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We would like to welcome you to the summer edition of EYOF 2023 in Maribor – a city with a sporting soul that enthusiastically demonstrates its loyalty to sports through world-class events such as the Zlata lisica (Golden Fox), Ski World Cup, the Mountain Bike World Cup, and matches of the Maribor Football Club. Maribor is a charming city with rich historical and cultural roots in the centre of the Štajerska region. It is surrounded by the lush green forests of Pohorje, a sunny wine-growing region, and the Drava River that runs through the city.

Young athletes from 48 European countries will gather here, showcasing the spirit of friendship, fair play, and tolerance.

This document contains useful information relevant to your stay in Maribor, including details about the destination, arrivals and departures, accreditation, EOC Family hotels, transportation, catering, ceremonies, and the sports programme.

Welcome to Maribor – the city of sports.

**ONE CITY,  
ONE HEART**



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# EYOF Maribor 2023

## Welcome



Greetings from Maribor, the proud host city of the Summer EYOF 2023!

I am delighted and honoured to welcome you to our beautiful city and express my gratitude for the privilege to host the prestigious European Youth Olympic Festival. With immense excitement, we have planned an incredible sports event that promises to place Maribor on the world sports map and showcase the potential of a small European country to organise a multinational event. The EYOF is a significant milestone for sports development, volunteering, and youth engagement in Slovenia. I am confident that this event will inspire young people to pursue sports as a way of life and help establish a lasting legacy for Slovenian sports..

Apart from the opportunities that the festival will offer to young people, the impact of EYOF will be felt across our city and the entire country. The newly built and refurbished infrastructure will not only benefit the citizens of Maribor but also provide a venue for sports, cultural events, and celebrations. These enhancements are a very good investment and a testimony to the lasting legacy of this event. It is our hope that the upgraded facilities and the spotlight on the event will inspire more young people to engage in sports. Furthermore, the modern facilities will attract more prominent events to the region and promote sports and physical activity among the youth. We anticipate that the effect of EYOF will last long after the event and create a culture of sportsmanship and community engagement for years to come.

With each passing day, we draw closer to the highly anticipated European Youth Olympic Festival 2023, and preparations are in full swing. I am confident that the Organising Committee, along with the citizens of Maribor, will deliver an event that will be memorable and thrilling for the several thousand attendees, including athletes, their families and friends, accompanying staff, officials, media, and other participants. We take pride in the progress we have made so far and look forward to the future..

It fills me with great joy to welcome you to our beautiful country, known as the “Green Heart of Europe”, where there is something for everyone to enjoy. From culture and gastronomy to natural wonders, we are thrilled to showcase the best that our country, region, and our city have to offer.

Once again, thank you for choosing Maribor as the host city for the Summer EYOF 2023, and we look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant city.

Yours sincerely, Aleksander Saša Arsenovič

Mayor of Maribor and President of EYOF 2023 Maribor Organising Committee



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# Destination information

**Slovenia**, the green heart of Europe, lies between the mountainous Austria, Croatia and Italy, flat Hungary and the warm Adriatic Sea. Slovenia became an independent state in 1991 and has since gained a strong international profile and reputation as a democratic, stable and prosperous Central European country. Slovenia is a member of the United Nations, the European Union, the Eurozone, the Schengen Area, the OSCE, the OECD, the Council of Europe, and NATO.

Slovenia's variety and beauty surprise visitors from all over the world. Snowy Alpine peaks and the Triglav National Park with numerous glacial valleys, gorges, waterfalls, lakes, and crystal-clear whitewater invite visitors looking for peace in the mountains, as well as sports climbers, skiers, canoeists, and gliders in search for relaxation and excitement. Only a two hours' drive separates mountain enthusiasts from the pleasures offered by the Slovenian Mediterranean. A great deal of entertainment and the exquisite Primorska cuisine with fish specialities and top-quality wines satisfy even the most discerning tastes. The Karst region with its caves, plateaus, fields, disappearing streams, and intermittent lakes offers many possibilities for exploring and discovering Slovenia. There are many underground caves, from the world-famous Postojna Cave with beautiful stalactites, columns and draperies and UNESCO protected Škocjan Caves to grottos that are difficult to access, where climbing is only possible with experienced local guides. In Lipica (Karst), sheltered by century-old lime trees, there is an over 400-year-old stud farm of Lipizzaners, the famous white horses of Slovenian origin. Numerous natural spas developed near thermal and mineral springs. The Slovenian identity has developed together with a rich cultural life. It is mirrored in village and city architecture, numerous folk customs, cultural events, museums, and galleries. It is a country with an exceptional number of top athletes.

