



European School Games

2026

*22 – 28 March
Poreč, Croatia*

EVENT MANUAL



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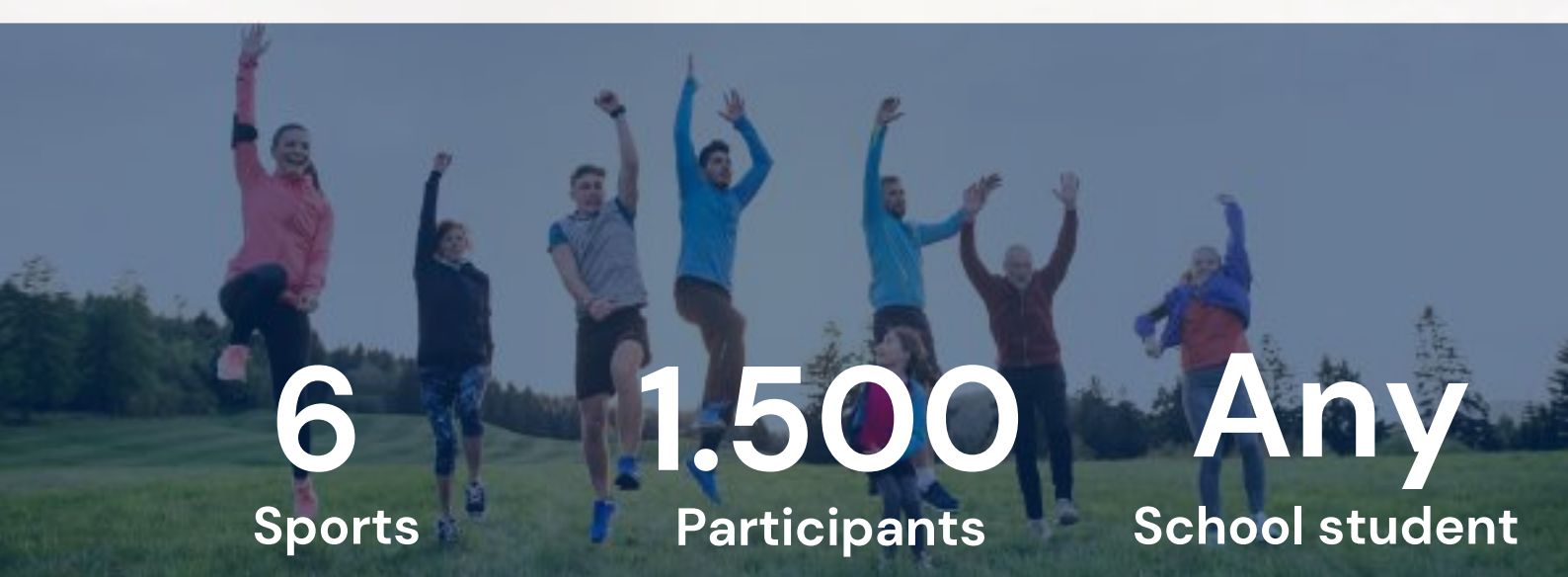
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WHAT IS **EUROPEAN SCHOOL GAMES?**

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6 Sports **1.500** Participants **Any** School student

ONE and **ONLY** sport event designed for **EVERY** school student from Europe.

The European School Games (ESG) is a unique sporting event designed to bring together young athletes from schools across Europe.

School sport should be for everyone. It should start from the grassroots, giving every student, in every school, **the chance to dream, to play, and to shine** — no matter their experience or skill level.

That's why the European School Games were created: to open the doors of International school sports for every student across Europe.

Every school. Every student. No barriers, no limits — just the pure joy of competing, connecting, and enjoying together.

At the European School Games, you're not just playing sports — you're building friendships that cross borders, creating unforgettable memories, and shaping a brighter future.

Come and be part of something bigger. Join thousands of students from all over Europe, experience the excitement of international competition, and show that everyone belongs on the world stage.

This is your moment.

Your journey.

Your European School Games.



Poreč, Croatia



22–28 March 2026

An event in 3 dimensions

Sport – Education – Entertainment

Sport, *playing*

6 sport competitions in high-level venues.

