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**INTERNATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE FELLOWSHIP
SOUTH EUROPE SUB-REGION
CONSTITUTION**

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1. Name and nature

The International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF), is divided into Regions and Sub-Regions. The South Europe Sub-Region (SESR) is part of the Europe Region and its members presently are the National Scout and Guide Fellowships (NSGFs) of: Cyprus, Greece, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Latin Switzerland. New members could be accepted by the SRES Committee in accordance with article 12.5 of the ISGF Constitution

For further reference please see ISGFs "Constitution and Bye-Laws".

2. Aims

The aims of the SESR are to:

- Encourage the close cooperation of the NSGFs of the SESR
- Support and inspire the development of the NSGFs within SESR
- Support the NSGFs in their efforts to make close contacts with the Scout and Guide Association(s) in their countries.
- Promote twinning between Local Scout and Guide Fellowships (LSGFs) both within and outside SESR
- Promote and organise Gatherings within SESR.
- Work with the ISGF World Committee, other NSGFs, Regions, Sub-Regions and neighbouring Central Branch members
- Encourage the founding of a NSGF in any country of the area, where no such Organisation exists and work towards its integration in the SESR. When there are Central branch members ISGF Bye-Law 4.4 is applied.
- be a preparatory forum in matters concerning the ISGF and promote SESR proposal supported by all NSGF members of the Sub Region.

3. The SESR Committee

The SESR Committee is the executive Committee of the SESR which manages

- a) the cooperation within SESR and
- b) the common contact of SESR with Europe Region and ISGF. This Committee is composed of the representatives of the NSGFs of the SESR designated by them.

The committee shall meet once a year and specifically during:

- a) the SESR Gatherings
- b) the Europe Region Conferences and
- c) the World Conferences.

If a Committee member is unable to be present at the SESR Committee meeting he/she may appoint a deputy to represent him/her by proxy and vote on his/her behalf, binding his/her country's NSGF.

The quorum of any ordinary SESR Committee meeting is 50% of the Sub-Region's NSGFs, plus one.

4. Election of the Chairman

At the Committee meeting during each Gathering, the SESR elects among its members, its Chairman. The term of his/her office shall be for three (3) years.

The chairman shall be eligible for re-election for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms of office, i.e. six (6) years.

The post of the SESR Committee Chairman should rotate among the NSGFs within the SESR.

5. SESR Gatherings

The SESR Gatherings are held every three years and are organised during the year preceding the European conference, preferably (or if it is convenient) during the Med Gathering.

6. SESR Committee meetings

NSGFs' proposals for the agenda of the SESR Committee meeting should reach the SESR Chairman at the latest three months prior to the meeting. Proposals for amendments of the agenda should reach the SESR Chairman at the latest one month prior to the meeting and the NSGFs (President, International Secretary and member of the SERS Committee) should receive the final agenda two weeks prior to the meeting.

The Agenda for the SESR meeting should as minimum contain the following items:

1. Welcome address by the current SESR Committee Chairman
2. Appointment of a secretary for the meeting
3. Chairman's Report
4. Recommended changes to the Constitution
5. Election of a SESR Chairman
6. Election of European Committee member (only for the meeting during a Gathering)
7. Other matters

International Secretaries and other NSGFs members may attend the SESR Committee meetings as observers without voting rights.

Countries in which there are Central Branch members may send a representative in the meeting without voting rights.

Each NSGF carries one vote. Decisions for all issues other than changes to the SESR Constitution, are taken by simple majority of the present NSGFs at the meeting. In the event of a tie, the motion is defeated.

The minutes of each SESR Committee meeting should be sent to the member NSGFs, while a summary of the meetings should also be sent to the Europe Region and the ISGF world Bureau, the latest two months after the meeting.

7. Representative to Europe Committee

The SESR Committee at its meeting during each SESR Gathering, nominates a SESR representative to the Europe Committee. His /Her term of office shall be three years commencing immediately after the following Europe Region Conference and finishing at the end of the next Conference. This term of office can be renewed only once.

8. Finances

There is no fee involved in the SESR and all Committee members must pay their own expenses for attendance at meetings or be supported by their NSGFs.

9. Working Groups

The SESR Committee can appoint working Groups as required. Minutes shall be prepared for each working group meeting. These minutes should be sent to all members NSGFs whilst a summary of the meetings shall be sent to Europe Region and the ISGF World Bureau. The coordinator of the working group may be invited to take part in a SERS meeting without voting rights.

10. Amendments

This Constitution may be revised by 2/3 majority vote of the members of the sub-region. Any proposal for revision should be sent at least three (3) months in advance prior to the SESR Committee meeting to the SESR Chairman and proposals for the revised constitution must be sent to the SESR members at least one month in advance of the SESR meeting.