

To: International Commissioners  
in the European Region

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Dear Friends,

We are proud to inform you that the Italian Guiding and Scouting Federation (FIS) has nominated Nicolò Pranzini for election to the European Scout Committee at the forthcoming Conference in Norway.

You already received a brief introduction to our candidate via conference document 5, however we wanted to take the opportunity to share with you why we feel Nicolò would make a great contribution to the ESC: he is 33 and committed in Scouting since 1995. He has been active through many different roles in AGESCI from local to national positions. Most recently he served as the FIS Head of Contingent for the last WSJ in Japan leading successfully a Contingent of 1000 Italian members.

At the moment he is active as a national trainer, member of the International Team and volunteer for the European Scout Region as coordinator of the Planning Team for WOSM at the Roverway 2016 in France, together with Elena Cabezas Alcalá (Spain) and also part of the Joint Planning Team with WAGGGS to prepare the activities offered to the Rovers during the event.

As a professional he spent six years (until September 2014) working for the World Scout Bureau - European Regional Office (now European Service Center) in Brussels as project manager. During this time and despite the long distance, he never stopped volunteering for AGESCI and FIS as a trainer and member of various contingents participating in international events. He currently works as free-lance consultant for the non-profit sector in Ravenna (Italy), his hometown.

As FIS we strongly believe Nicolò will be a very valuable support for the European Scout Committee because of his solid experience of the international dimension of Scouting, his personal skills and competences, his educational background as leader and trainer, and especially because he is a true scout, passionate about and committed for our Movement. Based on his professional and volunteering experience, we feel Nicolò is more than suited to take up this challenge. He would like to focus his support within the ESC in particular in the area of educational methods and programme, ensuring quality and innovation in all the actions undertaken by the European Region on this matter.

At the same time, he values very much the need to listen to NSOs and agree with them the best way to provide the support. Indeed, he believes that the European Scout Committee should maintain a strategic role ensuring the implementation of the

European Scout Plan as agreed by the Conference, while the direct delivery of actions should be carried out by the regional volunteers or by the NSOs/NSAs themselves. In this sense he would like to commit in creating a simple working structure for the Region that could efficiently perform as such. Nicolò, gained many skills while being a Scout Leader, but one natural talent is to be an excellent team player: taking personal responsibilities and supporting other when it's the time, listening and genuinely caring about others, making sure everyone in the group feels included. In fact he is going to pay great attention about the group dynamics within the Committee and in the relations with NSOs as well, to ensure that all the voices are heard and properly supported.

Briefly this is what he is ready to bring:

- Time, expertise and passion for volunteering;
- Focus on quality assurance and innovation in educational methods;
- Awareness of new trends in education (e.g. coeducation, digital education, inclusiveness, spirituality in a wide perspective...);
- Expertise in the international dimension of Scouting;
- Pragmatism on what realistically can be achieved with the given conditions;
- Attention to relations within and outside the ESC and in particular with NSOs.

His candidature is a shared act of our NSO, supported equally both by AGESCI and CNGEI. This is very important to us as a Federation. This decision was genuinely born and agreed by the two NSAs because we firmly believe that Nicolò could be a valuable European Scout Committee member and a support for many other NSOs as he has been for us.

We hope you will be willing to support Nicolò and we are very open to receive your comments, feedbacks and suggestions related to his candidature and possible role in the European Scout Committee.

Of course we remain at your disposal for further information or clarification: please do not hesitate to contact Nicolò or us directly about the candidature. His contact details are:

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