With both **team** and **individual sports** competitions, the European School Games will provide students from all over Europe with the opportunity to challenge themselves and compete in **high-quality venues**. All competitions are organised according to the International Sports Federation rules.

3X3 Basketball



Football



Volleyball



Athletics



Chess



Judo



An event in 3 dimensions

Sport – Education – Entertainment

Education, *learning*

European Wellbeing Academy

The European Wellbeing Academy (EWA) is an educational activity organized within the European School Games 2026. It is a new European initiative dedicated to promoting well-being in education through training, dialogue, and inclusion. Developed as a sister initiative to the European School Games (ESG), EWA shares the same core values: inclusion, personal development, and community building — both on and off the sports field. As part of ESG 2026 in Poreč, EWA will host a series of educational and wellbeing-focused activities for students, teachers, coaches, families, and guests. These initiatives will offer opportunities for learning, reflection, connection, and inspiration alongside the competitive sports program.

EWA Activities at a Glance

 When: **March 22–28, 2026**

 Where: **Selected ESG venues across Poreč**

 Who: **Open to all ESG participants and guests**

 Languages: **English and Croatian**

Main Educational Components

European Wellbeing Conference

A two-day gathering of international experts and practitioners discussing topics like mental health in schools, youth wellbeing, and positive education. Keynotes, panels, and workshops will be held mid-week and open to all registered attendees.

Thematic Workshops

Short and interactive sessions for:

- Students: Teamwork, stress relief, and digital well-being
- Coaches & Teachers: Burnout prevention, positive coaching, classroom mindfulness
- Parents & Families: Everyday Well-being Strategies

An event in 3 dimensions

Sport – Education – Entertainment

Education, *learning*

European Wellbeing Academy

Wellbeing Pop-Ups

Drop-in stations, quiet zones, and open-air mini-activities like guided walks, reflection boards, and creative poster walls.

EWA Resource Lounge

A dedicated stand with information on school wellbeing, Erasmus+ opportunities, toolkits, and more – open daily.

A Shared Vision with ESG

EWA and ESG are united in their commitment to inclusion, personal growth, and healthy development – not only on the field, but in life. Our educational activities are designed to support the whole person: mind, body, and community.

Stay Tuned

Final program and registration details will be shared closer to the event. Participation is optional and flexible for all ESG attendees.

An event in 3 dimensions

Sport – Education – Entertainment

Entertainment, *exchanging*

Enjoy a festive event and celebrate school sport with the teaching community

The European School Games promote and celebrate school sport and its main actors: students and teachers.

Throughout the event, non-competitive activities such as entertainment nights will animate the event.

Participants can gather in the animation centre and interact daily, working out challenges and games, allowing them to experience lively and enjoyable moments.

Each evening, an entertainment night will be organised and will bring together with all participants.

The aim is to provide an unforgettable experience to all participants and build a strong participant community around school sport.



*DO YOU WANT TO
DISCOVER
POREČ?*

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POREČ

[POREČ](#)
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A town full of history

At the heart of Croatia's Istrian peninsula lies the charming coastal town of Poreč—the proud host city of the 2026 European School Games. Known for its mix of Roman history, medieval architecture, and lively Mediterranean spirit, Poreč is a true gem for both tourists and athletes alike. Its picturesque old town, world-renowned Euphrasian Basilica (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), and endless seaside promenades offer a perfect setting for exploration and relaxation.

But Poreč isn't just about beauty—it's also a city with a strong sporting soul. Home to world-class facilities and a passionate local sports culture, Poreč has hosted numerous international events and welcomes athletes from around the globe.



Croatia

Nestled along the stunning Adriatic coastline, Croatia is a country that blends natural beauty, rich history, and a deep love for sports. With its crystal-clear waters, sun-soaked beaches, and vibrant cities, Croatia has become one of Europe's most beloved travel destinations. It is a land where ancient heritage meets modern charm and where hospitality is heartfelt.



Where you will sleep and eat?
ACCOMMODATION

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ZELENA RESORT

ACCOMMODATION:

Plava Laguna j.s.c. is a company backed by more than 65 years of successful operation and development, based on ecological principles and sustainable development, during which time it continuously occupied a leadership position in Croatian tourism. The core business of Plava Laguna is hospitality and tourism, and in destinations in which it operates –Poreč and Umag, and through a branch in the Dubrovnik area. Plava Laguna manages two marinas with 360 berths and a number of restaurants and bars, sports and other facilities to complement the basic accommodation offer.

