



EVENT HANDBOOK INTERNATIONAL GUEST



NATIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION

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INTRODUCTION

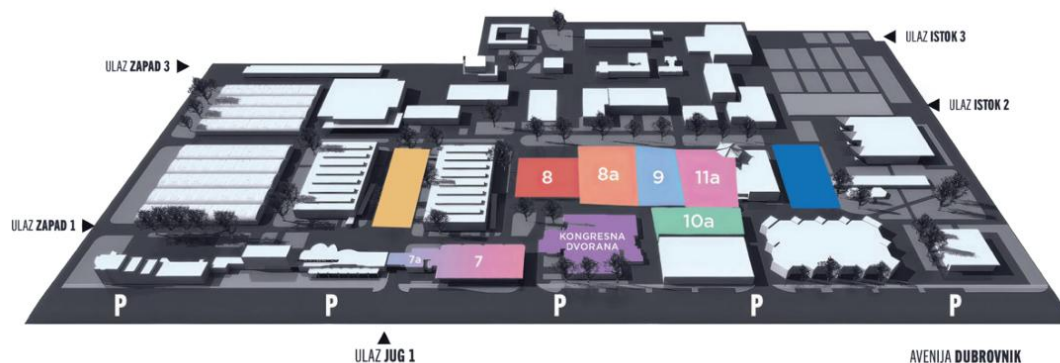
Dear WorldSkills Community,

We are happy to welcome you to this year's **National Skills Competition - WorldSkills Croatia 2026**, which will take place for the sixth time from **5th to 7th May 2026** in Zagreb, at the Zagreb Fair.

You will participate in the largest event related to vocational education in Croatia and skills competitions in this part of Europe. Approximately 350 of the best students of Croatian VET schools will compete in 44 skills in which they will present their professional competencies and demonstrate the skills necessary to successfully perform tasks related to their occupation. Your participation, as a guest competitor and expert, is a valuable addition to our event.

In this document, you will find important logistical information and instructions regarding your arrival and participation. We believe you will find them useful and helpful, and we kindly ask you to follow them so that everything runs smoothly.

VENUE OF THE COMPETITION



The event will take place at the Zagreb Fair (Avenija Dubrovnik 15, Zagreb):

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Venue	Activity
Pavilions 8, 8a, 9, 10a and 11a	Competitions
The open space between pavilions 11d and 14 and 15 and 16.	Competitions
Pavilion 7	Opening and Closing Ceremonies
Pavilion 7a	Secretariat Zone for experts
Pavilion 8a	WorldSkills Croatia Arena
Congress hall Globus	Lunch area

Pavilion 8	Pavilion 8a	Pavilion 9	Pavilion 10a	Pavilion 11a	Open space
Geodesy	Hotel Reception Business	Construction Technology	Wall and Floor Tiling	Physiotherapy Care	Forestry
Business Secretary	Tourist Destination	Architectural Technologies	Automechanics	Hairdressing	Driving Motor Vehicle
IT Software Solutions for Business	Assistant Cook and Pastry Chef	Retail Sales Skills	Home Installations	Fashion Design and Technology	Pavilion 7
Transport Technology and Logistics	Bakery	Naval Nautical Technologies	Electrical Installations	Robotics	Opening and Closing Ceremonies
IT System Administration	Pastry	Mechatronics	Bricklaying	Beauty Therapy	Pavilion 7a
Engineering Techniques	Cooking	CNC and CAD/CAM Technologies	Carpentry	Health Care	Secretariat
Veterinarian	Restaurant Service	Multimedia	Plastering and Drywall Systems	Physiotherapy Technician	CIS
Agro	WorldSkills Croatia Arena	Chemical Technologies	Car Painting	Painting and Decorating	Expert area
Entrepreneurship		Web Design			Congress Hall Globus
Floresty Graphic Technology and Design		Forestry			Lunch area

