managers Conference
5. Share information regarding forthcoming events being organised by National Scout Organisations and both Regions.
6. Undertake to identify sources of funding that could be utilised to support projects including MEPI (Middle East Partnership Initiative), Euro-Med and others, and to promote them to National Scout Organisations
7. Communicate to National Scout Organisations the outcomes of the 7th Euro Arab Meeting and encourage wider participation in the 8th Euro Arab Meeting
8. To support SCOPE by playing a role in the reappraisal of the monitoring process for future applications
9. To lobby at regional levels to seek improvements in visa systems for youth exchanges and projects
10. Should generate an action plan based on the report and recommendations from the 7th Euro Arab Meeting
11. Consider that the 8th Euro Arab Meeting should be more focussed and:
12. Include practical work on potential funding applications
 - Involve more young people in the 8th Euro Arab Meeting, in line with Strategic Priority 1
13. Include an evaluation process

NATIONAL SCOUT ORGANISATIONS

It is recommended by the 7th Euro Arab Meeting that National Scout Organisations operating in the Arab Scout Region and European Scout Region:

14. Be strongly encouraged to find ways of supporting the 'Rebirth of the Phoenix' initiative through direct involvement and other measures

15. Develop study visits and contact making seminars for Leaders interested in developing partnerships and exchanges
16. Examine the composition of their membership in relation to the plurality of society and take steps to ensure that Scouting is genuinely open to all including temporary residents, refugees and immigrants
17. Encourage associations with branch groups to link and collaborate with host associations in order to stimulate dialogue and increase knowledge and understanding of different cultures
18. Consider making use of Scouting's profile in seeking funding and support from the Euro-Med Youth Programme when implementing youth exchange projects between associations in the applicable countries
19. Further promote and use the guidelines on arranging youth exchanges and provide feedback to both region's on their value and relevance
20. Use the opportunity of Scouting's Centenary to take additional steps to develop bilateral and multilateral co-operation, leading to a measurable increase in the number of group to group links and exchanges
21. Encourage use of the Scouts of the World project when devising co-operation and partnership activities between senior sections.
22. Contribute to the success of SCOPE by stimulating requests for support, and offering to meet requests where possible
23. Take steps to review visa support mechanisms in their associations and work with relevant external agencies to ensure that Scouting has the opportunity to facilitate direct contact with young people in other countries

PARTICIPANTS OF THE 7TH EURO ARAB MEETING

It is recommended by the 7th Euro Arab Meeting that its participants make a personal commitment to:

24. Assume the role of active supporters for the 'Rebirth of the Phoenix' initiative and undertake to promote opportunities for participation as well as working with the organisers to ensure that the programme on offer is relevant and attractive
25. Work together to produce activity ideas that could be used by younger age sections in support of the 'Rebirth of the Phoenix' and other projects, on the themes of peace, tolerance and understanding
26. Undertake to communicate and network with each other between the close of the 7th Euro Arab Meeting and the opening of the 8th Euro Arab Meeting, in order to maintain interest and encourage action based on the recommendations and the will of the meeting

8TH EURO ARAB MEETING

The participants of the 7th Euro Arab Meeting unanimously agreed to host the 8th Euro Arab Meeting in Sweden in 2008 at a date to be agreed by the Regional Directors.

Hammamet, Tunisia
4 November 2006