The company continuously invests significant

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| 1. SP HOTEL PARENTIUM | 6. TC ALBATROS |
| • Fitness | • Tennis |
| • Bike storage | |
| • Indoor pool | |
| 2. SC MOLINDRIO | 7. SP HOTEL ALBATROS |
| • Tennis | • Fitness |
| • Beach sports | |
| • Watersports | |
| 3. SP HOTEL MOLINDRIO | 8. SP HOTEL DELFIN |
| • Fitness | • Bowling |
| • Bike storage | |
| 4. SP HOTEL PLAVI | 9. SC HOTEL DELFIN |
| • Bike storage | • Beach sports |
| | • Watersports |
| 5. SC ZELENA | 10. SPORT CENTER INTERSPORT |
| • Beach sports | |
| • Watersports | |
| • Bocce | 11. NC ZELENA |
| | • Football |
| | • Archery |
| | • Grass field hockey |



Capital funds in the organisation of major sports events such as the ATP tennis tournament in Umag – „Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag“ and the triathlon race „Plava Laguna Ironman 70.3 Poreč, Istria – Croatia“. But Poreč isn't just about beauty, it's also a city with a strong sporting soul. Home to world-class facilities and a passionate local sports culture, Poreč has hosted numerous international events and welcomes athletes from around the globe.

Accommodation

HOTEL DELFIN

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All participants will be accommodated in the official accommodation, which is the **Hotel Delfin**, Plava Laguna.

The Delfin hotel occupies a superb location in Zelena Resort, just outside Poreč, on its own verdant peninsula offering ample shade and protection from the sun along a strip of beaches of all kinds. There are plenty of refreshment stalls selling fruit and snacks along the beach, as well as restaurant, so you can stay there all day if you like.

LOCATION :

- 5 km from Poreč
- 60 km from the Airport Pula
- 100 km from the Airport Trieste

ACCOMMODATION :

- 794 rooms
- Size of the rooms: from 11 to 27 m²
- 6 floors
- Children's playground

FACILITIES :

- Outdoor seawater pool – 314 m²
- Spray park – a water playground on more than 1000 m²
- Beach 50m from the Hotel
- Tourist train: every 30 minutes
- Sports centres and sports halls



Football pitches

Intersport Halls

Hotel Delfin

Accommodation





DO YOU NEED MORE
EVENT
INFORMATION?

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ORGANIZATION

European School Games

Office – info@school-games.eu

Registration – registration@school-games.eu

web page: www.school-games.eu

OVERALL PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

22 March Arrival Accreditation Training Technical meetings	23 March Competition Technical meetings Trainings Opening Ceremony	24 March Competition Educational Activities Entertainment	25 March Competition Training Education Activities Entertainment
26 March Competition Educational Activities Entertainment	27 March Competition	28 March Departure	

*Please note that the provisional program is subject to change.
Any relevant changes will be communicated*



GOOD TO KNOW ABOUT
**TECHNICAL
SPORTS
INFORMATION?**

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Sports

3x3 Basketball



Football



Volleyball



Athletics



Chess



Judo



PROVISIONAL COMPETITION PROGRAM

23 March Football Volleyball	24 March Athletics Chess Football Volleyball	25 March Athletics Chess Football Volleyball
26 March 3x3 Basketball Chess	27 March 3x3 Basketball Judo	

SPORT	#Competition days
3x3 Basketball	2
Athletics	2
Chess	3
Football	3
Judo	1
Volleyball	3

Please note, that the provisional program and number of days per sport is subject to change. Any relevant changes will be communicated

Gender categories:

