

8th International Conference

Education for Love of Homeland and State:
Patriotism Through Knowledge and Action

Saturday, 21 November 2026
Fran Albreht Elementary School, Kamnik, Slovenia
Hybrid format: in-person and online

Call for Contributions

About the Conference

All educators have a special responsibility to foster active and responsible citizenship, while contributing to the preservation and development of their nation's cultural heritage, language, and identity. Strong individual and collective roots are built through an understanding of culture, history, language, and a sense of belonging to one's homeland.

This international conference **is intended** for teachers, kindergarten educators, school counsellors, university lecturers, researchers, and professionals from all educational fields who promote appreciation for language, culture, national identity, homeland, and state through their educational work.

Participants from Slovenia and abroad will come together to share experiences, present successful educational practices, exchange ideas, and strengthen professional networks. The programme will include keynote lectures, practical workshops, presentations of good practices, and opportunities for informal networking.

The conference aims to encourage **meaningful reflection on patriotism and explore how knowledge and action can help foster a positive relationship with one's homeland** and national identity.

Presentation materials from international contributors will also be made available in Slovene.

Why Attend?

Participate in the conference if you:

- wish to **share a successful educational practice** that promotes awareness, appreciation, and engagement with one's homeland;
- would like to **present your work to an international professional audience**;
- seek inspiration and innovative ideas from colleagues working in different educational contexts;
- value professional dialogue and critical reflection on educational practice;

- want to strengthen your professional competencies and expand your network;
- believe that education plays an important role in shaping responsible, engaged, and informed citizens;
- wish to contribute to ongoing discussions about patriotism, identity, and citizenship in contemporary society.

Invitation to Contribute

We invite you to submit an **original contribution** under the conference theme:

Patriotism Through Knowledge and Action

We welcome presentations based on educational practices that **have already been implemented with children, pupils, or students.**

Your contribution may focus on activities carried out within:

- classroom teaching,
- extracurricular activities,
- school projects,
- community initiatives,
- cultural, artistic, scientific, technological, social, or sports programmes.

What Should Your Contribution Include?

Please describe **one example of good practice that you have successfully implemented.**

Your presentation should explain:

- what was done and why;
- how the activity was designed and implemented;
- the educational objectives behind the approach;
- the outcomes and insights gained;
- challenges encountered and how they were addressed;
- participants' responses and feedback;
- methods used to evaluate the impact of the activity;
- what you would improve, modify, add, or remove in future implementations.

Contributions should demonstrate how learners acquired knowledge, skills, values, or attitudes through concrete educational actions.

Examples of Relevant Topics

Your contribution may demonstrate how educational activities have:

- encouraged learners to explore and understand their homeland;
- supported the development of personal and national identity;

- deepened understanding of key milestones in Slovene history;
- introduced historical developments before, during, and after Slovenia's independence;
- explored challenges faced by the Slovene nation throughout history;
- highlighted the importance of connections between Slovenes living in Slovenia and Slovene communities abroad;
- promoted understanding of language as a key element of national identity and cultural continuity;
- fostered respectful intercultural dialogue and cooperation with people from different ethnic, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds;
- encouraged active citizenship and social responsibility.

Conference Objectives

The conference aims to:

- promote deeper understanding of patriotism and its role in contemporary society;
- explore how knowledge and action contribute to the development of patriotism;
- facilitate the exchange of experiences, ideas, and successful educational practices;
- strengthen collaboration among educators and institutions;
- encourage dialogue between younger and older generations;
- promote responsible, inclusive, and respectful expressions of patriotism;
- support projects and initiatives that create positive social change;
- encourage educators to identify opportunities within curricula to address citizenship, national identity, and cultural heritage;
- strengthen awareness of the importance of preserving Slovene culture, language, music, traditional crafts, and natural heritage.

Key Competences

The conference contributes to five of the eight Key Competences for Lifelong Learning identified in the Council Recommendation of the European Union 2018 (Official Journal of the European Union, 4 June 2018, 2018/C 189/01):

- **Literacy competence**
- **Multilingual competence**
- **Digital competence**
- **Citizenship competence**
- **Cultural awareness and expression competence**

These competences are understood as combinations of knowledge, skills, and attitudes that support lifelong learning and active participation in society.

Certificates and Publication

All registered participants will receive a certificate of participation.

Contributors whose papers are accepted and presented at the conference will have their work published in the conference e-Proceedings and will receive a certificate confirming publication and presentation.

Please note that the organizers cannot guarantee that the conference will officially qualify as an international conference, as this depends on the number of accepted contributions from international participants. The organizers have no influence on this number.

Submission Process

Step 1 - Abstract Submission

Submit a title and abstract through the online application form.

Abstract requirements:

- 800–1200 characters (including spaces)
- Arial font, size 12
- Clearly describe the content and practical relevance of the contribution

Submission deadline: 6 July 2026

Abstracts will be reviewed by the Editorial Board according to their relevance to the conference theme and the inclusion of a practical educational example.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome by 20 July 2026.

Step 2 - Full Paper Submission

Authors of accepted abstracts should **submit their full papers** to:

konferenca@dkps.si

Author guidelines are available at: www.dkps.si/izobrazevanje/mednarodna-konferenca

The **author's declaration** and **registration fee** must be submitted at the same time as the paper.

Authors are responsible for the linguistic quality and academic accuracy of their submissions.

Deadline: 2 September 2026

Following peer review, authors may receive recommendations for revisions and a deadline for resubmission.

Step 3 - PowerPoint Presentation

Authors of accepted papers will receive official conference presentation templates.

Presentations should be submitted to:

konferenca@dkps.si

Deadline: 16 November 2026

Registration Fees

Participants with a contribution

- Non-members of DKPS: €140
- DKPS members with paid membership: €120

Participants without a contribution

- Direct registration (without school approval): €62
- Registration through KATIS (with school approval): €36
- DKPS members with paid membership: €35
- International participants: by prior agreement

Further Information

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Deadline: 2 July 2026

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Deadline: 11 November 2026

We look forward to receiving your proposals and welcoming you to the conference.

Organizing Committee for the preparation of the international conference