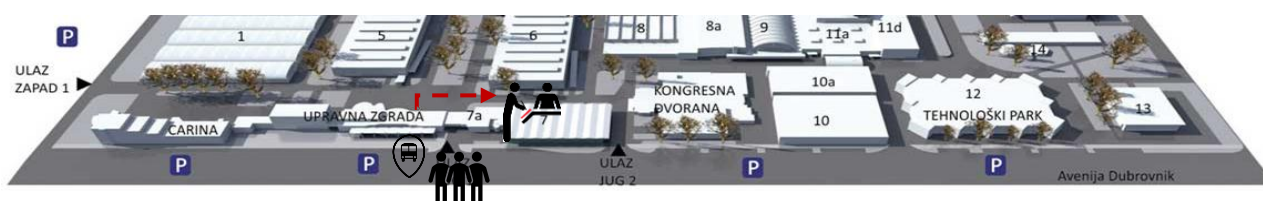
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ARRIVAL IN ZAGREB AND REGISTRATION

Your arrival at the **Zagreb Fair** is scheduled for the morning of **May 5th 2026, but no later than 10:30 a.m.** If you arrive by car, please use the nearby public parking area (East parking lot of the Zagreb Fair, 4 EUR all-day parking ticket). **It will not be possible for private cars to enter the ZF area!**

To enter the Zagreb Fair upon arrival, use only **the main entrance JUG I (Avenija Dubrovnik 15)!**

On the second and third day of the competition, the organized transport will drop off the participants at this location!



After entering the Zagreb Fair, proceed to **Pavilion 7a**, where there will be the event **Secretariat** and a **registration zone for international guests**.

Upon registration, you will receive **the accreditation** you need for all activities during the three days:

- entering the premises of the Zagreb Fair
- entry into the skills area
- lunch
- transfers to and from the hotel (for those who use it)
- Opening and Closing ceremony.



Be sure to keep and carry your accreditation all the time you are on the premises of the Zagreb Fair - because without it you will not be able to enter the skills area, get lunch, etc.

After registration, experts and competitors who will use an organized transfer within Zagreb provided by the WorldSkills Croatia should leave their travel bags in the **skills zones**. All bags must be marked with your first and last name. **Bags are to be picked up before going to the hotels!**

We ask that other participants (who use their own transport) do not bring their travel bags into the Zagreb Fair but **leave them in their vehicles**.

After registration, all participants **should go to their skills area** (see the floor plan above), where members of the judging committee will inform them of the schedule of activities for that day (familiarization with the venue, lunch, start of the competition, etc.).

OPENING CEREMONY

The official opening of the *WorldSkills Croatia 2026* will take place on **5 May in Pavilion 7** of the Zagreb Fair. **We have foreseen the participation of international competitors and experts in the ceremony, so we kindly ask you to plan your attendance.**

The opening ceremony starts at 12:00, but due to the large number of participants, we ask all those who will attend to head towards Pavilion 7 at 11:30.

All participants must have accreditation, without which it will not be possible to enter Pavilion 7!

The representatives of the Agency **will seat all participants according to** the designated seats, so please do not sit in the hall on your own. The organizing team (black T-shirts with the inscription ORGANISATOR) will be at your disposal at any time for all the necessary help, questions and ambiguities.

Draft program of the opening ceremony 5 May 2026

TIMING	ACTIVITY	WHO
12:00	Opening greetings	Ceremony hosts
12:05 – 12:25	Welcome speeches and opening ceremony	Mr. Mile Živčić, Director of the Agency for Vocational and Adult Education Mr. Tomislav Tomašević, Mayor of the City of Zagreb (awaiting confirmation) prof. dr. sc. Radovan Fuchs, Minister of Science, Education and Youth (awaiting confirmation)
12:25 – 12:30	Music and dance program	
12:30 – 12:50	Presentation of competitors by skills	Competitors and experts
12:50 – 12:55	Music and dance program	
12:55 – 13:20	Presentation of competitors by skill	Competitors and mentors
13:20 – 13:25	Oath of the competitor and the judging commissions	One competitor and one member of the judging commissions
13:30	End of the ceremony	Ceremony hosts

After the ceremony, all participants should immediately proceed to their skills competition zones where **competitors** and members of the Judging Committees will be served lunch, while lunch for experts will be served in the Congress Hall.