Boys



Girls



Age categories

U18

U15

General competition rules

- Participation in the ESG events is open to all students.
- All individuals and freely formed teams who have registered by the application deadline are eligible to participate in the competition.
- Competitors may register as individuals, as part of a school team, a club team, any other institution, or by forming their own team.
- There is no limitation on the participation of teams or individuals.
- Competitors from younger age categories may also compete in older categories.
- An athlete may register for multiple sports; however, participation in more than one sport is subject to the event schedule and program feasibility.
- All registered participants willing to join the ESG events must follow the ESG regulations.
- The organizers are not responsible for any injuries or health issues that may occur during the competition. By registering for the competition, competitors (or their legal guardians) confirm that they are aware of the nature of the event and that the competitors are physically and mentally fit and prepared for the competition, and agree to participate at their own risk.
- Please note that participants under the age of 18 must complete and sign the Consent Form for participation by a parent or legal guardian. Participants aged 18 or above may sign the form themselves.
- No participant will be permitted to take part in the event without a completed and signed consent form.
- Any sports rules can be adjusted according to the sports entries or any other organizational reason. This will be communicated before the start of the competition.
- All participants will receive the diplomas of participation while the best 3 in each sport/discipline will receive medals

Technical Sport Rules

link for check and download all sports documents:

[sport documents](#)

1. ATHLETICS

U18

2008–2009–2010

BOYS

Events

- Sprints & Middle Distance: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m
- Jumping Events: High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump
- Throwing Events: Shot Put (5.0kg), Discus (1.5kg), Javelin (700g)

Relays: 4x100m, Medley Relay (800m–600m–400m–200m); Medley Relay (100m–

GIRLS

Events

- Sprints & Middle Distance: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m
- Jumping Events: High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump
- Throwing Events: Shot Put (3.0kg), Discus (1.0kg), Javelin (500g)

• Relays: 4x100m, Medley Relay (800m–600m–400m–200m); Medley Relay (100m–200m–300m–400m)

U15

2011–2012–2013*

BOYS

Events

- Sprints & Middle Distance: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m
- Jumping Events: High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump
- Throwing Events: Shot Put (4.0kg), Discus (1.0kg), Javelin (600g)

Relays: 4x100m, Medley Relay (100m–200m–300m–400m)

GIRLS

Events

- Sprints & Middle Distance: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m
- Jumping Events: High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump
- Throwing Events: Shot Put (3.0kg), Discus (0.750kg), Javelin (500g)
- Relays: 4x100m, Medley Relay (100m–200m–300m–400m)

**Younger athletes may be accepted upon approval by the ETAC.*

COMPETITION SPECIFICS

- There is no limit in registration to the number of athletes per country per event per gender, and the number of team officials.
- Each participant can register in more than one discipline.
- Each delegation must register a minimum of 1 coach per gender.

2. 3X3 BASKETBALL

BOYS

Tournament

GIRLS

Tournament

U18

2008-2009-2010

U15

2011-2012-2013*

**Younger athletes may be accepted upon approval by the ET3X3C.*

COMPETITION SPECIFICS

There is no limit on registration to the number of teams per country per gender, and the number of athletes and team officials.

Each team consists of a minimum of:

- 3 players
- 1 Coach
- 1 FOPO (referee) – optional

Field of play officials (referees) have to be with National license 3x3 referees.

3. CHESS

BOYS

Tournaments

GIRLS

Tournaments

U18

2008-2009-2010

U15

2011-2012-2013-2014-2015*

**Younger athletes may be accepted upon approval by the ETCC*

COMPETITION SPECIFICS

There is no limit in registration to the number of athletes per country per event per gender, and the number of team officials.

Each delegation must register at least 1 coach.

- The competition will be played using the Swiss System.
- Rapid Tournament: 15 minutes per player with 10 second increment per move starting from move 1.
- Blitz Tournament: 5 minutes per player with 3 second increment per move starting from move 1.
- The organizer provides complete chess equipment (chess boards, pieces, and electronic chess clocks)

4. FOOTBALL

BOYS

Tournaments

GIRLS

Tournaments

U18 2008-2009-2010

U15 2011-2012-2013*

**Younger athletes may be accepted upon approval by the ETFC*

COMPETITION SPECIFICS

There is no limit on registration to the number of teams per country per gender and the number of team officials and players.

Each team consists of a:

- minimum 16 players
- minimum 1 Coach
- 1 FOPO (referee) – optional

Field of play officials (referees) have to be with National license football referees.

