

Financial Governance Task Force

Call and Terms of Reference for task force members

Background

At the 15th European Guide Conference 2016 in Melsomvik, Norway, the Conference adopted a motion on the Establishment of a Working group to assess Financial Governance in the Europe Region (Motion number: M_EGC_08) with the aim of looking at options for improving transparency, efficiency and accountability in financial questions in the Europe Region. During the last and previous conferences, MOs have shown a consistent interest in improving transparency and accountability of the regional governance structure, and the creation of a financial governance task force aims to explore alternative options for achieving that.

The time frame for the deliverables is tight, and therefore the work will concentrate on the aims mentioned below and not go into other finance or governance related topics such as the level of reserves, European Contribution or similar topics.

The specific objective of the Financial Governance Task Force is to:

Prepare a report ready for the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Europe Region during the WAGGGS World Conference in 2017 that:

- Explores possible options to improve governance, efficiency, transparency and accountability in financial questions of the Europe Region of WAGGGS
- Explores alternatives such as establishing a new entity, improving existing governance, and consider other options.

Consequently, the Financial Governance Task Force is seen as a supporting body of the Europe Region aiming to assist the European Committee and the Extraordinary General Assembly to clarify what the different options are for improving transparency, efficiency and accountability in financial questions and **not** as a separate decision-making body.

This is an exciting opportunity to gain a better understanding of WAGGGS' governance and explore different options for increased transparency and efficiency in financial questions in the Europe Region of WAGGGS.

Profile of the Financial Governance Task Force members

The team will consist of five members: three members recruited by the Europe Region WAGGGS through this call will work together with two appointed members: Rob Valkenburg, the financial advisor to the Europe Committee, and a member of the WAGGGS Finance Committee in order to bring in in-depth knowledge of the existing European and World level structure and practices.

The work of the task force will be co-ordinated a Chair, who is chosen by the task force itself among the three people recruited in this call.

Members of the Task Force must meet the following requirements:

- Have previous concrete experience in finance, governance, legal work or improving transparency
 - Have a good level of understanding of WAGGGS' governance structure and policies
 - Be able to communicate effectively in English
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- Be able to work long-distance and participate in online meetings (Skype, e-mail)
 - Be able to respect deadlines (time commitment)
 - Be a member of a WAGGGS Member Organization

Expected Commitment

The Task Force is expected to work mainly through long-distance communications tools (skype, e-mail) for a period of one year, but there is also funding for one in-person meeting. The Task Force will work according to a working schedule agreed upon within the team and is expected to deliver a report ready for the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Europe Region during the WAGGGS World Conference in 2017. Before that, the Task Force is expected to deliver a preliminary progress report to the Europe Committee meeting in spring 2017. The report should be a document providing different alternatives for improving transparency, efficiency and accountability in financial and governance questions in the Europe Region of WAGGGS.

The Task Force is expected to keep in regular contact with the Europe Committee.

What we offer

- ✓ The opportunity to take part in the improvement of transparency, accountability and governance of the Europe Region of WAGGGS
- ✓ A learning experience and self-development in a motivated and dynamic environment
- ✓ Collaboration with other volunteers from across Europe in a multicultural environment
- ✓ A unique opportunity to learn more about WAGGGS and governance
- ✓ A reference outlining contribution made, achievements and any skills developed through WAGGGS if needed

How to apply

The candidates should apply by **sending a short statement of interest and an outline of relevant experience** for this post to VolunteerEngagement@waggs.org by **14 October 2016**.

The accepted candidate will need to have the support of the Member Organization, so all applications should be signed by the International Commissioner or equivalent.

If you have any doubts, questions or need encouragement, please do not hesitate to contact Frances Hillman de López, via the email address provided above.

We hope you are interested and motivated to participate in this task force on the basis of the criteria and engagement described above!