## Slovenia in brief

Capital city:	Ljubljana
Official languages:	Slovene
Minority languages:	Italian and Hungarian
Government:	Unitary parliamentary republic
President:	Nataša Pirc Musar
Prime Minister:	Robert Golob
Legislature:	Parliament
Area:	20,271 km <sup>2</sup>
Population:	2,108,708
Currency:	Euro
Calling code:	+386
Time zone :	GMT+1 (CET)

**Maribor**, whose origins as a town can be traced back to the 13th century, is today the second largest city of Slovenia and represents the centre of the Slovenian Štajerska region. The city's character has been shaped by its industry, which once played a significant role in the Slovenian economy. Apart from that, Maribor offers a rich and diverse cultural experience to residents and visitors alike. The renowned Slovenian National Theatre Maribor showcases drama, opera, and ballet performances, while several museums and galleries host numerous cultural events.

In 2012, Maribor was the European Capital of Culture. In addition to a wide range of cultural events, the city provides its citizens with beautiful and relaxing surroundings as it lies at the foothills of the Pohorje mountains, offering opportunities for diverse outdoor activities such as hiking and skiing. Special events like the traditional Golden Fox Trophy, a Women's Ski World Cup competition, as well as the international multicultural Festival Lent and events centred around the Old Vine, contribute to the vibrant atmosphere of the city.

Maribor is also known for its excellent wines, as the city is surrounded by numerous vineyards. Moreover, Maribor is a city with a prominent intellectual potential due to its University. It is home to the second largest university in Slovenia and recognises the importance of education for its development. All these features make Maribor an appealing and enjoyable destination for visitors from both Slovenia and abroad. Maribor ranked third on the list of top European destinations to visit in 2023 and was also named the best culinary destination in Europe.

Sport holds a significant place in Maribor. In 2018, Maribor was named a European City of Sport. The European Youth Olympic Festival is without a doubt the largest sporting event organised in Slovenia's modern history.

#### Maribor in brief

Traditional region:	Štajerska (Styria)
Municipality:	Maribor
Mayor:	Aleksander Saša Arsenovič
First mention:	Year 1164
Area:	40,98 km <sup>2</sup>
Population:	113,778
Postal code:	2000
Calling code:	02 (+386 2 if calling from abroad)



## Customs and visas

The Republic of Slovenia is a member of the Schengen Area, where the free movement of persons, goods, services, and capital applies. As EU citizens, you need to have a valid passport or identity card to enter Slovenia. Children and minors must also have their own passport or identity card.

Please see the entry requirements provided on the respective official website of the Slovenian Embassy.

The below-mentioned participating countries must apply for a travel visa to enter Slovenia: Republic of Armenia, Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kosovo, and Republic of Türkiye.

## Quality of drinking water

Slovenia is one of the most water-rich countries in Europe and takes pride in having drinking water of exceptional quality. They say that being able to pour clean water directly from the tap is a luxury today, and Slovenia offers this luxury to all its visitors at every step of the way. In Slovenia, visitors can quench their thirst by drinking water straight from the tap or from the water fountains in the cities. Water fountains are installed across Maribor as well.

## Medical and health services

All accredited groups participating in the EYOF Maribor 2023 are insured by the Organising Committee. During the European Youth Olympic Festival, the Maribor University Medical Centre will be open 24/7 and medical assistance will be provided daily through the Dr Adolf Drolc Health Centre. In serious cases, please contact the first aid service or dial 112 for emergencies.

## Important phone numbers

112	Emergency call centre – emergency medical assistance, fire-fighters, veterinary assistance, rescue units
113	Police – emergencies
1987	AMZS – roadside assistance and towing
080 1900	Tourist telephone – tourists and tourism workers can report their comments, complaints, criticism and suggestions to this toll-free number 24 hours a day
1188	Information on telephone subscribers in Slovenia
1180	Information on international telephone subscribers
198 10	Alarm call service
090 93 9881	General information (pay number)
+386	Telephone area code for Slovenia
00	Code for international calls

# EOC Family Services

## The EOC Welcome and Information Desk

The main Welcome and Information Desk is located in the foyer of Habakuk Hotel and offers the following services to the EOC Family:

### **General information**

Provides information about EYOF 2023 Maribor, sports venues, events, timetables, and other useful information.