5. JUDO

BOYS
Tournaments

GIRLS
Tournaments

U18 2008–2009–2010

U15 2011–2012–2013*

**Younger athletes may be accepted upon approval by the ETKC*

COMPETITION SPECIFICS

Events:

U18

- Boys: –50kg, –55kg, –60kg, –66kg, –73kg, –81kg, –90kg, +90kg
- Girls: –40kg, –44kg, –48kg, –52kg, –57kg, –63kg, –70kg, +70kg
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Duration: 4 minutes Golden Score: No time limit

U15

- Boys: –38kg, –42kg, –46kg, –50kg, –55kg, –60kg, –66kg, –73kg
- Girls: –36kg, –40kg, –44kg, –48kg, –52kg, –57kg, –63kg, –70, + 70kg

Duration: 3 minutes Golden Score: No time limit

As part of the competition program, a Judo Camp will also be organized. Camp will provide an opportunity for participants to train together, exchange experiences, and learn from expert coaches

6. VOLLEYBALL

BOYS
Tournaments

GIRLS
Tournaments

U18 2008–2009–2010

U15 2011–2012–2013*

**Younger athletes may be accepted upon approval by the ETVC.*

COMPETITION SPECIFICS

There is no limit in registration to the number of teams per country, per gender and number of team officials and players.

Each team consists of a:

- minimum 8 players
- minimum 1 Coach
- 1 FOPO (referee) – optional

Field of play officials (referees) have to be with National license Volleyball referees.



WHERE WILL YOU COMPETE?

SPORTS VENUES

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Sport venues

INTERSPORT HALL

The multifunctional Intersport complex located in the Zelena Resort consists of two sport halls, dressing rooms, and stands. The sports hall offers optimal training conditions with its versatility.

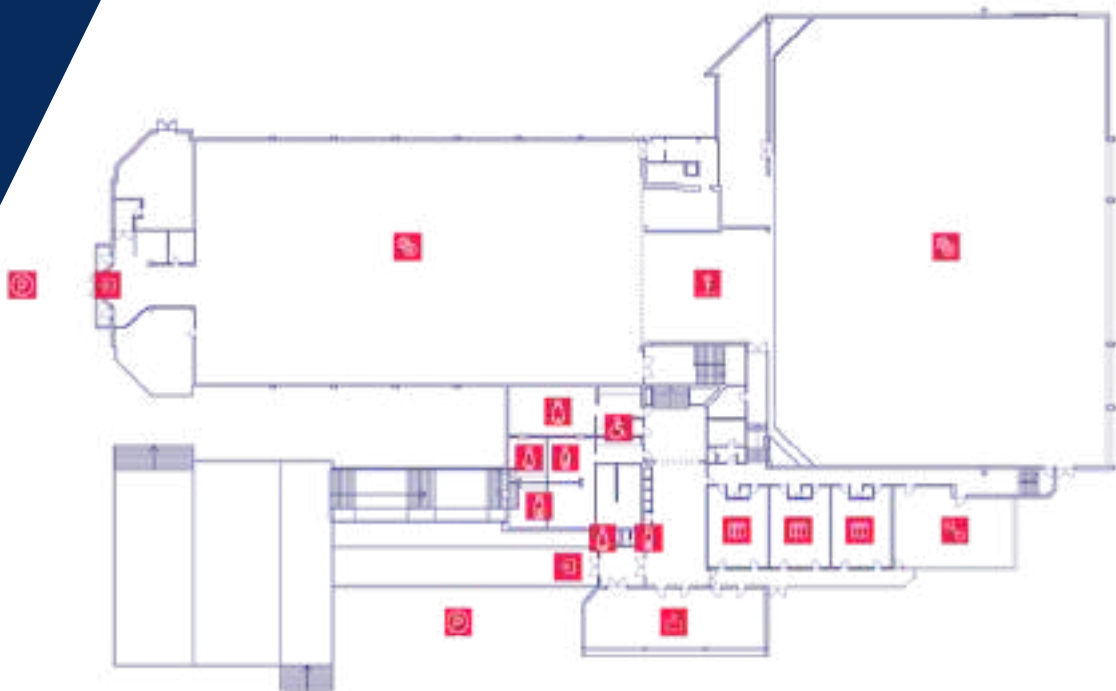
SPORTS	COURTS
3x3 Basketball	2
Volleyball	5
Judo	3

HALLS	DIMENSIONS	HEIGHT	SEATS	COURT
Intersport – SPORT HALL A	44 x 34 m	11 m	800 + 400	hardwood floor
Intersport – SPORT HALL B	44 x 24 m	6 m		hardwood floor

