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Growing is a challenging task!

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TOPICS

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Development & Growth

It must be a steady attitude in each Association level, because scouting can make a better world in our time of weak thinking and ethical relativism.

The aims are:

- Maintain the existing
- Open new groups
- Acquire more boys and girls
- Widen the number of Leaders (parents, ex-leaders, ...)



AGESCI Development Organization

Strongly believing in this educational mission, during the last General Assembly (2009) AGESCI decided to appoint a National Commissioner for Development.

Some Regions and a few Districts inside the Regions have appointed their own Commissioner.



A small board (4 people – representing North, Centre and South + National Commissioner) has been set up.

Objectives

Each level (Nation, Region, District, Group) has its own specific role:

Nation:

- Leader Training, as the core of growth

Region:

- Defining strategies and best practices (e.g. Growth Seminar in Lombardia)

District:

- Developing a new attitude of joint responsibility, in order to grow together in the same and homogeneous territory

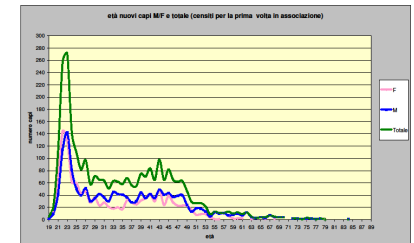
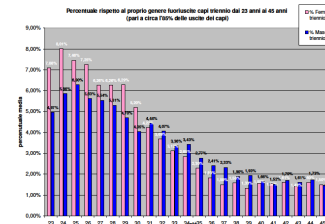
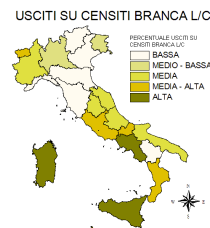
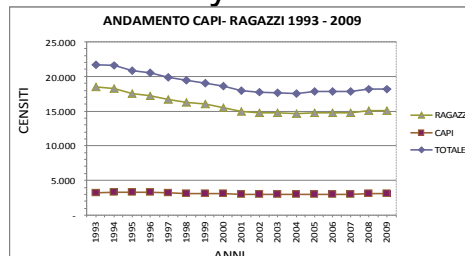
Group:

- Leaders must promote a “culture of co-sharing”



What are we doing?

- Collecting the good practices in order to gain first advices, ideas, indications. Some examples:
 - Asking two problematic Groups to collaborate maintaining their own individuality looks better than merging them
 - When opening a new Group, it seems ideal starting with a Cub/Ladybird Pack and a Rover/Ranger Section
 - The ideal situation seems to have 2 Cub/Ladybird Packs in one Group
- Learning from numbers (from affiliates census):
 - New groups: where? How?
 - Dismissed groups: where? How?
 - Young affiliates number versus Leaders by location, by level of Leader Training,
 - Cross analysis with external situation



What to do?



- Study numbers (with expert consultants)
- Keep on investing on Leaders Training
- Help all levels to activate a Growth Organization
- Collect and distribute experiences (national and local internet sites)
- Share experiences with external associations
- Promote scouting also in new and un-explored situations (immigrants, not catholic reality,.....)
- Better understand the territory needs in order to address them with the proper solutions, assuming the consequences



What do we need?

- Strong attention during data collection (affiliates census)
- Finding the right rules and organization to support Growth
- “Marketing” actions toward the chosen targets
- Financial aids to support further analysis



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Thank you!

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