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### **European Sea Scouting Seminar (Eurosea 7)**



#### **Background**

Eurosea is the Seminar that the European Scout Region and Europe Region WAGGGS have been promoting since 1985 on the subject of Sea Scouting/Guiding.

After this first seminar held in Greece, five others have been organised in different countries: 1988 (The Netherlands), 1992 (Sweden), 1994 (England), 1997 (Norway) and 2000 (Poland).

In Eurosea 6, which has occurred in June 2000, in Poland, participants agreed to accept Portugal's offer to organise the next seminar (Eurosea 7) in 2003.

Eurosea 7 is also the first Sea Scouting Seminar organised solely by the European Scout Region, as a result of Europe Region WAGGGS withdrawal from the organisation structure.

Being organised in Portugal, the seminar has obviously reflected a certain way of seeing and living Sea Scouting, in certain aspects different from the countries from other parts of Europe. Keeping the special spirit that Sea Scouting has, which makes it a wonderful and irreplaceable educational scenario, the way how some Southern countries puts it into practice, has sometimes a different focus, very much oriented to the conceptual part of the youth programme, closely link to the project approach.

Also, in a time where there have been some considerable changes in the European level (Committees and Offices), it's perhaps the time to think about how Sea Scouting will be supported in an effective and lean way, since their members are fully Scouts with their own rights and duties.

#### **Host Association**

Corpo Nacional de Escutas (CNE)

#### **Date**

4-7 September 2003

#### **Place**

S.Jacinto Scout Center – (Aveiro)

#### **International Planning Team**

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### Aims

- Work upon the educational dimension of Sea Scouting – the Youth Programme approach
- To enhance the sea and maritime traditions as source of ideas, activities, projects
- Set a frame for Sea Scouting in Europe

### Objectives

- Identify the core elements of YP in Sea Scouting in general and in NSO in particular; share the national realities and practices
- Work upon the Project method applied to Sea Scouting ; case studies
- Identify new opportunities/activities to be Integrated into Sea Scouting programmes
- Identify the needs of NSO's regarding the support that they expect from the European level
- To build a proposal on "What Sea Scouting do we want in Europe?"



### Participants:

43 participants from 19 countries.

### The programme:

The programme was designed around the major theme of the relationship between sea scouting and the national youth programme framework. Workshops on introduction of general concepts of youth programme, specificity of sea scouting, projects in sea scouting and "opening" sea scouting to areas like environment, community, culture, etc. have stressed this main element of the programme.

The second area of interest for the seminar was sharing experiences and best practices. Two short sessions every day were dedicated to this as well as an afternoon organised as an open space. Best practices from Finland, Ireland, UK, Portugal, Italy, Denmark, Lithuania, Poland, Austria, Spain and the Netherlands have been presented and shared with all participants.

The third element, and probably most relevant for the Region, on which the seminar had focused was the future of sea scouting in Europe. The participants have discussed the existing structures and means of support at regional level for sea scouting (Odysseus group, Euronaut, Sea Scouting network, etc.) and have discussed proposals for the future grouped on two tracks: networks, communication, sharing and projects, events, activities.

Details about the raw outcomes of discussions are shown in annex 1.

In order to take advantage of the presence of a large number of national sea scouting leaders representing over 80% of European countries, a survey on sea scouting has been conducted during the seminar. The results are presented in annex 2.

The decision on how to decide on the venue for the next European Sea Scouting Seminar have created a number of discussions but in the end a proposal in which the countries willing to apply for hosting the next event will do so via the International Commissioner (and following certain guidelines), and the European Scout Committee will decide the venue, based on the documents received, during their first meeting in autumn.

A copy of guidelines is shown in annex 3 and the applications received until the deadline (1 Nov.) are presented in annexes 4,5 and 6.

The presence of numerous participants shows clearly that the event is needed for supporting and further developing sea scouting in Europe and the evaluation shows that Eurosea 7 has been a success from all points of view. A copy of the evaluation of the Sea Scouting Seminar in Portugal is presented in annex 7.

## Annex 1

### 1. NETWORKS, COMMUNICATION, SHARING

#### What?

A network of all interested Leaders who are willing to participate;  
For: dissemination of information (activities, programming, camps, training, news...)