TRANSFERS TO HOTELS 5 MAY 2026

Competitors and experts who have booked their accommodation in one of the official hotels can **use organized transfers**. The Agency will organize bus transfers for all participants who are staying in the official hotels and have expressed such a need to the Agency.

Participants using their own transport will go to their vehicles and head towards the hotels. **WorldSkills Croatia does not bear the costs of parking vehicles in paid garages and hotel parking lots.**

Immediately after the end of Competition Day 1, the participants who use the organized transport should collect their travel bags and go to service road, **on the upper side (north) of Pavilions 9 and 11a, where buses for participants will be waiting. Exit will be through Pavilion 11a.**



Buses will run according to **schedule** and **the lines** that will go to one or more hotels.

You will receive a **list of lines that run to hotels** before the event itself, but you can also find them in your skills areas.

Please be sure to check the hotel markings on the bus before boarding and then board the bus

without delay.

All others can use the entrance/exit SOUTH 1 (JUG 1).

All participants must carry accreditation with them; without it you will not be possible to board the buses!

6 MAY 2026 – C2

ARRIVAL AT THE COMPETITION

All participants must be in their skills area **no later than 30 minutes before the start of the competition**.

For participants who are staying in official event hotels but do not have their own transport, the Agency will organize bus transfers. In principle, departure is scheduled for the period from 8:00 to 8:30, but the exact time will be announced on 5 May 2026, in the discipline area and in the official event application. We ask all participants who will be staying at the hotels to have breakfast on time and be ready to leave at the scheduled time.

All participants must carry accreditation with them, and without it, it will not be possible to enter the buses or the competition area!



Buses will bring the participants to the South I entrance of the Zagreb Fair. **Entrance SOUTH I is the entrance for all participants, regardless of the method of arrival**, and after entering the premises of the Zagreb Fair, participants are to proceed to their skills area, and experts can go to the area for mentors

or as they wish.

The exact time of the start of the competition will be indicated in the Skill Management Plan.

Participants that do not use an official hotel or wish to arrive by themselves organize their arrival and departure from the competition independently but using the same entrance and at agreed timing.

PROGRAM AND A TOUR FOR EXPERTS AND VISTORS

We invite international experts and guest visitors to join us in the morning of 6 May in WorldSkills Croatia Arena where you will have short presentation about our model of skills competitions, followed by a short tour of the venue and a lunch.

The exact time of presentation and tour will be confirmed later.

TRANSFERS TO HOTELS 6 MAY 2026

The WorldSkills Croatia will organize bus transfers for all participants that are staying in the official hotels and have expressed such a need. Departure is scheduled on 18:30 h – 19:00 – 19:30 h and 20:00 h.

Buses for participants staying at the official hotels will depart from the service road, **on the upper side (north) of Pavilions 9 and 11a where buses for participants will be waiting. Exit will be through Pavillion 11a**. Buses will run as they did the day before - according to lines that cover one or more hotels.



Everyone else can use the entrance/exit SOUTH 1 (JUG 1).

7 MAY 2026 – C3

ARRIVAL AT THE COMPETITION

All competitors and mentors must be in their skills area **no later than 30 minutes before the start of the competition**.

The exact time of the start of the competition must be indicated in the Skills management plan.

Departures from the hotel are different for the two groups:

- A) Participants travelling on 7 May directly from the competition venue- **carry their travel bags with them**
- B) Participants travelling on 8 May will return to their hotels after the closing ceremony - **DO NOT** take their travel bags with them.

For participants who are staying in official hotels but do not have their own transport, we will organize bus transfers. Departure is scheduled between 7:00 and 7:15 a.m., but the exact time will be announced on 6 May 2026, in the skill area and in the area for experts. Have breakfast on time and be ready to leave at the scheduled time.

Buses will bring the participants staying at the official hotels to the South I entrance of the Zagreb Fair. **Entrance SOUTH I is the entrance for all participants, regardless of the method of arrival.**

Participants departing on 7 May will leave their travel bags in the skill area during the day and collect them before departure. Participants travelling with their own transportation should leave their travel bags in their vehicles and do not bring them inside the Zagreb Fair.

