

Scout Association of Slovenia

OPEN CALL: INTERNATIONAL WOOD BADGE BOHINJ 2025

The International Wood Badge is intended for all those who would like to rekindle their passion for scouting and with fellow scouts from all over Europe explore how our environment shapes our personal scouting experience.

ABOUT THE TRAINING

Scout leadership training in Slovenia has a long and rich tradition, shaped by decades of experience and a strong community of over 25 dedicated international trainers. Since 2019, Scout Association of Slovenia structured its Wood Badge training into three distinct modules: Program, Management, and International. The Program and Management modules are delivered in Slovenian language and focus on national-specific content.

The International module, however, brings a unique international dimension — it began as a way to support smaller European scout associations that couldn't organize a full Wood Badge course on their own. Today, it has grown into a vibrant exchange of ideas and learning among scout leaders from across Europe. As an integral part of the Slovenian Wood Badge program, the International module offers not just high-quality leadership training, but also a chance to experience the culture, spirit, and natural beauty of Slovenia.

The International Wood Badge is designed for adult scouting volunteers from scout organizations from participating European countries. The course follows the Wood Badge framework¹ and consists of:

1. The main training week in Bohinj, 9.-16. August 2025

The training week will happen on the shores of Lake Bohinj in the Triglav national park, Slovenia. During the week in Bohinj, you will meet more than 90 adult scouts from Slovenia and Europe. There you will live with your patrol and explore the foundations of Scouting, group dynamics and leadership skills. The emphasis is on a quality first person scouting experience with training sessions from experienced international trainers and by identifying your personal needs to develop as a scout leader.

¹ <https://learn.scout.org/resource/wood-badge-framework-and-wood-badge-competencies>





During the year, you will get the opportunity to test your newly gained knowledge and competences by executing a personal project. Each participant gets assigned a mentor that will mentor you throughout the year.

In the follow-up weekend, you will reflect on your work and the competences you gained. This will be the last time we all meet together in-person and the opportunity to exchange experiences and gain new perspectives for each other. The follow-up weekend also includes training sessions, which are guided by the participants' wishes after the main training week in Bohinj.

We want this course to be more than just training — we aim to create a powerful, transformative experience. One that helps you align your personal mission with the mission of the Scout Movement, and gives you space to shape your own path. Through this journey, you'll design and lead activities/projects that help young people grow into engaged, responsible, autonomous, and compassionate individuals.

Furthermore, you will have the opportunity to reflect on your leadership linked to who you are and would like to be in your Scout involvement from the aspects of individual, group, and Scouting movement.

- the key ideas and values of Scouting,
- your personal mission as a scout leader,
- leading and supporting other volunteers,
- designing and delivering a quality scouting program,
- developing personal self-awareness.

You'll be supported by a team of experienced trainers, but the heart of the course lies in the deep, meaningful exchanges with other scout leaders. Coming from different countries and backgrounds, you'll challenge, inspire, and grow alongside each other as a community of leaders.

The International Wood Badge course is open to active adult scout volunteers from our partner national scout organizations (NSOs) in **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Finland, Lithuania, Serbia, and Slovenia.**





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To participate, you should have prior experience leading scouting programs within your NSO, should be at least 21² years old, and be able to communicate in English.

Each NSO has 4 spots available and is responsible for selecting its participants. Please note that your NSO may have additional eligibility criteria or follow its own internal selection process.

REGISTRATIONS AND PARTICIPATION FEE

The International Wood Badge course is funded by Erasmus+ and is **free for all participants**. This includes travel costs³, accommodation, meals and training materials.

The registration process and registration deadlines are defined by the coordinator from your NSO. For details on how to apply, please reach out to your NSO's coordinator.

MORE INFORMATION

For general inquiries about the course, visit [our website](#) or write to us at woodbadge@taborniki.si.

For specific questions about registration or participating from one of the partner NSOs please contact your NSO coordinator for International Wood Badge - Bohinj 2025.

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² We allow participants over 18 years of age to register, with the clear awareness that they will very likely get less than optimal out of the overall experience. All participants must be 18 years old on the first day of the course.

³ Travel costs will be reimbursed up to the amount set by the Erasmus+ and after the participant completes all tasks required by the Erasmus+ program. More information will be provided to selected participants.

