

Einladung zum alljährlichen "Festival beim Nachbarn"

Das Festival beim Nachbarn findet jedes Jahr in einem der Alpe Adria Länder Kroatien, Italien, Österreich, Slowenien, Ungarn statt.

2026 findet das Festival in der Nähe von Udine, Italien vom 24 bis 26 Juli statt.

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LG Manuel Bartl

Infos zum Festival:

As already anticipated with previous messages from Anna Maria on our behalf, our national Section CIOFF Italy has committed itself to the organization of the 2026 edition of the "Neighbours" festival and, by this mail, we send the first general information on the event planning.

On behalf of the National Section CIOFF Italy, the organization of the Festival will be taken care of by the Folk Group "Balarins di Buje - Maestra Emma Pauluzzo" and **will be held in Buja** (province of Udine, Friuli Venezia Giulia Region) **from Friday, July 24, 2026 to Sunday, July 26, 2026**.

The provisional general program includes:

- Friday, July 24 - Arrival of the groups, presentation of the Festival, conference on "International cooperation within the Alpe-Adria region";
- Saturday, July 25 - Official reception in the morning; at 9:00 p.m.: main performance on stage in Buja
- Sunday, July 26 – at 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Buja Cathedral; performance by groups in the Cathedral Square; closing (afternoon or evening) show;
- Monday, July 27 - departure of the groups

The accommodation will be in a school building (rooms with 12-15 beds) with shared restrooms and shared showers (some of them outside the school building); the organizers will only provide sheets and pillowcases and participants are expected to bring their own towels.

Each group will consist of a maximum of 25 people, including dancers, musicians, companions, and drivers. Participants must be at least 14 years old. Groups must use live music exclusively. Groups must have insurance for accident, damage, and liability.

Bus drivers may be accommodated in the same school building, in shared rooms with drivers from other participating groups. If they wish to stay in a hotel, they will be responsible for the cost.

I hope this proposal receives your approval and look forward to your feedback.

As soon as you let us know the name of the group that will represent your National Section, we will send the official invitation to participate in the Festival.

I look forward to hearing from you and extend my warmest regards.

Mimmo Canino, President