



**SCOUT MOBILITY PROGRAM
CORPO NACIONAL DE ESCUTAS - PORTUGAL
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Introduction

In a world where mobility and the experiences it allows become more important in a progressive and exponential way, at professional and personal levels alike, academic exchanges are no longer novelty; they have even become common and natural tools.

In line with the straightforward logistics that characterize communitarian exchange programs for students, such as the Erasmus Program, CNE's International Service proposes a scouting exchange platform parallel to student mobility programs. The aim of this platform is to promote students' integration in local Groups in the city they are travelling to, as well as to facilitate the integration of incoming students into Portuguese Scout groups.

Main goals:

- To promote Scouting exchange as a complement to the academic experience that underlies student mobility programs;
- To encourage an exchange of experiences between NSOs from different countries, as well as the self-enrichment of who takes part in it;
- To increase CNE Scouts' awareness on the variety of Scout realities in other countries, by witnessing and transmitting experiences;
- To facilitate the integration of scouts who travel to other countries, by living similar values and principles, that are familiar within and define the Scout Movement worldwide.

Target

The Esc|out platform is for:

- CNE scouts who are developing academic work abroad, under an exchange program, scholarship or other identical situations, and are interested in integrating a Scout Group in the city where they will stay during that period;
- Scouts from other countries that are developing academic work in Portugal, under an exchange program, scholarship or other identical situations, and are interested in integrating a Scout Group in the city where they will stay during that period.



Program Details

1. Considering that:
 - a. A scout's integration in a Scout Group in another country must be a natural process and well articulated with the scout's study plan;
 - b. The degree of engagement in an exchange is variable, depending on each case, and according to the scout's availability and interest;
 - c. A formal and demanding program could turn the process too complex, while simplicity and facilitation are more desirable.
2. The International Commission is willing to offer the necessary support for the development of the exchange, namely:
 - a. For CNE scouts that intend to integrate a Scout Group during their stay abroad:
 - i. Previous contact with the country of destination's NSO;
 - ii. Survey the local groups that could welcome the exchange, in collaboration with the NSO;
 - iii. Give proof of the CNE membership with a document similar to the International Letter of Introduction;
 - iv. Permanent contact during the exchange period, whenever it is necessary and useful for a better development of the exchange.
 - b. For Scouts from other countries that intend to integrate a CNE Scout Group during their stay:
 - i. Reception of the first contact and information from the foreign scout;
 - ii. Survey of the local groups or university rover groups that are willing to welcome the exchange, in collaboration with District and Regional Offices;
 - iii. Permanent contact during the exchange period, whenever it is necessary and useful for a better development of the exchange.
3. [Preparation]

Before departure (until 30 days beforehand), the International Committee (internacional@cne-escutismo.pt) must be informed of the Scout's intention of taking part in the scout exchange. In addition, the necessary documentation must be sent, so that the NSO in the country of destination (or local groups/university Rover groups in Portugal) may be contacted:

 - a. Personal data;
 - b. Exact destination for the study period;
 - c. Departure and arrival dates;
 - d. Brief presentation of the expectations and availability for the scout exchange. This step is optional, but strongly recommended in order to manage the expectations and the activities during the exchange in the best possible manner.



4. The documents must be validated by the Local Group Leader, for CNE Scouts, and by the International Commissioner of their country, for foreign scouts.
5. Due to the continuous nature of the Esc|Out platform, we consider that the exchange must be prepared for periods longer than 60 days. Contacts with less duration will be encouraged and supported, but are not the aim of this tool.
6. [Scout Insurance]
A scouting exchange within the Esc|Out platform is not considered a CNE activity. Therefore, the CNE insurance for activities abroad will not be activated. The scout must be insured by an individual insurance policy or insurance from the country of destination's NSO. This possibility will be analyzed individually, for each case.
7. Scouts from other countries in an exchange program in Portugal may have the possibility of being covered by CNE's insurance, upon a registration fee. This subject will need to be assessed individually.
8. The integration of the scout in the welcoming group will abide by CNE's age groups. However, each case will be analyzed individually, especially if there is a considerable difference in the age groups of both NSO's involved.
9. [Contacts]
For any question or contact of other nature, please contact the CNE International Service at internacional@cne-escutismo.pt

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