

FACTS SHEET

What is the World Scout Moot (Moot)?

The **Moot** is an international event promoted by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) for young adults aged 18 to 25. Held every four years, it promotes cultural exchange, leadership, and adventure.

When and where does it take place?

July 25 to August 3, 2025, in Portugal

- **Opening Ceremony:** July 25, 9:00 AM, Parque Tejo, Lisbon
- **Paths:** 5 days where participants will be spread across different regions of Portugal
- **Main Camp:** 4 days at Mata do Buçaquinho, Ovar
- **Closing Ceremony:** August 3, Palácio de Cristal Gardens, Porto

Organization

Organized by the **Scout Federation of Portugal (FEP)**, in partnership with WOSM, and supported by governmental and local entities.

The Moot in numbers

Around 7,500 participants, including:

- 5,242 young adults aged 18–25
- 327 adult leaders from various countries
- 1,370 International Service Team members
- 438 members of the Planning and Management Team
- 30 WOSM representatives

Participants from **118 nationalities**.

118 themed Paths across 21 regions of mainland Portugal, the Azores, and Madeira (Nature, Culture, Spirituality, Society/Politics), with participants grouped in **international teams**.

212 planned activities, including:

- 80 games and workshops at the Main Camp
- 40 activities in Espinho
- 40 activities in Ovar
- 28 activities at Esmoriz Beach
- 12 activities in Torreira (Ria de Aveiro)
- 12 activities in Porto

22,500 meals served daily at the Main Camp, including: 1,659 halal, 90 kosher, 828 lactose-free, 129 nut-free, 252 vegan, and 1,992 vegetarian meals.

Theme

The official theme is **“ENGAGE!”** – “Engage yourself!”, “Engage others!”, and “Engage with the world!”

Sustainability at the Moot

The Moot is considered an **Ecoevent**.

10 water refill stations.

1 eco-centre with compactors for plastic, paper, and cardboard, and facilities for sorting and storing general waste, food waste, used cooking oil, batteries, e-waste, and wood

Over 70 waste containers distributed across the Main Camp.

A **food recovery plan** for unopened trays to be donated to local solidarity institutions

Moot through the years

Created in **1931**, the first Moot was held in **Kandersteg, Switzerland**, with the presence of Baden-Powell and participants from 22 countries.

Three Portuguese Scouts attended the first edition: two from Funchal and one from Porto.

Over **94 years**, there have been **15 Moots** across 5 continents.

The Portuguese Moot will be the **largest edition ever**, surpassing those in Iceland (2017) and Mexico (2000), both with around 5,000 participants.

The next Moot is scheduled for **2029 in Taiwan**.

Citations

«In a time marked by global instability, conflict, climate crisis, and rising divisions, the World Scout Moot stands as a powerful antidote – offering young people a space for hope, unity, and action.» - **David Berg, Secretary General, World Scouting**

«The Moot is also a platform to show the world what Portugal has that is most genuine: our warm hospitality, our rich history, breathtaking landscapes, and the soul of a people who know how to welcome others.» - **Inês Graça, Director of the World Scout Moot 2025**

«It is with pride that the Municipality of Ovar welcomes this great mobilisation of national and international Scout youth, starting on July 30. The municipality of Ovar will be a place of confluence, sharing and growth between cultures and generations.» - **Domingos Silva, Mayor of Ovar**

Public and Media Access

The event is closed to the public and staff only, except for the **Opening Ceremony (Lisbon), Path Gathering (Cortegaça), and Closing Ceremony (Porto)**, which are open to the public and media by invitation.

Media access to the Main Camp is subject to request.

To request accreditation, please fill out the following form:

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