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AGORA
2015



The 8th European Scout Agora Château Jambville, Paris, France 8-12 April 2015

Dear International and Rover Commissioners,

We invite **4 Rovers** from your NSA to live this empowering, inspiring, meaningful but also fun and exciting experience built "for Rovers by Rovers", with the support of the European Scout Region and the European Union. We will encourage your Scouts, inspire them, and put them in a position to be actively involved. However, the European Agora is not only about education; it is also about letting young adults explore, share, and express themselves in an international environment.

Best regards

Sofia, Cristi, Filipe and Thomas

THEME, OBJECTIVES AND CONTENT

Theme

The theme of Agora 2015 is "Skills for life", because we want to help the participants to become prepared and committed to be actively involved in their communities. We also hope to give them tools and new ideas that will help to empower themselves, thus being more aware of the changes they are able to do in their regions and to the whole European Region, as a European citizen.

Objectives

- We want to create a propitious environment for the sharing of experiences between the participants from different countries, thus making them more aware of what it means to be a European Citizen.
- Offer a space for exchange of experiences, ideas and costumes related to their national experiences of scouting and Rovering, focusing on the Rover Program of each country.
- Define and propose a symbolic framework for the Roverway, involving directly the participants at Agora 2015 in shaping the content of the most important events for Rovers in Europe.
- Motivate and provide opportunities for direct involvement in the co-construction of Roverway
- We want to encourage the participants to have some impact in their communities, through youth empowerment.
- Offer a broader sense of the concepts of European Citizenship and Youth Empowerment
- Have fun!

Focus points of the programme

- **Youth Empowerment**
- **European citizenship**
- **Active Involvement**
- **Roverway**

PRACTICAL INFO

An Agora is an educational tool that uses the Scout Method to reach the educational objectives for the rover age section and that has a special emphasis on youth empowerment.

What makes an Agora so special is that it is an event run "for Rovers, by Rovers". As a result, the event looks at issues that are of importance and relevant to young people in our society today.

An Agora aims to be a meeting place in which dreams, feelings, concerns, experiences, ideas and paths cross together, are connected and shared; a crossroad that would be a source of inspiration and energy. It is a place where the fundamentals of Scouting are present in a way that is attractive to young people today. It is a place for debate and sharing as well as teaching and learning from one another. And most importantly, an Agora is about getting new motivation and direction to one's path as a rover.

Each event is focusing on a major theme, on which the programme is built upon

Dates and Venue

The 8th Agora will be organized at **Château de Jambville**, the National Training Centre of Scouts et Guides de France, near Paris, France, between **8 and 12 April 2015**.

The venue provides accommodation in dormitories.



PARTICIPANTS AND PLANNING TEAM

PRACTICAL INFO

Participants profile

- Members of the last age section in their NSO (aged 16-24), enthusiastic, motivated, open to new ideas and willing to share their own experiences.
- Willing to talk about personal experiences and **knowledge of how Rovers operate in their own countries**
- Agora being held in English, the participants will be expected to understand and communicate well in English.
- NSAs are encouraged to ensure that their delegations are as diverse as possible (gender, geographical or economic background)
- The main goal of an Agora is to empower its participants. In order to appreciate the full potential of Agora, **the representatives should not have too much prior experience in adult roles within their NSO/NSAs or in international work.**
- Once accepted, **the NSA should provide them with sufficient knowledge of the Rover Programme in their own country.**
- Each NSA should consider the best ways in which the experience accumulated during the event could be used for the benefit of the programme for the Rover section in the country
- Have fun!

Planning Team



- Sofia Galán (Spain)
- Cristi Stavarache (Romania)
- Filipe Velosa (Portugal)
- Thomas Vroylandt (France)

Coach:

Catarina Inverno Sousa (European Youth Empowerment Strategic Priority Group)

Terminology

Aware that each National Scout Association has different names for the different age sections; for the purpose of this event we will define Rovers as being members of the last age section (aged 16-24). Be convinced that if your NSA is in the process of creating a Rover Programme, the Agora remains an interesting opportunity for these Scouts who will soon be called Rovers!

Participation fees

The participation fee is **€250**. The fee covers all accommodation and meals from the evening of Wednesday, 8 April to lunch on Sunday, 12 April, all the materials for the sessions and a day out in Paris. The fee does not cover travel costs. Bank connections and details for paying the event participation fee will be reported to all participants by the Agora acceptance letter.

The financial support received from the European Union allows the organizers to sponsor a total of 32 Rovers coming from the 8 partner countries (**Belgium, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Romania and Spain**).

4 participants from each of the partners will therefore benefit from a reduced participation fee: **€ 150**. Additionally, **50% of their travel costs (up to EUR 150)** will be covered.

Languages

The working language of the event is **English**.

Travel

Once participants have been confirmed (by 15 March 2015), they should make their own travel arrangements.

Travel forms will be included in the information package to be sent to participants with the acceptance letter.

More information and application form

<http://agora.rovernet.eu/>

<http://agora.rovernet.eu/registrations/>

Deadline for applications

10 March 2015