### **Transport information**

Provides information about transport and handles event-time transport requests.

### **Accreditation services**

Arranges all matters relating to accreditation and distributes EOC Family accreditations.

**Address:** Habakuk Hotel, Pohorska ulica 59, 2000 Maribor, Slovenia

**Dates and opening hours:**

21–30 July 2023: 7:00–22:00



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During the EYOF, the EOC Family Services will have a **central phone number** which will be available at the Welcome and Information Desk.

For more information about the sports event, please visit <https://eyof-maribor.com/>, official websites and social media.



# Arrivals and departures

## Arrivals by plane or train

EOC Family and guests will be provided transport from the official points of entry to the accommodation and back. They may share a ride with other EOC Family Guests. The waiting time after arrival is estimated not to be longer than 30 minutes. Transport arrangements will be based on the provided information.

Official Ports of Entry		
Ljubljana	Airport	
Graz	Airport & main train station	
Maribor	Airport	Charter flights only: <a href="mailto:load@mbx-airport.si">load@mbx-airport.si</a>

Transport from Vienna airport can be arranged for an extra fee (one-way fee € 300).

## Arrivals and departures by car/bus

Participants arriving by their own means of transportation are advised to note the requirement to pay tolls for personal vehicles and buses on Slovenian motorways. Vignettes for motorways in the Republic of Slovenia are in electronic form and can be purchased from E-vinjeta at <https://evinjeta.dars.si/en>.

Upon your arrival to Maribor, please visit the EOC Family Welcome and Information Desk in Habakuk Hotel to collect your accreditation.

Guests arriving by car are advised to park their vehicles at either Habakuk Hotel or Hotel Arena, depending on where you are accommodated. Parking at both hotels is free of charge for the guests.

During the event, the EOC Family guests will be provided with free transportation. We recommend using the transportation services available to accredited guests, as outlined below.



# Transport within Maribor

The Organising Committee will arrange transportation of the EOC Family guests and their accompanying guests to and from the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and to the locations of events scheduled within the special programme by dedicated buses.

EOC Family Transport Desk is available at the EOC Family Welcome and Information Desk located at Habakuk Hotel.

## Dates and opening hours:

21–30 July 2023: 7:00–22:00

Phone number: +386 51 332 213

Transportation for the EOC Family will be categorised into three groups: T1, T2, T3, according to their assigned transport privileges.

For all accredited persons there is free public transportation within Maribor and EYOF bus lines which connect the EOC Family hotel with the sports venues.

## T1/T2

T1 transport service includes dedicated car with a driver and the T2 transport service includes dedicated car without a driver.

## T3

T3 transport service includes a car on-demand. It can be booked upon request at the EOC Family Transport Desk the day before the required service. Transport is available between 7:00 and 22:00.

T3 pick-up and drop-off points include EOC Family Hotel Habakuk, all competition venues, Main Media Center (MMC) and athletes' dormitories.

In order to use this service, the T3 entitled members should make a reservation as soon as possible and at the latest by 22:00 the day before the T3 service is needed. The availability of the car on-demand service will depend on the final number of cars that the Organising Committee will have at its disposal.

EOC Family members' accompanying guests can use the vehicle if they are accompanying a person who is T3-accredited. Accompanying guests are not accredited to use T3 transport on their own. They are welcome to use public transportation and EYOF bus lines.

