

**Republic of Croatia**

**President**

Zagreb, 03 May 2016

The Scout Association of Croatia

*Dear members of the Association,*

*Dear Scouts,*

*With great pleasure I have received the news about the candidacy of the Scout Association of Croatia for organising the 2019. European Scout Conference in Croatia.*

*The Scout Association of Croatia is a national scout organisation and the biggest organisation for children and young people in Croatia, it is also a heir of a 100 year tradition of scout movement in Croatia.*

*The role of scouts in society is manifested in their many years of experience in working with children and young people, which had a positive effect on their personal growth, relationship towards friends and family, nature and country and also to appreciate differences.*

*The Scout Association of Croatia is giving a successful example of cooperation with organisations from neighbouring countries led by the young people as role models of positive influence on their scout organisations as well as a society as a whole.*

*The contribution of volunteers and the values that they promote is important for modern society, therefore I am giving them support on their idea of involving volunteers from Scout organisations from neighbouring countries and with this letter I want to express my support towards the Scout Association of Croatia in the mentioned candidacy.*

*Croatia will welcome the Scouts with open arms and a open heart with a desire for them to feel like at home and that in the future they will return to Croatia.*

*I believe that it will be an incentive to Scouts that with thier activities and overall work to keep making the world a better place at the moment when the world needs it most.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović*