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## The World Arrives in Cortegaça!

**The 16th World Scout Moot's main camp opening ceremony will take place on July 30th.**

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After four days of adventure across 118 paths throughout the country, the nearly 7,500 participants of the 16th World Scout Moot, a global event organized by the Scout Federation of Portugal (FEP) and supported by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), will finally arrive at the Main Camp in Cortegaça, Ovar, on July 30th.

The Opening Ceremony of the Main Camp will take place at 8:00 p.m. on Cortegaça Beach and will be attended by Domingos Silva, Mayor of Ovar, other institutional guests, and representatives of the World Scout Movement.

*«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. We see the choice of Ovar as a sign of trust in our territory, in our institutions, and in our organizational capacity»*, highlights the Mayor of Ovar, Domingos Silva, emphasizing that this is truly a moment of affirmation of Ovar's hospitality and of the international projection of the municipality of Ovar as a "territory of emotions", young, sustainable, safe, and welcoming.

This marks the second stage of this major international gathering, which began on July 25th in Lisbon and will continue until August 3rd, with the Closing Ceremony in Porto. Since the start of the event, the participants – young adults aged 18 to 25 – have travelled across Portugal in small international teams, taking part in thematic itineraries focused on nature, culture, spirituality, and community impact.

The 2025 World Scout Moot is the largest edition ever, with around 7,500 participants, including 5,300 young people and 2,200 volunteers and staff involved in planning, logistics and educational support, an effort that has been underway since 2019. Representing nearly 120 nationalities, the Moot is a true global mosaic of cultures and scouting experiences.

**We invite all media outlets to attend this ceremony. For organisational purposes, we kindly ask you to register in advance using the following link:**

<https://forms.gle/4oRJT6UgDDy41Wy4A>

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## The Scout Federation of Portugal

The Scout Federation of Portugal (FEP) is the entity that officially represents Portuguese Scouting within the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). The FEP is the result of the union

of two national associations: the Association of Scouts of Portugal (AEP), which is secular in nature, and the National Corps of Scouts – Portuguese Catholic Scouting (CNE), which is Catholic in inspiration.

The FEP does not engage in direct scouting activities with young people, functioning mainly as a platform for representation and coordination between the two founding associations.

Based in Lisbon, the Portuguese Scout Federation ensures the active presence of Portuguese scouting on the international scene, promoting the values and principles of the scouting movement among similar organizations and global institutions.

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