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Pre-Meeting

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INTRODUCTION

The **18th European Cave Rescue Meeting** is going to take place in **Wojcieszow** (*Voy-che-shoov*), **Poland, September 25-28th 2025**.

Pre ECRA Meeting: 24-25 September 2025.



This meeting is organized by the [GOPR](#) and [GRJ](#) on behalf of the **European Cave Rescue Association (ECRA)**.

During the Pre-Meeting you can enjoy caving, cave diving and visits to tourist destinations. We are preparing several interesting locations.

More information will be available soon. Please also visit our website www.caverescue.eu for last minute changes or send us an email on info@caverescue.eu in case of any question.




Please note the date for the ECRA meeting in your diary!

We look forward to meeting you in Poland!

The Organizing Committee



TIME SCHEDULE

2025	Tue 23 Sept.	Wed 24 Sept.	Thu 25 Sept.	Fri 26 Sept.	Sat 27 Sept.	Sun 28 Sept.
Pre-Meeting		Excursions	Excursions			
ECRA Meeting 2025				Opening Sessions	GA Sessions Party	

PROGRAM

Technical workshop

The program is being worked on.

You are welcome to send your proposals on presentations/practices/workshops to the commission chair (check Contacts).

Medical workshop

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Cave diving exercise

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Passage enlargement workshop

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General Assembly

The program is not available yet.



LOCATION

Wojcieszów



A small town located on the Kwisia River, with about 3000 inhabitants. It is an important point on the speleological map of Poland. There are several caves in the area, including the Wojcieszowska Rift – the second deepest cave outside the Tatra Mountains.

The town has a rich speleological tradition. For many years, the Polish Championships in Cave Techniques were held here. In Wojcieszów there is also a cottage of one of the local clubs, which serves as a base for speleological and training activities

EXERCISE AREA

In the town of Wojcieszów and in its close vicinity there are quarries that can be used during the event.

The "Gruszka" Quarry

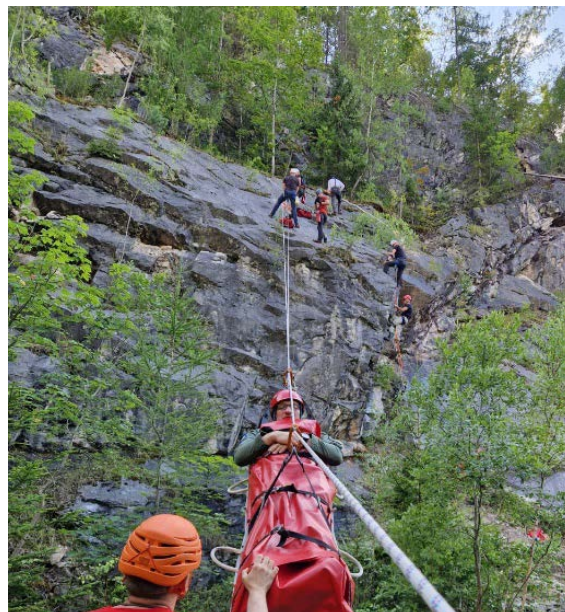
Located 2 km from Meeting place, widely accessible and equipped with permanent climbing points.



The "Gruszka" Quarry

The "Winnicki" Quarry

It is located in a closed mine, 3 km from Meeting place. An ideal place for team practice of rope techniques and passage enlargement.

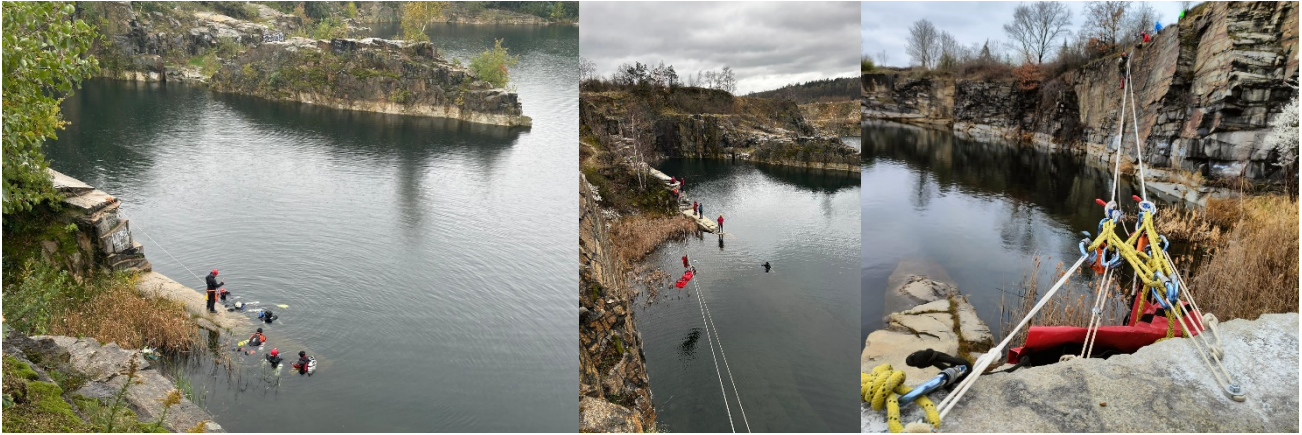


The "Winnicki" Quarry



The "Zimnik" Quarry

Located about 40 km (40 minutes) from Meeting place. The facility allows you to conduct exercises in the field of diving techniques in combination with surface techniques.



