



Partnership Agreement

between

Les Eclaireuses et Eclaireurs de France (EEDF)

and

Bund der Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder (BdP)

Following the long-standing contact and several preliminary meetings of our two organizations EEDF and BdP, driven by the will to further develop our organization's relations, we hereby set in place the partnership according to the following pages.

CONSIDERING...

- ◆ the high value of intercultural exchange
- ◆ the deep ties between Germany and France, rooted in their shared history, their tightly linked culture, economy and politics and their special role in the EU
- ◆ a strong mutual interest in the culture, language and people of both countries
- ◆ the ever-increasing role of international relations in a globalized world
- ◆ the Vision 2023 (WOSM) and the Global Strategic Plan 2018-2020 (WAGGGS), aiming amongst others at...
 - ...fostering young people's potential to play an active part in the movement and their communities
 - ...engaging in strategically relevant partnerships to achieve greater global influence
- ◆ the common setup of the two organizations, namely...
 - ...our common values that are the basis to our educational programs
 - ...the similar role in our national federations
 - ...the similar role of spirituality in our organizations as interconfessional (BdP) and non-confessional (EEDF)
- ◆ the essential role of local groups' engagement to the Scout work of our organizations

AIMING AT...

- ◆ stimulating fruitful exchange on a local, regional and national level
- ◆ furthering awareness of the international dimension of Scouting within our organizations
- ◆ learning from and helping each other in developing our organizations towards adapting the Vision 2023 of WOSM and the goals of the 2018 - 2020 WAGGGS strategic plan
- ◆ furthering our experience in building international partnerships on the organizational level
- ◆ reevaluating the partnership on a regular basis

The organizations *Eclaireuses et Eclaireurs de France* (EEDF) and *Bund der Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder* (BdP) hereby commit themselves to **engaging in a 3 year partnership** for the period of **1st April 2018** until **1. April 2021**, based on the common ground laid out on the previous page.

The partnership aims at

- 1. Hosting an annual exchange platform for Rangers and Rovers**
- 2. Implementing various French-German projects on a local level**
- 3. Exchanging mutual invitations**
- 4. Learning and profiting from each other**
- 5. Identifying and accordingly establishing possibilities for volunteering**

These goals and further background of the partnership are described in detail further below.

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SPECIFIC SUBJECT: “PEACE EDUCATION”

Germany and France are tied by a long common history and formed a globally unique relation by jointly overcoming a dark chapter, by promoting common economic, political and cultural engagement, which has since been an active driving factor in the development of one of the largest peace-projects of the world: the EU.

A central part in this evolution towards French and German people being interlinked by amicable ties and preventing further times of war is **peace education**. Especially in present times, the importance of this topic is constantly growing and we want to take our part in actively promoting it on all levels of our partnership.

Therefore, all activities within the context of the partnership will contain a part to sensitize our participants towards the importance of peace education and give them the tools to act as multipliers on a local level.

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

The partnership was initiated on the basis of a long-standing contact in between the two organizations and has the support from both national boards. It is driven by a dedicated working group with equal contribution from both organizations, rooted in the respective international teams. Its members have proficiency in both international communications and the organization of international events in Scouting. The team of organizers is in close contact with the OFAJ/DFJW and aims to acquire funding on a regular basis for projects organized within the scope of this partnership.

Both, WOSM & WAGGGS aim to stimulate NSOs to engage in strategic partnerships. The organizers team of this partnership will identify useful and adequate material and support, provided by those organizations, to further the partnership at hand.

EVALUATION AND DOCUMENTATION

The partnership and all connected projects shall be regularly evaluated with respect to the here stated goals and current developments in the partnership, the respective organizations, Scouting in general and other topics of concern.

This includes for the steering committees of both organizations...

- ◆ a well documented annual reflection
- ◆ a documentation of the major steps
- ◆ a critical reassessment of the goals, value and success of the partnership when considering an extension

and for each project happening within the partnership...

- ◆ monitoring and support through the steering committee
- ◆ a clear documentation of content and experiences
- ◆ a reflection from both participants and organizers

A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE GOALS

The essence of Scouting is constituted on the local level, where Scouts learn to take over responsibilities for their action, for others and for society. We want to use such already developed skills and contribute by adding the international dimension of Scouting to it by our focus on the following Goals #1 and #2.