#### Why?

To involve as many Leaders and Associations as possible

#### How?

By internet/email

#### Who?

All interested Leaders who wish. It would be important to ensure that those in positions of National leadership in Sea Scouting, would be involved

The network should develop existing tools: bulletin (Euronaut), mailing list, website

**To manage the network**, here's a proposal for a European structure:

Five persons/countries with 5 tasks

- 1 – information exchange
- 2 – training
- 3 – one stop shop
- 4 – support to national projects :experts panel
- 5 – resource centre

#### What to expect from European level

- Training exchange and training courses (2)
- Resource centre (with processing) (5)
- Exchange information
- One stop shop/person to answer the phone (3)
- Help and support in special national projects (program, development, others) (4)
- Think tank (1-5)
- Experts panel (4)
- Reaching out (to groups and sea scouts in general) (3)

#### Responsibility:

ESO - Radu S.

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#### What?

Sea scout chatroom (age group 11+)

#### Why?

Reach the scouts where they are, where they spend their time and know how to do. The scouts will be able to chat with sea scouts from other countries. They'll get international understanding and the wish for international exchange might/will come from them.

This might also get the scouts to join some of the aspects in Land of Adventure (Euro-hopping)

We might also add a guestbook in which the scouts can plan where to be online

#### How?

Leaders inform the scouts about the chatroom, the chat may be on a private basis at home, in school or in the library or...

#### Who?

A webmaster (who will be responsible)

#### With what?

Help from somebody who is able to make the chat-room (ESO - Radu S.); computers, etc

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**What?**

Twinning/Exchange network

**Why?**

To make international travel and communication between groups and individuals easier

**How?**

Website – promoted through literature and associations

**Who?**

Moderated by individuals from each association. Paid or volunteers?  
Site would need to be kept up-to-date in order to work

**Responsibility**

ESO: Radu S.

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**What?**

Group of 3-5 countries/associations to co-operate in developing Sea Scouting

**Why?**

To be more focused on mutual aim, to exchange ideas, to develop international aspects of Scouting

**How?**

Virtual meetings, within regional web pages, with managed discussions groups. Promote Sea Scouting twinning like run up to 2005 EUROJAM. Promote volunteer exchange

**Who?**

Agreement of International Commissioners for associations support but local grass roots involvement

**With what?**

Explore EU funding  
ESO: to support individual associations

**Responsibility**

ESO - Radu S.  
National associations Sea Scout teams

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**2. PROJECTS**

**What?**

Sail-in, focus on safety education

**Why?**

Foster a better common understanding of safety

**Partners**

Coast Guard, Yachting associations, boating safety orgs

**How?**

Each group teaches a safety topic

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**What?**

Information share to support individual programmes

**Why?**

To help provide better Sea Scouting for more young people

**How?**

Website library of programme ideas

**Who?**

Any sea scout leader who has had a successful idea implemented

**With what?**

Support from ESO

**Responsibility**

ESO - Radu S.

National associations Sea Scout teams

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**What?**

Waterways of Europe – a snapshot in time

**Why?**

6 months project. Sea Scouts to travel in a European waterway and write a short report with text and photos on one of the following topics:

- waterway culture
- fishing industry
- water ecology

The projects will be collated to a document on life and culture on and around European Waterways

**How?**

Centrally advertised and promoted; groups organize their own trips

**Who?**

Would require a co-ordinating team

**With what?**

Finances would be required for advertising the project and displaying the reports. EU funding could be sought.

**Responsibility**

ESO: Radu S.

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**3. OTHER "LOOSE ENDS"**

- Euronaut: editor and national contributors; twice a year
- Sea Scouting co-ordinator/contact group to work between seminars
- Seminars to be held every 3 years
- Project: European Scout training ship
- Project: Sailing Armada 2007 (towards Brownsea?)