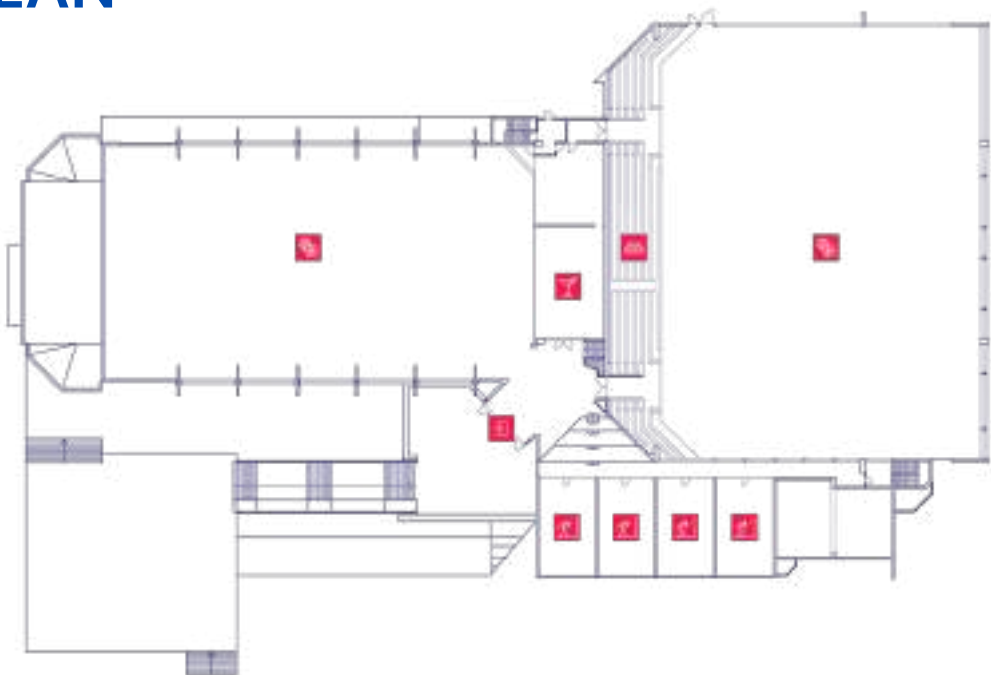


INTERSPORT
HALL

GROUND
FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR
PLAN



Sport venues

FOOTBALL PITCHES



5

Football pitches

+35

Years of experience
with football activities

	PITCH 1	PITCH 2	PITCH 3	PITCH 4	PITCH 5
					
Size	105 x 67 m	105 x 67 m	105 x 67 m	105 x 67 m	45 x 30 m
Surface	natural grass	natural grass	artificial grass	natural grass	natural grass
Locker rooms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lighting	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
	5 min	5 min	5 min	5 min	5 min
	0,3 km	0,3 km	0,3 km	0,3 km	0,3 km
Seating capacity	✗	500	✗	✗	✗

Sport venues

ATHLETIC STADIUM SRC VERUDA PULA

The athletic stadium will feature an :

- An artificial synthetic surface around the stadium,
- 400-meter running track,
- The stands will accommodate 2,800 spectators, with 2.500 plastic seats.
- Areas for shot put, discus, and javelin throw,
- Designated zones for long jump and high jump.



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Lines

2.800

Spectators





CHOICES FOR **PACKAGES**

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Full Experience Package

550€ (twin room) / 650€ (single room)

Stay. Play. Connect.

Get the complete European School Games experience with our 7-day, all-inclusive package. Perfect for students who want to immerse themselves fully in the event, meet new friends, and enjoy everything Poreč and the Games have to offer.

What's included:

- 7 days / 6 nights in comfortable twin rooms
- 3 meals per day – healthy, balanced, and energizing
- Participation in sports competition
- Exclusive welcome package for every participant
- Local transportation within Poreč during the event
- Daily entertainment and social activities in the hotel
- Full access to all ceremonies, side events, and activities

Make the most of your Games week – unforgettable memories guaranteed.

Flexible Stay Package

100€/day (twin room) / 115€/day (single room)

Customize your experience – your Games, your way.