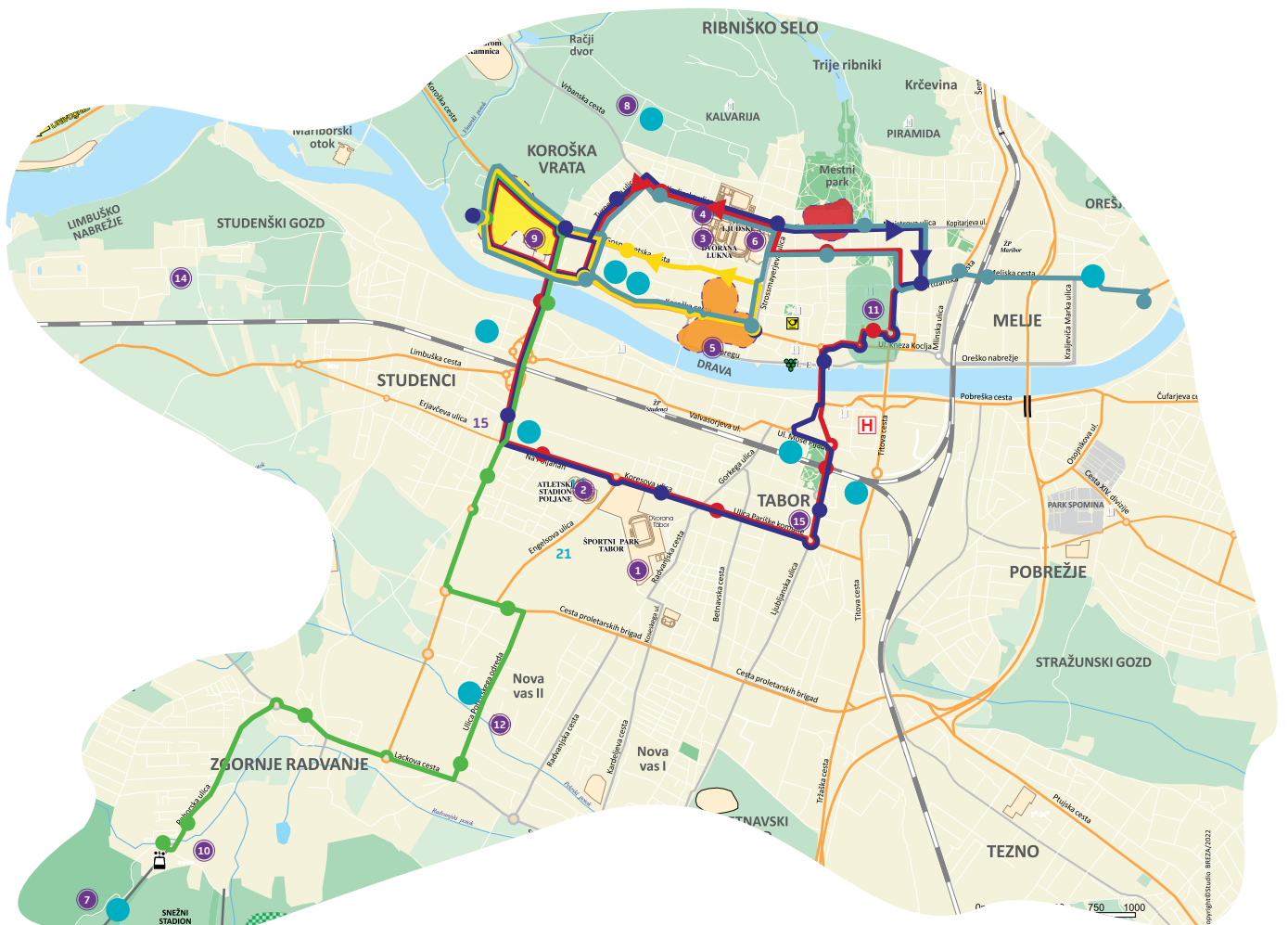


# EYOF bus lines

Bus schedules will be available at every bus stop, accessible via QR code, and on the EYOF 2023 Maribor website. A Transport Guide with maps of all EYOF bus lines will be available upon arrival to the EYOF. All schedules for all lines will be available at the Transport Info Desk at the EOC Family Hotel Habakuk. The buses will operate on a circular route in two opposite directions, departing every 10 minutes while during rush hours the frequency will increase to every 5 minutes. Timetables will be published closer to the event at [www.eyof-maribor.com/en/transport](http://www.eyof-maribor.com/en/transport).

Five lines connecting accommodation and sport venues.

- **Start running** on Saturday 22 July at 12:00, until 23:30.
- Sunday 23 July between 6:00–19:00.
- Run daily from Monday 24 July between 6:00–23:30.
- **Stop running** on Saturday 29 July at 19:00.



## LEGEND

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|---|-----------------|-------------|--|
| Athletes' Village I (NOC Services Centre, Main Catering Tent) | Satellite Dorms | EYOF line 1 | 25 km from Maribor                                   |
| Athletes' Village II  | Sport venues    | EYOF line 2 | 14 km from Maribor                                   |
| Athletes' Village III   | City centre     | EYOF line 3 | PTUJ ATHLETICS STADIUM<br>athletics (training venue) |
|   |                 | EYOF line 4 | MARIBOR AIRPORT<br>road cycling (time trial)         |
|   |                 | EYOF line 5 |  |

## Other local transport options

### Local city bus lines

Upon arrival, starting on 17 July, all accredited participants of EYOF 2023 Maribor will be able to use public transportation operated by Marprom free of charge.