## Annex no. 2

	Austria	Belgium (FOS)	Croatia	Denmark (DDS)	France (EEUdF)	Lithuania	Poland	Spain (ASDE)	UK
Leader at:	Nat. level	Nat. level	Nat. level	Nat. level	Nat. level	Nat. level	Nat. level	Reg. Level	Nat. level
Number of ss:	220 (3 groups)	1500 (10 groups)	11 groups	2500 (76 groups)	30 groups	250	216 groups (54 multi-age groups, 22 other units + below)	60 (1 group)	450 groups
Cubs	80					80	14 packs	10	-
Scouts	80					130	72 groups	20	9000
Seniors	60					40	54 groups	30	-
Is there a ss prog. well defined in your NSO?	Not yet	Yes	Yes, it has just been reviewed and promoted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (just some additional badges)
If yes, what's based upon?	Youth programme framework of PPö + sea scouting activities based on local tradition	Badge system, handbooks, rowing, sailing and boating courses	Optional programme based on the skill badge system and specific method and tools for ss	No system build on skills. They are activity badges (managed by local groups). There are handbooks and a programme based on the Scout method.	Handbooks, certificates recognised by the state	Badge system	General ZHP badge system, specialised trainings (sailing, swimming, rescue, etc.)	RAP, NSOs methodology, handbooks, Sailing Club handbook	Badge system
What is the structure of ss in your NSO and what's it's relationship with the leadership of the Ass.?	Full integration in the national structures. Currently setting up a SS co-ordination structure at nat. level	25% of the FOS membership are ss representation in the national board	Nat. prog. Team has a "blue section" that works for ss	SS is a committee (SØA) organised under the Nat. Prog. C'ttee(NPC). Two people from SØA are members of NPC. SØA is elected by ss leaders once every two years.	New structure in Scoutisme Francaise (the place of ss is yet to be defined)	Part of Lithuanian Scouting but different programme, specialized activities and a separate conference.	SS co-ordinators at all levels of ZHP	On eteam for ss development (member of the national programme team)	SS are integrated in leadership at all levels of TSA + an advisor for the National Programme Team

What are the main activities and projects you are implementing in your NSO?	SS participate in all trainings, seminars, events, camps with scouts from PPö + activities at local level	Nautical courses	Expeditions, navigation, environment, learning nautical and seamanship skills.	SØA is in charge for all ss activities in DDS. SØA is also in charge of: administrating the "boat bank", contact with local groups, support local groups, security (the national sea security consultant is a member of SØA), developing ss programme, org. leaders meetings, leaders training, administrating the national training boat "RAN", PR, etc.	Camps Cruises along shores	Sailing, rowing, rafting, canoeing, seminars on ss.	Off-shore training action, activities on small aquinas and rivers, swimming competitions, scout regatta, maritime song festivals.	Boating, hikes, sailing, diving, rafting, environment (partnership with environmental NGOs), maritime traditions and culture.	Offshore projects, Docklands Scout Project, links to ship training organisations, annual camp for Royal Navy Scouts on HMS "Bristol", Royal Navy recognition scheme launched to 100 groups.
Evaluate the support received from the national level									
Activities	VG	N	G	G	S	G	N	N	S
Training	VG	G	N	G	G	VG	N	N	G
Group management	VG	G	G	G	S	G	N	N	G
Materials	VG	N	G	G	S	S	S	N	G
Comm.	VG	S	G	G	N	G	N	G	S
Publications	VG	S	S	S	N	N	N	G	G
Image	VG	G	G	G	N	G	VG	G	G
Other			Equipment - N						
Evaluate the resources available for ss in your NSO									
	G	G	S	VG	N	S	G	N	G
How is the training scheme for ss organised in your NSO?	General training scheme	General training scheme	Both general and specialised training schemes	Both general and specialised training schemes	Both general and specialised training schemes	Specialised scheme	General training scheme	General training scheme	General training scheme

What are the main challenges for ss in your NSO?	Define national standards Communication between the 3 groups	Equipment, trained leaders.	New water activities, ss programme for the Jamb. 2005, international co-operation, training, ss events at national level	Sea related winter activities Leader training materials Attract leaders in training courses	Create a culture, a synergy, a dynamic among all scouts. Create an international ss base.	Expand to all big cities in Lithuania	Find a "common ground" at national level	Consolidate the existing group Establish a nautical base Grow in Catalunya and other regions	Enough leaders, equipment, access to water facilities
Which are the main priorities for ss in your NSO?	Implement the 9 <sup>th</sup> programme sector (specific to ss) - "life in, on and around the water"	Courses	Implementing the new programme, publish ss handbook, insuring support for ss groups	SS network relationship with the rest of the NSO Ensuring that SS is seen as a special aspect of scouting	Leaders training Create a national ss base in Marseille Check the status of materials	Quality	Standards for new ages, new rules in equipment management, explore / promote Polish water ways, support ss in small towns /villages	Use ss as a way of growing "Make a difference" with other NSOs	Talking point II Increase number of "dock" activities
In which areas do you expect your national level to support ss?	Getting national acceptance for ss	Insurance, funding, leadership courses, handbooks.	Training, organising national ss activities, partnerships with institutions	Membership administration Financial support (ex.: through the "boat bank") Maintaining ss network Connection to WAGGGS and WOSM	Training Comm.	Finance, ss bases	Leaders training, comm. & information.	Resources.	Assistance in organise more ss event, in skills training, in building activities centres
How would you define the specificity of ss regarding the elements of the Scout method									
Values	Not specific	Not specific	Not specific	Not specific	Specific	Not specific	Specific (+maritime ethics, yachting etiquette, sailor's superstitions)	Not specific	Not specific
Patrol syst.	Not specific	Depending on the boat	Not specific	Stronger	Specific	Not specific	Not specific	Not specific	Not specific
Life in nature	Not specific	Specific	Specific	Specific - water	Specific	Not specific	Specific - water	Not specific	Not specific