Short on time? No problem! Choose the Flexible Stay Package (by sports) and decide how many days you want to stay – whether it's just a few days or almost the full week, you'll still enjoy all the benefits of the full package.

What you get – every day:

- Accommodation in twin rooms
- 3 meals per day – healthy, balanced, and energizing
- Participation in sports competition
- Welcome package
- Local transportation in Poreč
- Access to all entertainment and activities
- Daily entertainment and social activities in the hotel
- Full access to all ceremonies, side events, and activities

Perfect for students with limited availability enjoy the same great experience, just on your own schedule.

Flexible Stay Packages by sport

100€/day (twin room) / 115€/day (single room)

Sport	#Pansion	Dates	€ (twin rooms/single room)
3x3 Basketball	3	25-28 March	300€/345€
Athletics	3	23-26 March	300€/345€
Chess	4	23-27 March	400€/460€
Football	4	22-26 March	400€/460€
Judo	2	26-28 March	200€/230€
Volleyball	4	22-26 March	400€/460€



HOW TO **REGISTER/ACCREDIT?**

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REGISTRATION PROCESS



REGISTRATION & DEPOSIT PAYMENT

Deadline: 27 January 2026

Go to www.school-games.eu and click on the register button.

Participants information:

- Name of school/institution
- Country
- City
- Contact person (full name, email, phone number)
- Total number of teams (for team sports) and participants per sport, and in total
- Sports, gender, and age selected
- Total deposit payment: **€150 per person**
- Payment methods:
 - Bank transfer

DEPOSIT PAYMENT

Deadline: 27 January 2026

- A deposit is mandatory.
- The sum will be deducted from the total participation cost.
- The deposit must be sent as a single payment for the whole delegation
- The deposit is non-refundable.

After completing the registration step 2 form, you'll receive an email confirming your participation for the event.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

STEP.2

PARTICIPATION & LOGISTICS DETAILS

Deadline: 3 February 2026

Required information includes:

Sport & Discipline (for each participant):

- Participant names
- Role/function
- Exact discipline (e.g., Judo – weight category)
- Jersey numbers – team sports
- FOP certificate (if applicable)
- Team leader and support staff names
- Passport/ID

Arrival Information:

- Date, time, and mode of arrival to Poreč (plane, bus, van, car)
- Number of persons by arrival method
- Need for organized transport? (YES/NO)

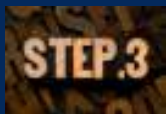
Accommodation & Stay:

- Number of days per participant
- Type of room use (single/twin)
- Rooming list (Excel file)

Documents to Upload:

- Consent form
- Rooming list (Excel file)
- Passport/ID
- Photo

REGISTRATION PROCESS



BALANCE PAYMENT

Deadline: 3 March 2026

Balance fee payment = Participation fee – Deposit (already paid).

Example of balance payment

Participation fee – 550€
Deposit (already paid) – 150€

$550€ - 150€ = 400€$ (balance payment)

The balance fee payment is to be paid by **3 March 2026** to the ESG account (all bank charges are to be met by the participating delegation).

REGISTRATION PROCESS

FAMILY AND FRIENDS REGISTRATION

Family members and friends of participants may register through a ESF registration platform and will receive:

- Accommodation in the participants' hotel
- Full board
- Access to all competitions
- Full access to ceremonies, side events, and activities
- Local transportation in Poreč
- Welcome package
- Welcome drink

Required information for registration:

- Full name of contact person
- Contact email
- Phone number
- Passport/ID
- Photo
- Consent to use personal data

THE PAYMENT METHODS , PRICES AND PROCESS ARE THE SAME AS FOR PARTICIPANTS

For any inquiries about the registration,
do not hesitate to contact us at
registration@school-games.eu

REGISTRATION PROCESS

DEADLINE SUMMARY

STEP.1

27 January 2026 - Registration and deposit payment

STEP.2

3 February 2026 - Participation & logistic details

STEP.3

3 March 2026 - Balance payment

Accreditation

The Accreditation Centre will be located at the:

- **Hotel Delfin**

Address: Street Zelena Laguna 27, 52452 Funtana, Istria, Croatia

Individuals or team representatives (coach or 1 of the teachers) must be present during accreditation.