The "Zimnik" Quarry

CLIMATE IN POLAND

Poland has a temperate climate with cold winters and warm summers.

Wojcieszów, located in the Sudetes, experiences slightly harsher conditions due to its mountainous terrain. Winters can be snowy and chilly, while summers are mild with occasional rainfall.

September in Wojcieszów is generally cool and pleasant, with temperatures gradually dropping and increased chances of rain. The area is known for its fresh air and scenic landscapes, making it ideal for outdoor activities year-round.





PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee is 60 EUR and must be paid when the participant checks in.

The participation fee includes accommodation, breakfast, lunch, and dinner during the ECRA meeting.

Drinks are at your own expense.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Not yet available.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the European Cave Rescue Meeting and Pre-Meeting is English.

Simultaneous translation into other languages will not be available.

PRESENTATIONS

All presentations and documents should be written in English.

The email for sending your presentations is info@caverescue.eu (in PDF format!).

For the smooth running of the meeting, we kindly ask that you send us your presentations no later than one week before the start of the meeting.

We strongly encourage you to submit your presentations!

EXERCISES

We strongly encourage participants to bring their personal caving equipment (for rope techniques, not caving), as joint training sessions are planned during the Main Meeting. If you have any difficulties bringing your equipment, there will be an option to rent it on-site (provided that you indicate this need in the registration form in advance).

Required equipment for excursions will be specified in the Pre-Meeting section.



VISA

No visa is required from citizens of European countries.

Visitors from other countries should contact their Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

LETTER OF INVITATION

If needed, the participants can request a Letter of Invitation by email to:
helpdesk@caverescue.eu.

SECURITY WARNINGS

No specific warnings for Poland. Public safety in Poland is very high.

CURRENCY

Currency in Poland is Polish Zloty (PLN).

EURO 1 = 4,21 PLN (02.02.2025)



ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

All variations are possible for arrival – own car, bus, train, plane.



By bus and train, you can only travel to the nearest larger town close to Wojcieszów (20 km), [Jelenia Góra](#).

From **Jelenia Góra**, you will need a car pick-up.





By Plane

- ⇒ **Wroclaw Airport**
International airport about 99 km away from Wojcieszow
- ⇒ **Prague Airport (Czech Republic)**
International airport about 189 km away from Wojcieszow
- ⇒ **Poznan Airport**
International airport about 246 km away from Wojcieszow
- ⇒ **Berlin Brandenburg (BER) Airport**
International airport about 272 km away from Wojcieszow
- ⇒ **Katowice Airport**
International airport about 290 km away from Wojcieszow
- ⇒ **Krakow Airport**
International airport about 366 km away from Wojcieszow

By Bus

Buses operate on the **Wrocław** (and other Polish cities) – **Jelenia Góra** route (the nearest large town).

- ⇒ Please check here: <https://www.checkmybus.pl/wroclaw/jelenia-gora>
- ⇒ From Wrocław and Prague, you can take also [FlixBus](#).

By Train

There is a line from **Wrocław** (and other Polish cities) – Jelenia Góra.

- ⇒ Please check here: <https://koleo.pl/>
- ⇒ There is no train from Prague to Jelenia Góra!

PICKUP SERVICE

We will provide transfer to the meeting location from:

- ⇒ Jelenia Góra bus and train station
- ⇒ Wrocław Airport
- ⇒ Prague Airport



ACCOMMODATION

Provided by the organisers for pre-ECRA and Main Meeting (included in the participation fee).

Accommodation in heated tents with temporary camp beds (only sleeping bags are required).

MEAL AND DRINKS

Provided by the organisers **ONLY for Main Meeting (not available during Pre-ECRA Meeting)** and included in the participation fee.

“Speleo Bar” will be available during the afternoon and evening.

PRE-MEETING

Wednesday – Thursday, 24-25 September 2025

Lower Silesia is one of the most beautiful provinces in Poland, famous for its numerous castles, palaces and charming towns with picturesque old towns. However, this region offers much more – you will find numerous mines, undergrounds and tourist caves.

During the Pre-ECRA Meeting, we would like to present the greatest attractions of Lower Silesia to the participants.

The program is being worked on.

The excursions can only be booked by conference participants.

PARTNERS

In progress.



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