Progr. scheme	Specific for "free badges" - scouts can design their own badge-activities	Specific for ss	Special skill badges for ss	Specific for ss	Specific	Specific	Not specific	Not specific (maybe different symols)	Not specific (some additional badges)
Adult-youth relationship	Not specific	More responsibility for adults	Not specific	More responsibility for adults and young people	Specific	Not specific	More responsibility and training for adults	More responsibility for adults and young people	Not specific
Learning by doing	Not specific	Not specific	Not specific	Stronger	Specific	Specific	Not specific	Not specific	Not specific
If you would imagine a big international project for ss, what will it be?	Waterways camp - travelling through Europe Sharing facilities for summer camps & training (offer and requirement list)	Guidelines to practical implementation of European regulations in ss	Maritime camp with different activities presenting the diversity of life in countries and regions	Leader training with leaders from the Baltic states Larger int. participation in our national ss Jamborees	A European boat for ss which will represent the top attraction for young people and with an organisation close to a Eurostep Centre (international staff, etc.)	International leaders training course	Water Ways of Europe (detailed in the proposal made during the seminar)	Big world wide SS camp	Build a Euroship to act as a floating Jamboree around Europe (bring Europe to young people)
What was the best ss project you've ever participated in?		Nawaka (Netherlands)	"Mobile water camp" - Croatia	The National SS Jamboree SØ '97 Formulating the new rules for "water-based activities" for DDS	"Kill mosquitos"	Karlskrona Navy Base Kadet Training Course for Sea Scout Leaders	Mroga Trophy (Poland)	International exchanges (Italy 1993, Portugal 2001, Belgium 2003)	

<p>What are the areas of interest for ss in your NSO?</p>	<p>Rivers, lakes National parks, culture</p>	<p>Sea, rivers, environment</p>	<p>"Blue scouting" is seen as scouting with the same programme areas mainly done on or by water. It combines activities around water with wider topics (culture, environment, etc.)</p>	<p>Sea and shores, sailing, canoes, kayaks</p>	<p>Rivers, sea, shores, environment, culture, society, local communities, etc.</p>	<p>Rivers, lakes, sea, culture</p>	<p>Maritime culture and traditions, songs, sea society, small rivers, sea, shores</p>	<p>Sea, rivers, coast, environment, traditions, culture, local communities, nautical activities, international ss, social involvement, etc.</p>	<p>Sea, waterways, environment, nautical theory and traditions</p>
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Note: ss = sea scout(ing)  
 VG = very good  
 G = good  
 S = satisfactory  
 N = very little or none



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## **ANNEX 3: GUIDELINES FOR HOSTING THE EUROPEAN SEA SCOUTING SEMINAR**

### **BACKGROUND**

Since 1985, sea scout leaders from all over Europe have gathered every three years to take part in the European Sea Scouting Seminar. The 7th such seminar took place in Portugal, at Centro Nacional de Educação Ambiental de S. Jacinto, in September 2003 and brought together 60 participants, planning team and guests.

The seminar is one of the most popular events that takes place in Europe, and has a very special atmosphere due to the participants all having the same background through working in, or being involved with, Sea Scouting.

This paper is intended as an information for any Scout Association that may be interested in hosting future such events. It is not definitive but is intended as a guideline for an Association to see what are the basic requirements for hosting this event.

### **DATES**

A proposal as to who will host the next European Sea Scouting Seminar will be based on application forms presented by National Scout Associations and the interest expressed by the participants at the seminar in Portugal and will be approved at the meeting of the European Scout Committee in November 2003.

