



## Invitation and Call for Participants

### Overture Diversity Network Meeting | Antwerp, Belgium | 24-26 June 2022

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Dear Overture Diversity Network Members and fellow European Guides and Scouts,

As Overture Diversity Network Steering Group, we have the pleasure to invite you to the next Overture Diversity Network Meeting in Antwerp, Belgium. This meeting will be hosted by Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen.

The Network Steering Group and local Host Team have planned a great weekend during which we will be addressing aspects of inclusion of Scouts and Guides with special needs, reaching out projects to underprivileged neighbourhoods, mental health and wellbeing, LGBT+, and many other exciting topics.

The meeting will be an opportunity to meet open- and like-minded Guides and Scouts working in this area across the European Regions. We very much hope to see all of you, new and old, networking to make our European Regions of WOSM and WAGGGS more open and inclusive. Please find all necessary information about the upcoming event below.

#### Target Audience

Members of the Overture Diversity Network as well as other Leaders involved in Diversity and Inclusion on national or local level in Member Organisations of WOSM or WAGGGS in Europe.

#### Meeting date and time

The meeting is planned to start at 12h00 CEST on Friday, 24 June 2022, and it will end at 12h00 CEST on Sunday, 26 June 2022.

#### Venue and accommodation

The meeting will take place at **Het Scoutshuis** (Wilrijkstraat 45, 2140 Antwerp, Belgium), the headquarters of Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen (<https://www.hopper.be/en/jeugdverblijf/het-scoutshuis/>). The building is fully accessible for wheelchairs.

#### Health and Safety

In times of the COVID-19 pandemic, entry into Belgium and access to the meeting venue in Antwerp is subject to health and safety measures put in place by Belgium and the Flanders Region. Participants should make themselves familiar and comply with these measures as well as those in place in the country from which they will travel to Belgium and to which they return to after the event.

Please consult relevant travel advice published by the government of your country before registering and booking your trip. For **Belgium** you may check general information published on an official website by the European Union (<https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/BEL/7011>) as well as the website of the Federal government (<https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/>).

#### Registration

Please register for the annual Overture Diversity Network Meeting 2022 by completing the [Registration Form](#) by 30 May 2022 at the latest.

Once your participation is confirmed (and approved by the International Commissioner of your association) you will receive more information about the event. Please do not book your travel before you will have received a message confirming your participation.

## Participation Fee and Payment

The cost of the event is **EUR 65**.

Please make sure to pay the participation fee **by bank transfer before 1 June 2022**.

Fee: EUR 65  
To: Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen  
IBAN: BE75 4096 5186 0151  
SWIFT/BIC: KREDBEBB  
Reference: Overture 2022 [First-Name Family-Name]

If you arrive or leave Belgium sooner/later than the meeting dates, we can give you some recommendations about reasonably priced hostels in Antwerp.

## Getting there by train

Antwerp is serviced by the Belgian Federal Railways (SNCB) and well connected internationally (<https://www.belgiantrain.be/en>). Get off at Antwerpen-Berchem. From there, it's a 15-minute walk to **Het Scoutshuis** which you will find at Wilrijkstraat 45, 2140 Antwerp.

## Getting there by plane

From Brussels International Airport BRU (<https://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passengers>), reaching Antwerp takes 30 minutes by train.

Please do not mix up Brussels International Airport (BRU) with Brussels South Charleroi Airport (CRL). From that airport you would need to count at least another 2 hours to reach Antwerp. It is therefore highly recommended booking your flight to and from Brussels International Airport (BRU).

From the railway station at Brussels International Airport (BRU) you can take the InterCity to Antwerp. Get off at Antwerpen-Berchem. From there, it's a 15-minute walk to **Het Scoutshuis** which you will find at Wilrijkstraat 45, 2140 Antwerp.

## What to bring

Apart from the usual personal items please note that you will need:

- A sleeping bag and mattress cover
- Indoor shoes

## Be prepared for the Programme

An important part of the Meeting's programme is based on contributions by the participants. So, be ready for a 5-minute introduction of your association: Who are you, what have you achieved in Diversity and Inclusion at this moment and what you and your association are working on. You can even prepare a bigger presentation: feel free to let us know if you do and how much time you would need. We will include it in the draft programme. You can use whatever presentation-technique you want. There will be a projector. If you have more information like flyers, booklets etc, you will be able to show them during the weekend.

We also encourage you to bring some local snacks or drinks to share with everybody during the International Evening on Saturday evening (a small kitchen with cooking materials and fridge is available).

## Further information and contact

In case of questions or for further information, please contact any member of the **Overture Diversity Network Steering Group**:

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For the **Host Team** of Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen, please contact Freddo ([frederik.de.loose@hotmail.com](mailto:frederik.de.loose@hotmail.com); +32 484 610 689)

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

*The Overture Diversity Network Steering Group and the Host Team*  
24 February 2022

Images of Het Scoutshuis in Antwerp, Belgium

See also: <https://www.hopper.be/en/jeugdverblijf/het-scoutshuis/>