### Taxi services

Transportation by taxi is available at your own expense. In this case, the following taxi services are available:

Taxi Plus: 080 11 12 (free call, available 24 hours a day)

### Car rentals

You may also choose to rent a car at your own expense:

Sharetoo Slovenia: sharetoo@porsche.si, +386 (0)1 53 03 7000

### Mbajk

A healthy and low-cost choice for getting around Maribor sustainably. For more information, please visit <https://www.mbajk.si/en/home>

### Pohorje cable car

Pohorje cable car offers a special adventure with breathtaking views for guests. It will run every 30 minutes during the day, transporting participants to Pohorje village where the volleyball teams will be accommodated. The cable car will run between 6:30 and 23:30. Access will be granted with the accreditation card.

## Accreditation

The official registration and accreditation process for all accredited guests attending the event will be conducted through the EOC Games Management System (GMS). The deadline for registration for EOC Family is 26 June 2023.

EOC Family accreditations will be distributed at the Accreditation Desk located at the EOC Family Welcome and Information Desk – the main point of contact for EOC Family accredited members.

## Accommodation – EOC Family Hotels

EOC Family and guests, i.e. members of the Olympic Family of the European Olympic Committees, will be accommodated in two hotels: Habakuk Hotel and Hotel Arena.

Members of the Executive Committee are kindly requested to contact the EOC Head Office for booking. EYOF Maribor 2023 NOC Services & Relations will send a form to National Olympic Committees to use for requesting accommodation for their NOC President and Secretary General and their accompanying guests in the EOC Family Hotels.

#### ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE\*

EOC Family Hotel	Single use per person per day	Double room per person per day
HABAKUK HOTEL 4*superior	€ 260	€ 230
HOTEL ARENA 4	€ 220	€ 190

\*Accommodation package includes hotel accommodation, meals and transfers according to assigned transport privileges (excluding flights).

The capacity of the two EOC Family Hotels (Habakuk and Arena) will not be sufficient to accommodate also NOC accredited guests. NOCs are responsible for booking accommodation for their NOC accredited guests in different hotels. Please visit the official EYOF website <https://eyof-maribor.com/en/accommodation/> and send a booking request directly to [nina.berlan@kompas.si](mailto:nina.berlan@kompas.si).

#### HABAKUK HOTEL 4\*superior

Address: Pohorska ulica 59, 2000 Maribor, Slovenia

Web: <http://www.habakuk-hotel.com/>

Habakuk Hotel is located in a picturesque and tranquil setting on the outskirts of the Pohorje forests, just 5.5 km from the centre of Maribor in Slovenia. Nestled beneath the wooded Pohorje plateau, it offers comfortable rooms, a wellness & spa centre, a congress centre, restaurants & bars, and numerous recreation possibilities.

Habakuk Hotel offers everything under one roof - comfort in new, modern rooms with stunning views of the Pohorje mountains, relaxation in the wonderful wellness centre, swimming in the pools with soothing thermal water, top culinary indulgences, and conference facilities for large and small events and business meetings.

The EOC Family Welcome and Information Desk will be located in the foyer of the hotel. The Information Desk will include Transportation and Accreditation Services.





#### **HOTEL ARENA 4**

Address: Pot k mlinu 57, 2000 Maribor

Web: <https://hotel-arena.si/>

Hotel Arena is a 5-minute walk from Habakuk Hotel.

It is situated on the edge of the dense Pohorje forests, which are picturesquely intertwined with cycling and hiking trails. It serves as a retreat for nature enthusiasts, sports lovers, and those seeking relaxation and modern hotel facilities with an emphasis on unique experiences. The modern rooms offer views of the green Pohorje treetops, the slope that challenges skiers in winter, and the city of Maribor, which is particularly captivating at night when the lights are on.

## Catering

All meals for the EOC Family members will be provided at the hotels. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the EOC Family hotel where guests are accommodated.

Lunch for all EOC Family guests will be served at the EOC Family Buffet Lounge in Habakuk Hotel. When official lunches or dinners are scheduled away from the EOC Family Hotel, the relevant meals will be provided as part of the programme.