It is planned that the next European Sea Scouting Seminar will take place in 2006.

### **COSTS**

It is always the aim to keep the cost of the seminar as low as possible to ensure as many leaders as possible to attend. On top of the basic fee for meals and accommodation, there are also costs for the work and travel of the planning team, interpretation (if needed) and administration over the 3 year cycle of each seminar. All of these costs have to be considered when setting the overall seminar fee.

For information, the fee for the Sea Scouting Seminar in Portugal was EURO 250 (for category A countries)

### **REQUIREMENTS FROM THE HOST CENTRE**

The European Sea Scouting Seminar is one of the biggest events that takes place within Europe and thus requires suitable facilities. These include:

### **Location**

- an active Scout Centre, or other kind of Center open to all members of WOSM in a location that will encourage a good atmosphere for the event and provide opportunities to see some of the local country and culture;
- relatively easy access from all parts of Europe, including with regard to entry regulations and visas for certain countries;

### **Infrastructure**

- accommodation of a good standard for 60 people;
- facilities that can seat around 60 people with full technical facilities and space for simultaneous interpretation (if needed)
- a catering operation able to accommodate 60 people in one sitting and the ability to prepare good meals and tea/coffee breaks throughout the day;
- at least 6 sets of facilities able to accommodate 10 to 15 people for group work
- a good social area for the late evening events (bar etc.);
- an office for use by the planning team for the whole event equipped with computer, printer and phone line;
- technical facilities such as photocopier(s), computers with internet connections, slide and overhead projectors, flip charts, TV's and videos, stationery;
- the ability to receive messages / faxes etc. and for participants to telephone / fax out of the centre;
- a shop selling, at least, postcards, stamps, phone cards for participants;
- the Center must provide easy access to a place (river, lake...) where water activities can be held (boating, sailing...)

### **Service**

- host a meeting of the planning team one year before, at little, if any, cost;
- the ability to assist participants upon arrival and to help arrange extra time in the country for holidays etc. if needed;

### **WHAT TO DO NEXT?**

If you feel that there's a Centre in your country that meets the requirements and you would like to host the event, you must first contact your national headquarters and get their support. You then need to prepare as full an application as possible that details exactly what you have available and can offer at your Centre. This application should be based on experience and knowledge of prior seminars and should include:

- full details of the Centre, the facilities and the possibilities;
- proposals for 'out of Centre' activities such as excursions and post seminar tours;
- a price per person based on arrival on Wednesday and departure on Saturday; full board catering, including coffee breaks, a themed evening and other organizational expenses.
- last, but not least, a brief motivation of why such an event should be organised in your country.

Once your application has been received, we will keep you up to date with the situation and will contact you for more detailed information as needed. Once a decision has been made, you will be informed.

### **OFFERS TO HOST**

Any National Scout Association wishing to host this event must send its offer in writing, together with full information about the Centre, **via the International Commissioner**.

Offers must be sent to arrive at the European Scout Office (address as given below) no later than **31 October 2003**

Once the country/national association has been selected and confirmed, all the others that applied will be informed in writing of the decision.

