



# Partnership Agreement



between

**Les Éclaireuses et Éclaireurs de France (EEDF)**

and

**Bund der Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder (BdP)**

Following the long-standing contact and a first three year period of a partnership 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 2018-2023 (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 Scouting and Guiding work of our organizations

## **AIMING AT...**

- stimulating fruitful exchange on a local, regional, and national level
- furthering awareness of the international dimension of Scouting and Guiding 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 - 2023 WAGGGS strategic plan
- furthering our experience in building international partnerships on the organizational level
- reevaluating the partnership on a regular basis

The organizations *Éclaireuses et Éclaireurs de France* (EEDF) and *Bund der Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder* (BdP) hereby commit themselves to **engaging in a 3-year partnership** for the period of **1<sup>st</sup> April 2021** until **1<sup>st</sup> April 2024** based on the common ground laid out on the previous page.

The partnership aims at:

- 1. Setting up, and maintaining a coordination group for the partnership**
- 2. Hosting an annual exchange platform for Rangers and Rovers**
- 3. Implementing various French-German projects on a local level**
- 4. Creating and organizing various French-German projects on a regional and national level**
- 5. Exchanging mutual invitations**
- 6. Learning, profiting and exchanging from each other**
- 7. Identifying and accordingly establishing possibilities for volunteering**

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

## **SPECIFIC SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTING SDGs**

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.

During the last partnership agreement, it was chosen to focus on the SDG “peace education”. From our experience with the last 3 years of the partnership, we’ve seen that focusing on only one SDG (peace education) is very limiting for the planning and during the executing of our different projects. This is why for this partnership agreement we want to open on more SDGs like peace and justice, gender equality, climate action, etc. By this measure we want to take part in actively promoting the strong bonds between France and Germany on different themes

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

## **SUPPORT and RESOURCES**

The partnership was initiated based on a long-standing contact between the two scouting and guiding organizations and has the support from both national boards. It is driven by a dedicated working group with equal contribution from both organizations: the partnership planning team. Its members have proficiency in both international communications and the organization of international events in Scouting and Guiding. The planning team and team of organizers of each project is in close contact with the OFAJ/DFJW, and the respective national funding institute 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/MOs to engage in strategic partnerships. The planning 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 and Guiding in general and other topics of concern.

This includes for the partnership organizing team...

- a well-documented triennial reflection
- a documentation of the major steps
- a critical reassessment of the goals, value and success of the partnership when considering an extension or a change in direction.

and for each project happening within the partnership...

- monitoring and support through the partnership organizing team
- a clear documentation of content and experiences
- a reflection from both participants and organizers

## **A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE GOALS**

The essence of Scouting and Guiding 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 and Guiding.

### **1. Setting up, and maintaining a coordination group for the partnership**

With the experience from the last partnership (2018-2021), we have seen that during the creation and organizing of other projects after the second XPRO there was a problem in the communication and coordination between the XPRO planning group, the planning group of the other project and with both scout organizations. Therefore, we want to establish a coordination group in the partnership with its own structure and resources with the following responsibilities:

- get the overview about the partnership (and their projects/events), and if needed react to any changes/problems in the partnership, and lead the partnership in the right direction
- coordinate and communicate between the planning teams of each project
- include two main responsible/spokepersons of this partnership, one for each scout organizations
- these main responsible will be in close contact with the international teams, and be also the spokesperson of the partnership for their respective scout organization
- promote the partnership in both scout organizations on a local, regional and national level
- recruit and manage the people needed for the coordination group
- take the initiative to create and thereafter manage new projects, and support actual projects

It will be composed by two main responsible persons (spokepersons) of this partnership, one for each organization, whose responsibility is to be in close contact with the international team. The spokespersons can be supported by additional team members, forming the coordination group. Recruitment and management of these people is within the responsibility of the spokespersons.

BdP and the EEDF support this group and responsible persons by...

- finding and setting a fixed place/role in the partnership as a structure to work
- providing tools like the possibility for financial support e.g. for organizing physical work event, also providing resources e.g. social media channel, or a partnership-website

This coordination group of the partnership will fill the missing link between the planning teams and the international and national boards of both Scout and Guide organizations.

### **2. Hosting an annual exchange platform for Rangers and Rovers**

We commit to continue the organization of the annually hosted partnership event, 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

These meetings are one of the main events of this partnership and will be organized by an own planning team composed of people from both scouts' organizations. 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 XPRO planning team.

### **3. Implementing various French-German projects on a local level**

With our engagement, we want to build a framework, encouraging and enabling scouts and guides of all age groups 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 projects<sup>1</sup> 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 and Guides from both organizations with equal rights and contributions
- multiply the engagement of the organizing team 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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!

### **4. Creating and organizing various French-German projects on a regional and national level**

Like for the XPRO projects we want to give the opportunities to scouts and guides of all age groups from both scout organisations to participate in french-german events and give the possibility of exchange with each other, and at the end enabling scouts and guides to start their own exchange projects between local units of the EEDF and BdP. Therefore, we want to create and organize other scout events/projects (in parallel to the XPRO) on a regional and national level where we can emphasize more about enabling scouts and guides to start their own exchange projects. Furthermore we also want to give the chance to scouts and guides from both countries to jointly participate in international events.

The projects are supposed to...

- be organized by the partnership coordination team or a designated planning team for each project
- be jointly organized by Scouts and Guides from both organizations with equal rights and contributions

- multiply the engagement of the organizing team 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 coordination team with the tools for international work for creating and organizing the different projects/events
- implementing a mentoring system for planning groups of the different projects and guiding them through the project realization
- setting up the communication with the OFAJ/DFJW, and also the national funding institute of each scout organization to allow for an access to funding resources

These projects/events will give the partnership better opportunities to target a broader public, and reach out to scouts and guides from other age groups that we hadn't reached before, with our previous projects like the XPRO, and thus enabling scouts and guides of both countries to create even more projects on a local level.

## **5. Exchanging mutual invitations**

Every year, there are numerous Scout and Guide 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
- present and promote these invitations
- improve the quality of hosting and integrating each other during these events

## **6. Learning and profiting from each other**

Scouting and Guiding has always been about individuals, meeting on eye level to have fun, learn together and from each other. The more abstract the Scouting and Guiding 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 other's infrastructure and methodology through...

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

## **7. 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 and Guide centers.

We want to allow for this by...

- evaluating possible places for volunteering
- supporting those places in offering such opportunities
- developing a description of a volunteering position for both, volunteers and Scout and Guide centers
- presenting and promoting these invitations to a broad public

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