## EOC Family Buffet Lounge

Address: Pohorska ulica 59, 2000 Maribor, Slovenia

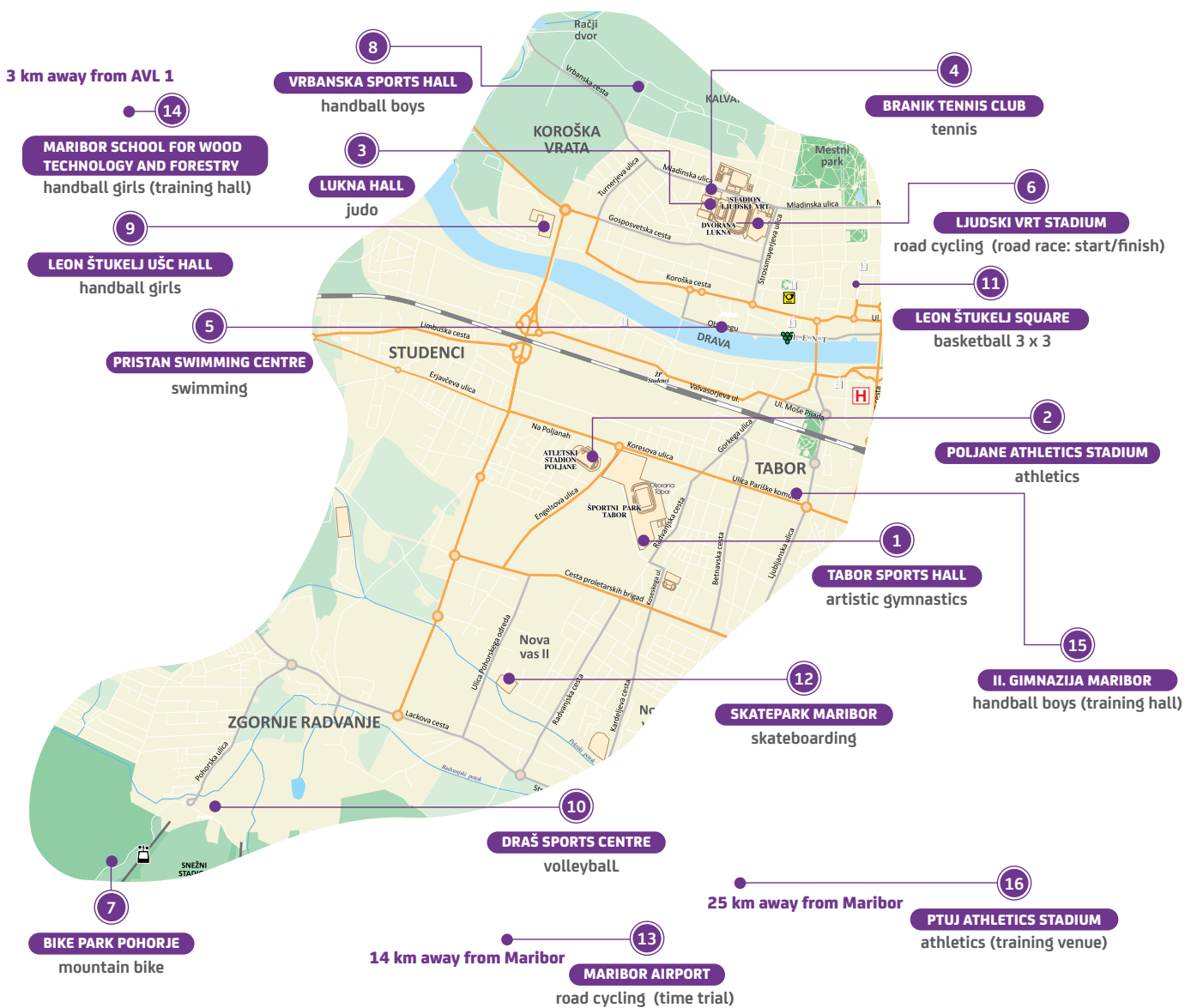
Dates and opening hours:

21–30 July 2023: 12:30–14:30

# Sports and venues overview

Young athletes from 48 European countries will compete at EYOF Maribor 2023 in 11 sports - artistic gymnastics, athletics, basketball 3x3, handball, judo, mountain bike, road cycling, skateboarding, swimming, tennis, and volleyball. The competitions will take place at various venues in Maribor and its surroundings.

Here you can find an overview map and table of the sports and venues and the sports competition schedule.