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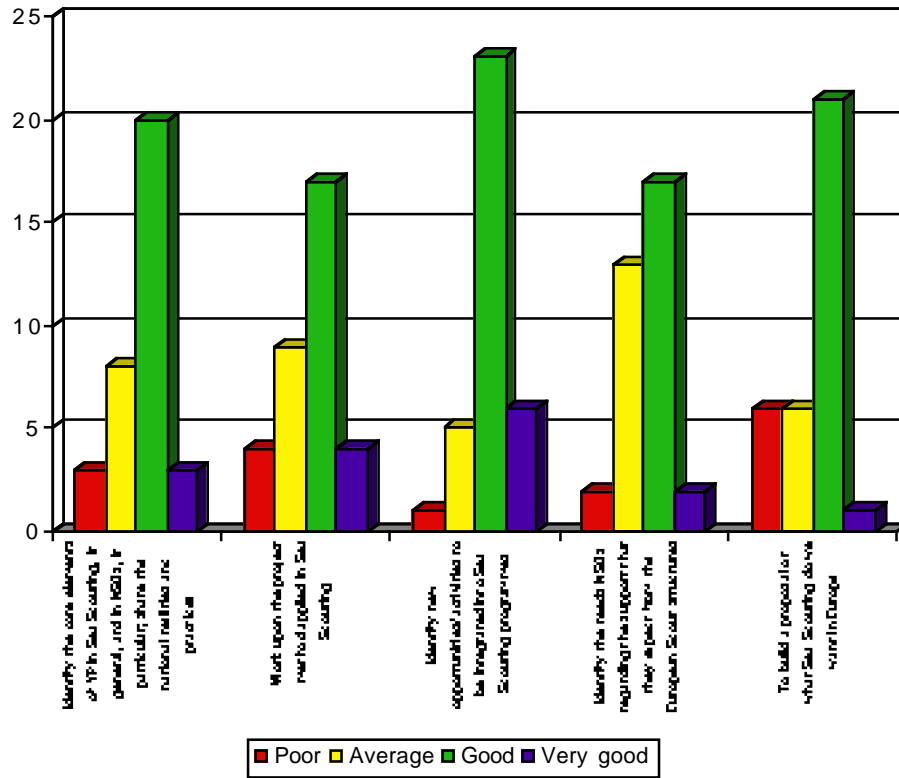
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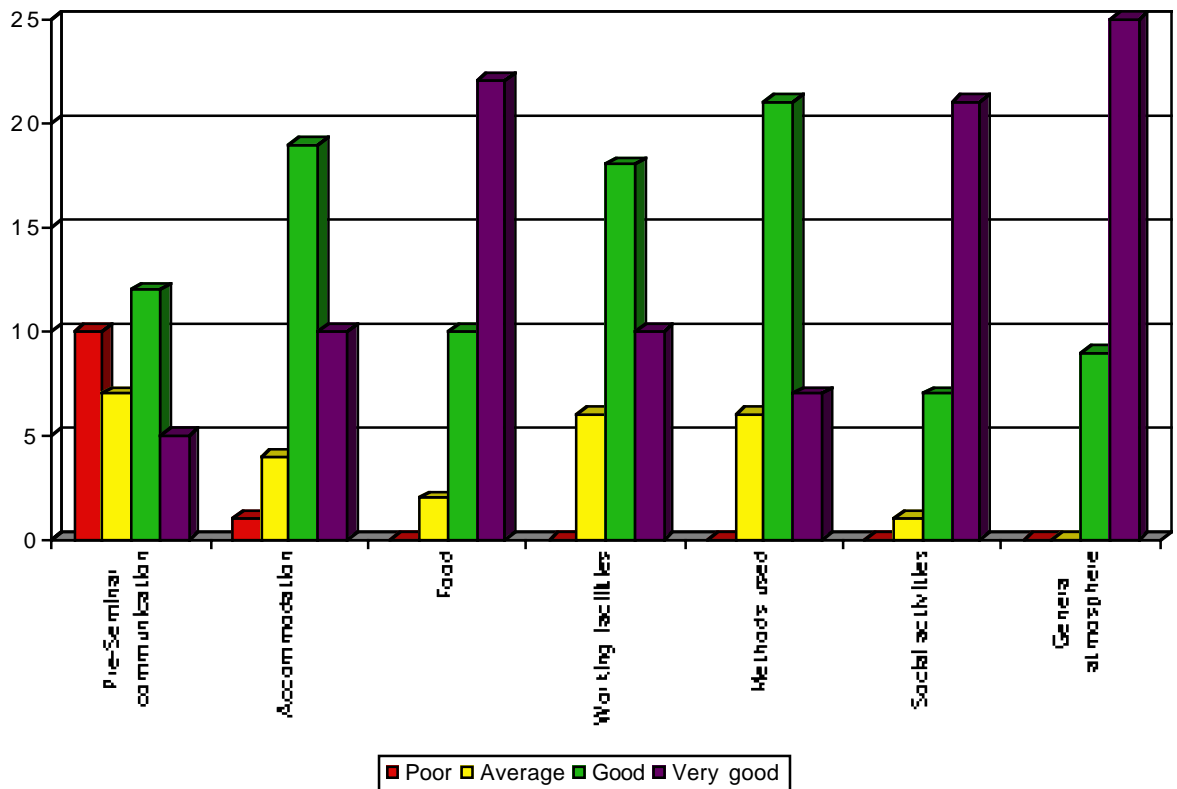
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## Evaluation

### 1. HOW DID THE SEMINAR MET THE INITIAL OBJECTIVES?



### 2. ORGANISATION



3. RELEVANCE:

very useful

useful

least useful

