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To all

ILSE-Member Federations and  
ILSE Board of Directors

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### **ILSE Event: Concept Swiftwater Rescue 19.-21.06.2026**

The Austrian Water Resuce Federation is pleased to invite experts and representatives of European lifesaving organizations to participate in a working weekend dedicated to the development of a harmonized ILSE swiftwater rescue training concept. The event focuses on exchange, development, and practical testing of training concepts.

This initiative aims to establish internationally recognized standards for training in swiftwater and flood rescue, improving interoperability and cooperation among voluntary rescue organizations across Europe.

#### **Registration:**

Registration is open until May 8 via email to [daniel.pinggera@owr.at](mailto:daniel.pinggera@owr.at).

The maximum number of participants is 20 persons, with 2–3 participants per country

#### **Costs:**

A contribution of € 110,00 per participant is required and must be transferred by May 8<sup>th</sup> to the following account. Please state the reference: "ILSE Swiftwater\_ [Your Country]"

Name: Oesterr. Wasserrettung, Prinz Eugen Str. 12, 1040 Wien

IBAN: AT61 3500 0000 9211 0220

BIC: RVSAAT2S

Bank: Raika Altstadt

#### **Venue:**

Ebbs, Region Kufstein, Tyrol, Austria

#### **Accommodation:**

Accommodation must be booked directly with the hotel. Please contact the hotel at [info@oberwirt-ebbs.at](mailto:info@oberwirt-ebbs.at) and use the keyword "Wasserrettung". Half board is recommended and must be specified directly at the time of booking.

Participants are responsible for arranging and paying for their accommodation directly with the hotel.



Hotel Oberwirt, Wildbichler Str. 36, 6341 Ebbs (Tyrol, Austria)

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/rRdrfWLTUoEdsot9>

Double room (per person/night): €80 (bed & breakfast)

Half board supplement: €32 per person/day

Tourist tax: €3.50 per person/day (not included)

Makes a total per person for 2 nights with half board: €224 + 7€ tourist tax

### Equipment

Please bring the following equipment:

- Wetsuit (minimum 5 mm)
- Personal Flotation Device (PFD)
- Swiftwater rescue helmet
- Sturdy footwear

If you do not have the required equipment, please inform us in advance so we can try to find a solution.

Drying facilities will be provided by **ÖWR Kufstein** from Saturday to Sunday.

### Contact at Austrian Water Rescue Federation

Dr. Daniel Pinggera PhD, [wildwasser@owr.at](mailto:wildwasser@owr.at), Phone: +43 650 598 09 95

### Arrival & Start time

Arrival is scheduled for **no later than 17:30**, and the seminar will start at **18:00**.

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### Travel Information

#### By Car (Motorway)

- Via **A12 Inntal Autobahn**
- Exit **Oberaudorf / Niederndorf** or **Kufstein Nord**
- Approx. 10–15 minutes to Ebbs

#### By Train

- Nearest station: Kufstein railway station
- Direct connections from Innsbruck, Salzburg and Munich
- Taxi or bus transfer to Ebbs (~10 minutes)

#### By Air

- Nearest airport: Munich Airport
- Approx. 1–1.5 hours by car
- Train connection via Munich → Kufstein

A transfer from Kufstein train station can be organized upon request. Please make sure to register in advance if you require a transfer.



## Program

### 19.06.2026 **Friday** – Arrival and Introduction

- 18:00 – 19:30 Welcome and project introduction  
Presentation of the ILSE swiftwater training concept  
Objectives of the project and overview of the training weekend
- 19:30 Joint dinner and informal exchange

### 20.06.2026 **Saturday** – Training Day

- 07:30 – 08:00 Breakfast
- 08:00 – 09:00 Theory session  
Overview of the swiftwater training concept  
Structure of the training program  
Training contents and safety considerations
- 09:00 – 09:30 Transfer to the training location
- 09:30 – 11:30 Practical training session  
Personal protective equipment (PPE)  
Throw bag techniques  
Swimming techniques in moving water
- 11:30 – 13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 – 14:30 Theory session  
Introduction to rope systems  
Swiftwater rescue techniques  
Operational safety and teamwork
- 14:30 – 16:30 Practical training session  
Rope techniques  
Swiftwater rescue scenarios
- 16:30 – 17:00 Transfer back to the meeting location
- 17:00 – 18:30 Debriefing and wrap-up session  
Review of practical exercises  
Exchange of experiences  
Discussion of lessons learned
- 18:30 Joint dinner

### 21.06.2026 **Sunday** – Closing and Outlook

- 08:00 – 09:00 Joint breakfast
- 09:00 – 10:00 Project discussion  
Next steps and further development of the ILSE swiftwater concept
- 10:00 Departure of participants