

# News from Europe



Newsletter

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**Fraternity by Nuno Alvares, Portugal.** The Radio Scouting Days 2025, organized by the National Radio Scouting Department of the National Scouting Corps, took place on March 8 and 9, at the National Scouting Park of the Costa da Caparica (PNEC), in the Setúbal region.

The Journadas are an annual activity in the CNE calendar, characterized by technical sessions, with the two components of this department the radio and the internet.

The Programme was based on current topics of general interest and was organized in a way to create educational opportunities for participants to dialogue, convey, deepen and share knowledge.

The Journadas are an activity open to all sections, with workshops suitable for the age or level of knowledge of the participants. This year, besides the elements representing all sections of the CNE, had the presence of elements from the Scout Association of Portugal and the Fraternity by Nuno Alvares. Participants from various points of mainland Portugal were present including a strong representation of the Azores (Third Island), from the Vitória Beach Group. This island team included some young radio amateur scouts (12 and 16) who took the radio amateur exam a week ago.

The Journadas were a moment of great information sharing and socializing, with the FNA associates participating, contributing to the success of this activity.



## St George's Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**St George's Day** is the feast day of Saint George celebrated by Christian Churches, countries, regions and cities of which he is the Patron Saint. This includes, Albania, Bulgaria, England, Ethiopia, Greece, Georgia, Portugal, Romania, Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, Castile and Leon, Catalonia, Alcoi, Aragon, Genoa and Rio de Janeiro. The 23 April, is the traditionally accepted date of the saint's death in the Diocletianic Persecution

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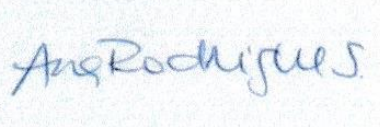
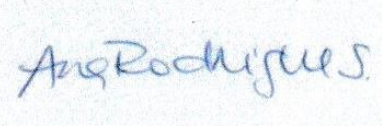
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Brussels, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025- Bruxelles, 23 avril 2025

<b>Message de la Saint - Georges</b>	<b>Saint George's Day Message</b>
<p>Il n'est pas toujours facile d'écrire un message de célébration alors que le monde traverse des temps difficiles et violents, où le « bien » et le « mal » s'affrontent, comme nous raconte l'histoire de saint Georges.</p> <p>Ce qui nous importe, à nous, scouts et guides adultes, qui célébrons aujourd'hui le jour du saint patron des scouts, c'est que nous puissions comprendre que le bien gagne toujours, lorsque l'homme est responsable, vrai et se consacre à aider les autres, comme B.P nous l'a enseigné et continue de le faire.</p> <p>Félicitations pour le Jour de Saint George !</p> <p><i>Amitiés sincères,</i></p>  <p>Ana Rodrigues Présidente du Comité mondial de l'AISG Amitié Internationale Scoute et Guide</p>	<p>It is not always easy to write a message of celebration when the world is experiencing difficult and violent times, where "good" and "evil" confront each other, as the story of St. George tells us. What matters to us, Adult Scouts and Guides, who today celebrate the day of the patron of the Scouts, Saint George, is that we must believe that good will always win, when the humans are responsible, true and dedicate themselves to help others, as B.P taught (and continues to teach) us.</p> <p>Have a nice Saint George's Day !</p> <p><i>Yours in Fellowship,</i></p>  <p>Ana Rodrigues ISGF World Committee Chair International Scout and Guide Fellowship</p>





From March 3rd to 6th, as a member of the MASCI Italian Catholic Scout Adult Movement, I took part in a mission to Kharkiv, a Ukrainian city about 20 kilometers from the front line, with the Italian delegation of MEAN European Nonviolent Action Movement, which aims to promote the creation of the Civil Peace Corps recently discussed by the European Parliament.

Due to the proximity of the front line, drones, alarms and missiles make social activities practically impossible, but we found in the institutions and in the people a strong spirit and will to resist and to rebuild.

We met the Latin Catholic and Greek Catholic bishops, who showed us how the collection of basic necessities and aid is organised. We were welcomed by the acting rector of the University of Urban Economy, Ihor Biletskyi. The university had been bombed in the early stages of the war. We discussed possible forms and levels of support for the further restoration of the university.

We visited the Museum of Arts, where the director, Valentina Myzgina, showed us the war damage and the masterpieces that had been brought to safety. The famous conductor Yuriy Yanko showed us the Drama Theatre, which has been empty for three years. The girls of the Olympic synchronised swimming team welcomed us in the elegant hall of the Diplomatic Club. They managed to train in Kharkiv.

In the shelter of the cathedral, we met the girl scouts. Their headquarters had been hit by a drone the week before. The Karchiv scout group consists of about 100 people.

At this difficult moment, everyone is asking us to keep in touch with them and help them rebuild. If the war ends soon, as we all hope, the main needs will be the restoration of civilian infrastructure, economic activity and jobs, and education.

Carlo Bertucci – International Secretary - MASCI



With the Girl Scouts in the Cathedral Shelter



At Kharkiv University with the Rector



At the Greek Catholic Cathedral of St. Nicholas

You will be pleased to know that even in this complicated situation, Scouting is continuing. This year again we will be hosting Ukrainian scouts in Italy, we have received requests from 20 Ukrainian scout groups. We hope to be able to satisfy all of them. **If you would like to help MASCI with this project, please contact:**

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

2025

6 – 9 June

**NBSR Tonsberg**

NORWAY (this gathering is full)



28 – 31 August

**CACSR Guatemala**

Hotel Clarion Suites, 14 Calle 3-08,  
Guatemala City 01010, Guatemala  
(more details on the ISGF website)



15 – 19 September

**AsPac Conference**

Hotel Sari Ater Kamboti  
Bandung  
Indonesia



10 – 14 October

**WESR Gathering**

Bergeijk

Netherlands

(there is still time to register)



1 – 6 November

**SESR Gathering**

Djerba

Tunisia

(registration form attached)



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