

Lands of Adventure

You Are Europe



An exciting new programme for 10 to 16 year olds



Introduction

“Lands of Adventure” is a European programme for Scouts and Explorer Scouts aged 10 to 16. It was introduced earlier in 2004 and its aim is to assist in enriching the Scout programme with a European dimension and to contribute towards the development of a well balanced, attractive, and relevant programme for young people in Europe.

The European Scout Region has been working on the development of this new programme since September 2001 and it is the result of a long process of consultation involving the participation of numerous European Scout Associations (including the UK).

“Lands of Adventure” integrates very well into the Balanced Programme, giving support to such areas as **the Global Challenge, the Creative Challenge, and the International Friendship Award**. It is also a good linking activity between Scouts and Explorer Scouts.

“Lands of Adventure” is open to Scouts from all over the European Scout Region, which includes the United Kingdom as well as all the countries from Ireland to Greece, Portugal to Finland, and Turkey to Israel.

There are three youth challenges within the Lands of Adventure: **Express EURself, EUR Hopping** and **Europe@EUR.door**. There is also a support programme for Leaders and other adults in Scouting called EUREvent but this has yet to really take off.

Express EURself - *Your creative step into Europe...*



Express EURself is a project planned and undertaken by patrols in their own programme, based on the theme of "Adventure". Patrols produce their project in any media format of their choice – such as video, music, sculpture, art, dance, mural. All the results will be included on a CD-Rom which will be sent to all participating patrols. It will also be streamed on the Lands of adventure website and so has the potential to be seen by anybody anywhere in the world.

Express EURself will hopefully enhance young people's awareness of belonging to a worldwide movement; it provides Scouts and leaders with ideas and suggestions for future activities and projects.

Route Map

1. Discuss the idea with your friends/Patrol and your Leaders and decide on a project
2. **Register your Patrol** with the **UK LoA Ambassador**.
3. Once your application has been received, you will be sent a "Lands of Adventure" badge for all members of your Patrol
4. Plan and carry out your project on the current theme
5. Submit your project to the European Scout Office

EURhopping – *Make new friends in Europe...*

The aim of EUR Hopping is to encourage Scouts from different countries to make contact and design a common project which involves



- establishing contact
- regular communication (not necessarily face to face)
- jointly agreeing a project to be implemented in co-operation between the Scout patrols/groups.

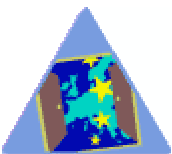
The project should involve common preparation, implementation and evaluation/follow-up. Whilst it is desirable that the Scouts ultimately meet face to face, a EURhopping project can be carried out using the Internet (email, web or Internet Relay Chat), postal services or telephony.

Route Map

1. Discuss the idea with your Patrol and your Leaders and decide on a project
2. **Register your Patrol** with the UK LoA Ambassador.
3. Once your application has been received, you will be sent "Lands of Adventure" badges for all your Patrol members.
4. The European Scout Office will try to find you a partner patrol based on the preferences you have given on your form. If you want to find a partner-patrol on your own, without the help of the European Scout Office, this is acceptable.
(Avon Scouts have links with Scouting in Serbia and could find partners there.)
5. You make contact with the partner-patrol, plan and carry out a project with them. You do not have to actually meet with your partner-patrol, but would be nice if you could.
6. When you finished your project, send a report about it to the European Scout Office.

Europe@EUR.door – *Europe is closer than you think...*

Europe@EUR door aims to encourage Scouts to learn more about Scouting and explore the culture of other European countries. Based on the information provided by the "host countries" (in 2004 these are Greece and Portugal) on the Lands of Adventure website, Scouts from all over Europe are invited to plan and implement a project that is specific to the chosen host country (or if they wish, any other country of their choice).



Europe@EUR.door invites young people to explore deeper the realities of a country and Scout Association by trying activities / projects related to the "host" country.

Europe@EUR.door enhances the project approach for the Scout age section and adds a European value to the existing youth programme by getting the young people to plan a project starting from basic information but ultimately involving them contacting people such as the ACC(I) and Scouts in the other country.

Route Map

1. Discuss the idea with your Patrol and your Leaders and decide on a project
2. **Register your Patrol** with the UK LoA Ambassador.
3. Once your application has been received, you will be sent "Lands of Adventure" badges for all your Patrol members.
4. Consider the information available on the web about the "host" country. If you have problems, try the **Avon International Team** or the **UK LoA Ambassador**.
5. Get more detailed information from contacts provided to you and decide on the type of activity and project.
6. Implement your project.
7. When you finished your project, evaluate it and send a report about it to the European Scout Office.

Registration and Support

All Scouts/Explorers need to do to register for the Lands of Adventure challenge is to decide how many/which of the three parts of Lands of adventure they wish to take part in, and then fill out a simple form. Scouts can register in patrols or interest groups, and there is no charge. Everyone who registers will receive a special badge from the European office in Geneva to show that they have accepted the Lands of Adventure challenge and have set off on the journey.

Lands of Adventure is mainly web-based and application forms can be downloaded from Scoutbase (<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/inter/programme/world/loa/index.htm>) or from the main Lands of Adventure website (<http://scout.kaleis.com/index.php?idsousrubrique=15&langue=gb>)

In order to support the Lands of Adventure programme, each country in the European Scout Region has nominated someone as their "Lands of Adventure Ambassador" to act as a focal point for all matters relating to the programme.

The United Kingdom's LoA Ambassador is Andrew Corrie who is ACC(S) for Greater Manchester East as well as a member of the National Commissioner for Scouts Team and the Sub Editor of the Scout section pages of SCOUTING magazine. Andrew can be contacted by e-mail (<mailto:andrew@riccartonlodge.fsnet.co.uk>). Do not hesitate to contact him as he will be more than happy to support your participation in the programme and to assist you all along the way!

The Avon International Team (international@avonscouts.org.uk) or via county office (01454 613006) are also well placed to support any groups of Scouts or Explorers thinking of taking part in any of the Lands of Adventure challenges as well as any International or Global activity.