# Spreadsheet of sports and venues

SPORTS VENUES					
SPORT	COMPETITION VENUE	COMP FIELD OF PLAY	SPECTATOR CAPACITY	TRAINING VENUE	TRA FIELD OF PLAY
1 ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS	Tabor Sports Hall	1 competition field (1 set of WAG & MAG apparatus)	3000 seats	Tabor Ice Rink Hall	1x warm up field / 1 x training field (2x set of WAG & MAG apparatus)
2 ATHLETICS	Poljane Athletics Stadium	1 competition venue (8 track lanes with complete equipment) / 1 warm-up venue	800 seats	Ptuj Athletics Stadium	1 training venue (8 track lanes)
3 JUDO	Lukna Hall	1 competition field (2 tatamis) / 1 warm-up field / 2 weigh-in rooms	825 seats	Ljudski vrt Stadium	1 training hall
4 TENNIS	Branik Tennis Club	12 outdoor courts (6 indoor courts in case of rain)	200 seats	Branik Tennis Club	12 outdoor courts
5 SWIMMING	Pristan Swimming Centre	50 m swimming pool with 10 lanes	129 seats	Pristan Swimming Centre	25 m swimming pool
6 ROAD CYCLING	Road Race: Start/ Finish Ljudski vrt Stadium	16,7 km circle around Maribor; approx. 67 km boys and 50 km girls	free stands on venue	Maribor & Surroundings	City routes Maribor
13	Time Trial: Maribor Airport	10 km track on airport runway	100 stands in airport lounge	Maribor & Surroundings	City routes Maribor
7 MOUNTAIN BIKE	Bike Park Pohorje	1 competition track	free stands on venue	Bike Park Pohorje	Competition track as training track
8 HANDBALL	Boys: Vrbanska sports hall	1 competition track	750 seats	Vrbanska Hall & Maribor School for Wood Technology and Forestry	1 training hall each
9	Girls: Leon Štukelj UŠC hall	1 competition track	800 seats	Leon Štukelj UŠC Hall & Maribor School for Wood Technology and Forestry	1 training hall each
10 VOLLEYBALL	Draš Sports Centre	2 competition fields (1 Boys field, 1 Girls field)	500 seats	Draš Sports Centre & Il. Gimnazija Maribor	1 training hall each
11 BASKETBALL 3x3	Leon Štukelj Square	1 competition field / 1 warm-up field	500 seats	Goran Dragič Court	2 training fields
12 SKATEBOARDING	Skatepark Maribor	1 competition venue	Free stands on venue	Skatepark Maribor	Competition venue as training venue

# Sports competition schedule

The sports competition schedule is available at: <https://eyof-maribor.com/en/schedule/>

SPORTS (Boys & Girls)	22 July	23 July	23 July	24 July	25 July	26 July	27 July	28 July	29 July	29 July	30 July		
Artistic Gymnastics	OFFICIAL ARRIVAL DAY	TRN	TRN	OPENING CEREMONY	TRN	COMP	COMP	COMP	COMP	COMP	CLOSING CEREMONY	OFFICIAL DEPARTUE DAY	
Athletics		TRN	TRN		COMP	COMP	COMP	COMP	COMP	COMP			
Basketball 3x3		TRN	TRN		TRN	COMP	COMP	COMP	COMP				
Handball			TRN		COMP	COMP	COMP	TRN	COMP	COMP			
Judo		TRN	TRN		TRN	COMP	COMP	COMP	COMP	COMP			
Mountain Bike						TRN	COMP						
Road Cycling						TRN	COMP	TRN	COMP				
Skateboarding		TRN	TRN			TRN	TRN	COMP	COMP				
Swimming		TRN	TRN			COMP	COMP	COMP	COMP	COMP			
Tennis		TRN	COMP			COMP	COMP	COMP	COMP	COMP			
Volleyball			TRN			COMP	COMP	COMP	TRN	COMP			COMP

TRN = Training

COMP = Competition

## EOC Family Hospitality Areas at the competition venues

The competition venues will have Hospitality Areas with light refreshments dedicated to accredited guests. The Hospitality Areas will operate only on competition days, they will open one hour before the first competition and close half an hour after the end of the last competition.

Some competition venues will also have a reserved EOC Family seating area, available on a first-come, first-served basis.



# Ceremonies and events

## EOC Family Special Events Programme

EOC Family members and their accompanying guests can be invited to Special Events. The invited guests will be asked to confirm their attendance. The organiser will arrange transport to and from the event location for invited and confirmed guests.

