# Evaluation of Regional Conference Finances in response to Motion EGC_04 - Evaluation of the European Guide Conference

WAGGGS takes financial transparency and accountability seriously and has considered carefully how best to respond to this aspect of the motion.

The Regional Conferences in 2022 and 2025 were delivered through a tripartite partnership between WAGGGS, WOSM and a Host Member Organisation. Under the Memorandum of Understanding for each conference, the Host Member Organisation assumed financial responsibility for conference delivery, including budget development, income from participation fees, and the management of the majority of conference costs. While high-level budgets were shared between partners for governance purposes, WAGGGS does not hold the detailed income or expenditure data required to produce a consolidated financial breakdown.

WOSM also incurred and managed its own conference-related costs independently. WAGGGS is therefore only able to provide a complete and auditable account of expenditure that it incurred directly.

WAGGGS's expenditure on the 2022 and 2025 Regional Conferences related to its organisational role, including staff and volunteer participation, travel, marketing/branding, some other programme delivery costs, and, in 2025, the provision of an online platform to enable remote governance sessions. WAGGGS did not receive or administer conference income in either year.

WAGGGS seeks to deliver conferences as close as possible to a cost-neutral basis by working with Host Member Organisations and WOSM to set registration fees at a level that covers most delivery costs. WAGGGS commits some additional funding, as detailed below. Where possible, WAGGGS uses its restricted funding such as the European Contribution to provide some solidarity grants or reduce barriers to participation.

Although the motion seeks to compare the costs of a fully in-person conference with one that included online elements, both conferences took place in different locations and economic contexts, including significant inflation. These variables substantially affect costs and mean that format alone cannot be isolated as a determining factor.

Comparative staff time costs have not been included as conference preparation and evaluation formed part of the normal duties of many members of the WAGGGS staff team.

In 2025, WAGGGS chose not to pass on the additional ICT costs of online governance participation to delegates, as these costs were minimal relative to overall conference expenditure. As in previous conferences, location and venue choices remain the most significant drivers of overall cost.

| Conference information | | |
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| **Conference Year** | **17th EGSC 2022** | **18th EGSC 2025** |
| **Location** | Rotterdam, The Netherlands | Vienna, Austria |
| **Accessibility** | In-person | In-person and online |
| **Registration fee (without accommodation)** | EUR 795<br>No charge for online registration. | EUR 975 (early bird)<br>EUR 1,125<br>No charge for online registration. |
| **Expenditure (EUR)** | | |
| **Communication** | EUR 3,098 | EUR 1,822 |
| **Finance Costs** | EUR 149 | EUR 110 |
| **Registration, accommodation and travel costs (for Volunteers, Staff, Regional Committee, World Board)** | EUR 25,125 | EUR 38,793 |
| **Information and Communications Technology** | EUR 41 | EUR 1,602 |
| **Programme Costs** | EUR 922 | EUR 866 |
| **MO Solidarity Grants provided** | EUR 11,441 | EUR 13,370 |
| **2028 planned budget (per Triennial Action Plan)** | EUR 40,000 | |