CLOSING CEREMONY AND AWARDING OF MEDALS

The closing ceremony of the competition, the awarding of the medals will take place on **Thursday 7 May 2026** at **Pavilion 7** of the Zagreb Fair starting at **16:30**. We have foreseen the award of medals for participation to all international competitors as well, so we kindly ask you to attend the ceremony.

Due to a large number of participants, we ask all those who will attend to head towards Pavilion 7 no later than 16:00.

All participants must carry accreditation with them, without which it will not be possible to enter Pavilion 7!

The representatives of the WorldSkills Croatia **will seat all participants according to** the designated seats, so please do not sit in the hall on your own. The organizing team (black T-shirts with the inscription WorldSkills Croatia) will be at your disposal at any time for all the necessary help, questions and ambiguities.

Draft program of the closing ceremony and awarding of medals on 7 May 2026

TIMING	ACTIVITY	Who
16:30	Opening greeting	Ceremony host
16:30 – 16:45	Ceremonies speeches	Director of the Agency Representative of the Ministry of Science, Education and Youth Representative of the City of Zagreb
16:45 – 17:15	Awarding of medal and prizes	The director of the Agency, the representative of the Ministry and the representative of the partner/sponsor
17:15 – 17:25	Music and dance program	
17:25 – 18:00	Awarding of medal and prizes	The director of the Agency, the representative of the Ministry and the representative of the partner/sponsor
18:00	Completion of closure	Program manager

The host of the program will announce when international participants receive the medallions of participation. When called Competitors and Experts are to proceed to the stage. In order to shorten the duration of the ceremony, we ask all participants for cooperation and speed. Please inform us if you cannot attend the ceremony.

DEPARTURE AND TRANSFER TO THE HOTEL 7 MAY 2026

Departures after the awarding of the medals are different for the two groups:

- A) participants that travel on 7 May after the awarding of medals will leave the competition area.
- B) participants travelling on 8 May after the awarding of medals return to their hotels.

Departure is scheduled for 18:30 hours.

Buses for participants staying at the official hotels will depart from **the upper side (north) of Pavilions 9 and 11a where buses for participants will be waiting. Exit will be through Pavillion 11a.** Buses will run according to lines that cover several hotels.

Everyone else can use the entrance/exit SOUTH 1 (JUG 1).

Please be sure to check the hotel markings on the bus before boarding and then board the bus without a long wait.

LUNCH, REFRESHMENTS AND EXPERTS ZONE

Lunch will be served according to the following model:

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- for competitors and members of the judging panels in the SKILLS ZONE
- for experts in the GLOBUS CONGRESS HALL

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- for ALL participants in the GLOBUS CONGRESS HALL

The lunch service schedule can be found in skill workshops and can be obtained from the judging committee during the familiarization phase on 5 May.

It is very important that all participants in the competition adhere to the lunch schedule.

Lunch will not be available without accreditation.

Due to the large number of participants, each group will be scheduled to eat lunch in the serving area for 25-30 minutes per group, so please be mindful of this.

Refreshments (water, fruit, biscuits, etc.) will be provided in the skills area as well as in the zone for experts (Pavilion 7).

EXPERTS ZONE

We have prepared a specially designed zone for Experts to relax, network and work in silence. Whether you need a short break, a space to exchange experiences with colleagues or a quiet environment to work, you will find everything you need here. The zone is located in [Pavilion 7](#).

WHATSAPP GROUP



WorldSkills Croatia will set up a **WhatsApp group** for all international guest, and we will use it for important announcements and information. Upon registration we will provide you with a QR code for joining the group.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION - REGULATION (EU) 2016/679

Registration of participation of all participants and collection of personal data will be carried out in accordance with *Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council (GDPR)*. The use, processing and publication of your data will be limited and used exclusively for the purpose of organizing the event and collecting the necessary data resulting from the implementation of the ESF project.

Also, by registering for the event and participating, you also give your consent to be photographed and/or recorded and to have your photos and/or recordings published on the website of the Agency for Vocational and Adult Education and the website <http://www.worldskillscroatia.hr>, social networks and in other advertising activities of the Agency (including recorded materials).

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