### Overview of the planned Special Events:

Date	Event	Dress code
Sunday, 23. July 2023 19:00 20:00	Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception, Ljudski vrt Stadium Social gathering with Dinner, Ljudski vrt Stadium	dark suit
Monday, 24. July 2023 20:30	Olympic Family Welcome Dinner	smart casual
Tuesday, 25. July 2023 9:00–13:00	EYOF Golf Challenge, Ptuj Golf Club	golf
Tuesday, 25. July 2023 18:30	Traditional timber rafting along the Drava river	casual
Tuesday, 25 July 2023	Half-day programme for EOC Family accompanying guests, details tbc	casual
Thursday, 27. July 2023 21:30	EOC Thank You Dinner hosted by the EOC	smart casual
Saturday, 29. July 2023 19:30 22:00	Closing Ceremony and Reception Maribor Castle, Trg Svobode Dinner at Maribor Castle, Trg Svobode Dinner at Maribor Castle, Trg Svobode	smart casual

Slight deviations in the programme and times are possible. Admission to Special Events is by invitation only.





## Opening Ceremony

The EYOF Opening Ceremony will take place on Sunday, 23 July 2023 at 20:30, at the Ljudski vrt Stadium. The stadium is the third largest in Slovenia and there are over 7,000 seats available for the ceremony. Accredited guests will be able to enter with their accreditation. The event will also be open to the public. Free tickets will be available.

The Opening Ceremony will be broadcast live on national TV, with a live pre-studio show starting at 20:00.

- 18:00** Departure by dedicated buses from Habakuk Hotel
- 18:30** Reception, welcome drinks, and refreshments at the VIP lounge of the Ljudski vrt Stadium – standing event
- 20:30** Beginning of the Opening Ceremony of EYOF Maribor at the Ljudski vrt Stadium
- 22:00** Expected end of the programme
- After 22:00** Dinner at the VIP lounge of the Ljudski vrt Stadium – standing event

## Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony will take place on Saturday, 29 July 2023 at 20:30, at Maribor Castle, Trg Svobode in the city centre. The Closing Ceremony will be for accredited persons only. After the obligatory protocol elements, a farewell party with concerts will conclude the event.

- 19:00** Departure by dedicated buses from Habakuk Hotel
- 19:30** Reception at Maribor Castle with a short, guided tour of the exhibition on The Development of Sports in the City, in Maribor Castle Arcade – standing event
- 20:30** Beginning of the Closing Ceremony of EYOF Maribor 2023
- 21:00** Expected end of the Closing Ceremony
- 21:30** Dinner at Maribor Castle, Trg svobode
- 22:00** Expected end of the programme

## Medal ceremonies

The goal of the medal ceremony is to honour the athletes who have won a medal, to promote the spirit of Olympism and sportsmanship, and to ensure that the athletes have an unforgettable moment. The ceremonies follow the EOC protocol and the Summer EYOF Ceremonies Guidelines. Medal ceremonies will take place at each sport venue in accordance with the competition and awards schedule for each sport and discipline.

There will always be two presenters at each medal ceremony: one medal presenter and one mascot presenter. More than one presenter may be appointed to present the medals and mascots in team sports.

Medals will be awarded by EOC EC members, NOC Presidents and Secretaries General or any other international sports representatives as appointed by the EOC.

Mascots will be awarded by representatives of the European Sports Federations and local representatives from sport, political and public authorities.

The medal/mascot presenters will receive an official invitation, including all the necessary details for their participation in the medal ceremony. Medal/Mascot presenters must confirm their participation to the Protocol Team within the specified time and in the way requested in the invitation. Once confirmed, the medal/mascot presenters will receive the Medal Ceremonies Presenters Guidelines with more detailed information.

Transportation for medal/mascot presenters will be arranged by the Organising Committee.

Medal/Mascot presenters must be accredited to access the medal ceremony area and identify themselves upon arrival in the designated protocol room or preparation area.

## Resources and useful websites

- <https://www.gov.si/en/policies/state-and-society/about-slovenia/>
- <https://www.gov.si/en/topics/entry-and-residence/>
- <https://www.slovenia.info/en>
- <https://www.slovenia.info/en/plan-your-trip/all-you-need-to-know-for-a-healthy-and-safe-vacation-in-slovenia>
- <https://www.visitmaribor.si/en/zavod-za-turizem-maribor/>
- <https://infotujci.si/en/>
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slovenia>

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