At accreditation, the following will be checked:

- **The Identification form** (valid ID/passport), bearing family name, first name, photograph, nationality, and date of birth for each participant.
- **Proof of fee payment** is requested in the case of a bank transfer or card payment (please refer to "the payment" section). *Balance payment if needed (in cash/card)*
- **Insurance** is requested in the case of a missing upload document during the registration phase
- **Consent Form For Participation** – This form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian for participants under 18 years of age. Participants aged 18 or older may sign it themselves.

Accreditation cards will be distributed to each participant upon completion of the accreditation process.

Insurance

Each participant is required to provide insurance.

At a minimum, the insurance is to cover :

- Private liability,
- Travel insurance



NEED A
TRAVEL PLAN?

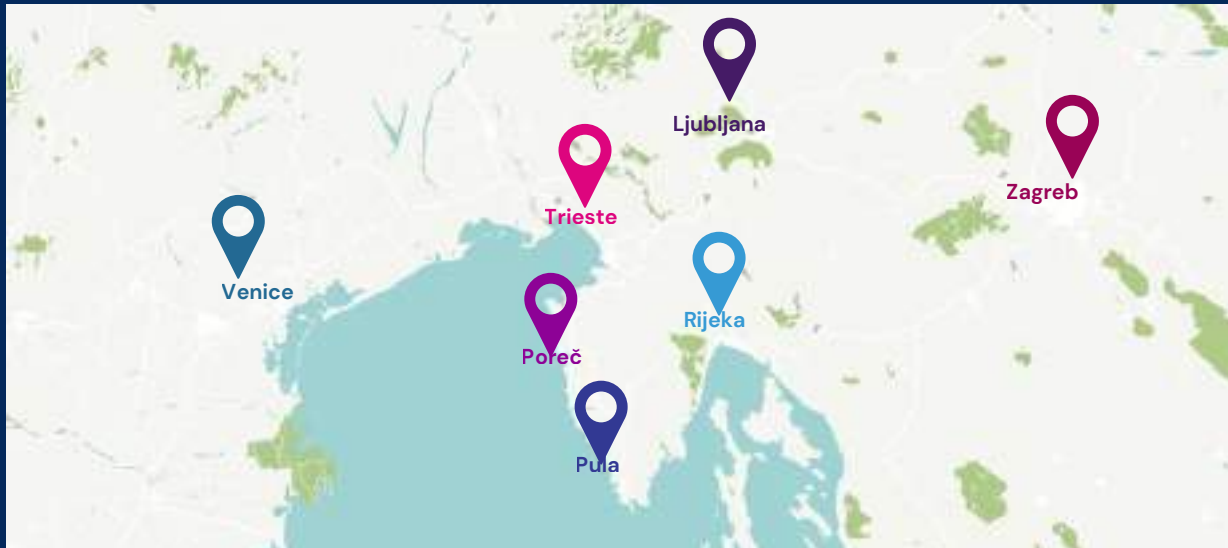
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Travelling

Nearest airport

Airport Pula Croatia	Airport Rijeka Croatia	Airport Trieste Italy	Airport Ljubljana Slovenia	Airport Venice Italy	Airport Zagreb Croatia
60 km From Poreč	114 km From Poreč	126 km From Poreč	187 km From Poreč	237 km From Poreč	255 km From Poreč
					



Participants are to arrive at the official accommodation (Hotel Delfin) in Poreč on Saturday, 22nd March 2026. Participants are expected to **arrange and cover the costs of their travel** to the official accommodation in Poreč. Arrival is scheduled for Saturday, 22nd March 2026, and departure on Sunday, 28th March 2026, after breakfast.

If needed, the organisers can assist in arranging local transportation from nearby airports (e.g., Pula, Zagreb, Trieste), which will be offered as an additional service. This option must be selected during the registration process and is subject to an extra charge.

Arriving by plane to Pula Airport:

If you are arriving by regular, low cost or charter flights, you will land at the Pula airport, the biggest international airport in Istria. The Pula airport is only 60 km away from the Poreč, so you can easily get there by taxi, bus or organized transport. Pula Airport is one of the nine in Croatia.

Travel assistance contact: registration@school-games.eu



WHERE TO FIND US

SOCIAL MEDIA & CONTACTS

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CONTACT SUMMARY

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