

Dear Delegations,

Our three Conferences in one are getting closer by the day. The Host Committee and the Staff Members are all excited to welcome you to Oslofjord Convention Centre from 17 to 21 June 2016!

The Guides and Scouts of Norway are looking forward to meeting you at the EGSC. This is the fourth and last information letter from us, with more specified information about the transportation possibilities, more details about the programme and suggestion of what to bring to Norway. We will also present you the Conference T-shirts, which you can purchase during the Conference.

Practical Information

The Conference Website and our Facebook Page

www.15egsc.europak-online.net and www.facebook.com/15egsc

Dates

The Conferences will commence on Friday 17 June 2016. The last day of the Conferences will be Tuesday 21 June, with departures on Wednesday 22 June 2016.

The Conference Venue

Oslofjord Convention Centre (OCC) is located a 1.5 hours' drive from the Norwegian capital Oslo. The address of the convention centre is Brunstadveien 77, 3159 Melsomvik, Norway.

Arriving at the Airport and the Venue

Please wear at least your scarf/neckerchief when you arrive at the airport, so that our transportation teams are able to identify and welcome you.

As you arrive at OCC, the conference venue, there will be two different registration desks: one for the Conference and one for your accommodation. The first meal included will be breakfast on Friday 17 June at 07:30 am for those who arrive on 16 June. For those who arrive at the venue on 17 June, your first meal will be lunch from 12:30 to 17:00 pm.

Please contact us if you have any special needs related to access, accommodation or other practicalities.

Transportation and parking

Torp Sandefjord Airport (TRF) is situated just 20 minutes away by car, and Oslo Airport Gardermoen (OSL), which is Norway's main airport, is 2 hours away by car from the venue.

Shuttle Bus Service

As a result of very few confirmed arrivals, the shuttle service will run somehow differently than first announced.

If you have checked **"Yes"** for shuttle service, but not given us any flight information, you will have to try to find an available seat on one of our buses as listed below or arrange your transportation yourself.

If you have checked **"Yes"** for Shuttle service and given us the correct information about your flight and your arrival airport (Oslo Airport Gardermoen or Torp Sandefjord Airport) you will have a valid reservation on a bus. We will have a list with names for those who have a valid reservation.

If you have entered any other airport as your arrival airport or entered a date before 16 June, please note you will *not* have a valid reservation on any bus.

From Oslo Airport Gardermoen (OSL) there will be buses with available seats at the following times:

Thursday 16 June:

4:15 pm (16h15)

7:30 pm (19h30)

11:30 pm (23h30)

Friday 17 June:

12:15 pm (12h15)

4:30 pm (16h30); Note: only 4 available seats left

You will be met by Scouts and Guides in uniform upon arrival and the shuttle bus will depart from platform 12 outside the terminal building.

From Torp Sandefjord Airport (TRF) there will be buses with available seats at the following times:

Thursday 16 June

4:30 pm (16h30)

11:30 pm (23h30)

Friday 17 June

2:00 pm (14h00) Note: only 3 available seats left

4:30 pm (16h30) Note: only 3 available seats left

11:30 pm (23h30) Note: only 12 available seats left

Please note that everyone who checked **“Yes”** for shuttle bus service will be invoiced. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee any available seats for those who provided us with relevant information after 1 June 2016.

Public Transportation

Public transportation is also an option. Oslo Airport Gardermoen Airport (OSL) and Torp Sandefjord Airport (TRF) have train stations, and tickets can be pre-booked at www.nsb.no. The nearest train station to the conference venue is in the town of Stokke. From Stokke Train Station to the conference venue, you will need to use a taxi (the 10-minute drive will cost about NOK 220 / EUR 24). The local company, Tønsberg Taxi, can be reached at +47 33 30 11 11.

Rent a Car or Mini Bus

We know that there are a number of delegations, which plan to rent a mini bus. This is an easy way to be mobile, and if you are a large delegation, this might indeed be the most convenient and least expensive way of transport between the airport and the conference venue. Most larger car rental companies are represented. Use an on-line search engine to find the best option for you.

Parking

There is plenty of space for parking for private or rented cars at OCC. Please abide by any instructions given when you arrive. The Conference Information Desk will have parking permits that need to be filled in and put in the windscreen of your car(s).

Exhibitions and Receptions

Please refer to the third information letter for more information on prices and how you can book an exhibition stand. The deadline for booking an exhibition area is Monday 13 June.

If you would like to book a reception, you should contact 15egsc@europak-online.net. The deadline for booking a reception area is Monday 13 June.

International Evening

The traditional International Evening will be organised on Saturday 18 June. For this to become a success we depend upon the delegations to bring typical food and (non-alcoholic) drinks from your home countries. Please note that the closest groceries store is located 2.5 km away from the Convention Centre. Remember that all the cabins have fridges where you will be able to store your food. Do not hesitate to ask us if you have any questions related to these practicalities.

European Village Party

This year, the European Market is transformed into a European Village Party on Sunday 19 June. This will be a street fair with fun fair activities, bunting, items for sale, games, competitions, art, and music. You will bring the items for sale, the games, the art, and the music. The Village Party is a means for fundraising and a possibility to share our cultures and have fun in our neighbourhood of Scouting and Guiding at the Conference. The fundraising element helps Member Organisations and National Scout Organisations with outstanding Membership Fees and is well appreciated.

We encourage you to bring something from home and participate in this evening activity. The Village Party will be held in the streets outside our cabins, close to the sea, so that when the Village Party is over, the party will continue on the beach. Tables will be provided, and we can assist you if you need other props for the Village Party, but we cannot give any guarantees as to what we are able to provide you. The earlier you ask the greater is the chance that we may help you, though.

The Conference T-shirt and the Speider-Sport Shop

To the right, you see the Conference T-shirt that can be purchased for 199 NOK during the Conference. T-shirts and other products related to Scouting, Guiding and outdoor life can be found at the Speider-Sport shop in the Exhibition Area at the Conference.



Please refer to www.speider-sport.no to see their selection of products. If you notice anything special that you would like them to bring to the Conference, please send them a message via e-mail to info@speider-sport.no well in advance.

What to Bring

In addition to all the ordinary personal items and clothing we all bring to the Conference, here is a of a few other items that may either be useful or nice to bring:

- Outdoor clothing: even though we ordered nice weather a long time ago, Norwegian summers might be a bit unpredictable weather-wise. Temperatures may vary, and warm weather is not necessarily the same in Norway as in e.g. Spain, so remember to bring what you need to stay warm outside. You may find the local weather forecast in English on www.yr.no/place/Norway/Vestfold/Stokke/Brunstad/
- Laptop, tablet or similar: The Conference Documents will only be distributed electronically
- Earphones with mini jack plug: required to be able to use the interpretation system (EN to FR and FR to EN)

- Travel adapter, if needed: Norway uses the same type of power socket as the most of Europe, with some important exceptions. Please refer to www.power-plugs-sockets.com/norway/ for more information
- Network (Ethernet) cable: This is to get access to the internet in the cabins
- (Balcony) flags for your cabins (in agreement with your delegation): this will be a nice element to signpost where we all live during the Conference
- Food and activities for the International Evening and the European Village Party
- Swimming gear: for those who fancy a swim at the nice beach at OCC. Swimming temperatures cannot be guaranteed, though!

We hope that all our preparations and hard work will lead to a successful and unique Conference for all of you, and that you do not hesitate to contact us if anything is unclear. See you in less than ten days!

Warm greetings from
The Guides and Scouts of Norway
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