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The World Scout Moot is an Ecoevent!

7,500 Scouts, staff and volunteers come together for a sustainable event

Since the official opening of the 16th World Scout Moot on 25 July in Lisbon, thousands of young adult Scouts, aged 18 to 25, from 117 countries have taken part in “paths” designed by their fellow participants to experience Portugal’s unique culture. Split into small groups, participants are discovering how to collaborate with one another and learn to work together.

Today, on 30 July, participants will gather in Cortegaça, a coastal village in the country’s north, for the opening ceremony at the Main Camp, located in Mata do Buçaquinho. Young people will stay at the Main Camp until 3 August, taking part in outdoor activities, adventure sports, educational sessions, and much more.

Sustainability has been at the core of the event, with public transport, waste sorting and recycling, and responsible food-waste handling as key elements of putting on a sustainable event. For these reasons, the Moot has been certified as an Ecoevent by ERSUC – Resíduos Sólidos do Centro, a multi-municipal company that manages solid-waste services in Portugal.

With ten water refill stations and 150 recycling points located across the Main Camp, the Moot’s commitment to being an Ecoevent is clear. In addition, a food recovery plan has been implemented, ensuring that unopened food can be donated to local organisations.

All waste is taken to the on-site eco-centre for processing, which features two compactors for plastic, paper, and cardboard, as well as dedicated facilities for sorting and storing general waste, food waste, used cooking oil, batteries, electronic waste, and wood. Bins for each material type are distributed across the site. Participants, along with International Service Team members, World Scouting staff, and volunteers, are actively engaged in supporting this sustainable system throughout the event.

«The Moot 2025 organisation defined a strategy to reduce the event's environmental impact, focusing on waste management. This commitment earned us the Ecoevent classification from ERSUC. A waste separation system with clear signage and accessible collection points was implemented, along with awareness-raising initiatives among participants, volunteers, and suppliers.»

Daniela Casimiro, Sustainability Coordinator of the 16th World Scout Moot

We invite all media outlets to enquire about our sustainability practices and visit us at the Main Camp until 3 August. For organisational purposes, we kindly ask you to register in advance using the following link:

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

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). Established in 1928, 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 at the international level, promoting the values and principles of the Scouting Movement among similar organisations and global institutions.

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