1. Hosting an annual exchange platform for Rangers and Rovers

Starting in March 2018, we will host an annual meeting, currently called the “eXchange Platform for Rangers and ROvers” (XPRO) with the following content:

- ◆ Allowing the members of EEDF and BdP for the opportunity of a physical meeting
- ◆ Building an international network and cross-border friendships
- ◆ Giving the participants an international experience and thereby develop intercultural competences
- ◆ Developing and setting focus points in the partnership with input given by the participants
- ◆ Kickstarting international projects on the local unit level, further specified in Goal #2

These meetings will become the main event of this partnership organized by the steering committees on both sides. They allow for an in-depth exchange of a wide variety of members and the engagement of them into organizing their own French-German projects.

By specifically targeting Rangers and Rovers with this meeting, we reach out to young persons that have already learned to take over responsibility and can realize projects in their local units. This allows us to multiply the effort put into the partnership by the steering committee.

2. Implementing various French-German projects on a local level

With our engagement, we want to build a framework, encouraging and enabling Rangers and Rovers to start their own exchange projects between local units of the EEDF and BdP. Over the course of the partnership, we expect to have at least two of those projects¹ happening per year.

The projects are supposed to...

- ◆ be organized by local group leaders for their groups - bring the partnership to a local level
- ◆ be jointly organized by Scouts from both organizations with equal rights and contribution
- ◆ multiply the engagement of the steering committees of the partnership
- ◆ enable our members to actively take part in and shape the spirit of the partnership

We support them by...

- ◆ giving the space to find project ideas and exchange partners and providing our participants with the tools for international work during their participation at XPRO
- ◆ supporting the first project steps during XPRO
- ◆ implementing a mentoring system, guiding them through the project realization
- ◆ setting up the communication with the OFAJ/DFJW to allow for an access to funding resources

Projects on a regional or national level are thereby not excluded from the partnership, per se, but should always have the purpose of promoting local projects.

¹ These projects can be in the spirit of a joint weekend hike of a French and a German troop, Scouts participating in home hospitality, a bike tour from Paris to Berlin and many more!

3. Exchanging mutual invitations

Every year, there are numerous Scout camps, activities, trainings and statutory events happening on local, regional and national level in both, EEDF and BdP. Throughout the partnership, we want to

- ◆ identify events which allow for valuable exchange in between the organizations
- ◆ mutually invite each other to these events and develop a structure to enable a wide range of members of the EEDF and BdP to attend the events
- ◆ improve the quality of hosting and integrating each other during these events

4. Identifying and accordingly establishing possibilities for volunteering

A big part of Scouting comprises strengthening individuals to reach their full potential, by providing them with the tools, self confidence and opportunities to engage in what they like. A partnership between organizations can offer the unique possibility of volunteering in regional or national Scout centers. We want to allow for this by...

- ◆ evaluating possible places for volunteering
- ◆ supporting those places in offering such opportunities
- ◆ develop a description of a volunteering position for both, volunteers and Scout centers

With offering volunteering positions, we aim for...

- ◆ enabling young people by giving them international experience, language skills and an active role to contribute to the partnership and/or organization development
- ◆ developing strong French-German bonds through highly motivated individuals
- ◆ establishing key persons for the partnership that can become active as organizers, contact persons or act as social hubs for the French-German relationships

5. Learning and profiting from each other

Scouting has always been about individuals, meeting on eye level to have fun, learn together and from each other. The more abstract the Scouting work gets - for example on the regional or national level - the more difficult it is to find people with similar experiences to share. We want to use our partnership of two such similar organizations to profit from each others infrastructure and methodology through...

- ◆ Identifying specific areas in which we can learn from each other
- ◆ exchanging experiences and best practices in these areas
- ◆ sharing informations and publication on various topics related to the development of a Scout organization: training schemes, booklets, materials, educational programs, ...
- ◆ learning from the partnership itself by reevaluating it on a regular basis
- ◆ setting in place a joint board meeting within the time frame of this partnership agreement