

# EUROPEAN KARATE ORGANIZATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION 2025

- May 31- June 1, 2025, WFKO-WKO World Championship in Tokyo, Japan + WKO Dan-grading
- 30 July – 1 August, EKO Dan-grading in connection to Lithuanian Summer Camp, Palanga.
- September 25, EKO referee course in Debrecen, Hungary.
- September 27, EC Adult and Junior J18, Debrecen, Hungary

## News from the Referee Committee



### REFEREES FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN DEBRECEN, HUNGARY

This championship on 27 September in Debrecen, Hungary invites competitors for adults and J18 (Juniors) categories. **As the championship is on one day on 6 tatamis we need many referees.** EKO Referee Committee invite A, B and C licensed referees. We also welcome new referees who want to apply for a C-license. This includes those who want to refresh an old license.

### EKO REFEREE COURSE IN DEBRECEN, HUNGARY

Before the European Championship in Debrecen EKO invites to a referee course for new referees, referees who apply for a new license and referees who need to renew a license.

More information will be sent in June.

### EKO REFEREE COMMITTEE

Michael Söderkvist  
Chairman

<https://www.ekoreferees.eu/>



## News from The Technical & Grading Comittee

### EKO DAN GRADING 2025

The EKO Black Belt grading for Shodan and up to Yondan will take place in Lithuania at PALANGA, LITHUANIA. The schedule for the EKO Grading will be as follows:

- ◇ 30st July arrival and registration.
- ◇ 31st July grading training and preparation.
- ◇ 1st August technical grading and Kumite test.

Application for the EKO Dan grading is open and can be applied via [this link](#). Just fill in all needed information's and upload latest WKO dan certificate and recommendation signed approval letter from your Branch Chief.

The grading will take place during the Lithuanian summer camp and more information about accommodation will follow soon.

Deadline for applying the EKO Dan grading is 15th. June. You will get final approval for the application not later than 1st July.

Payment must be done in advance. Payment by cash at the grading venue is not possible!

Price is 110 € to EKO. Payment to WKO for belt and certificate must be done by the national Branch Chief.

Bank information, Bank name and address IBAN:

*NL78rabo0103302778*

*Rabobank Noordwest Friesland Stationsweg 5, 8911AG, Leeuwarden, Netherlands.*

*BIC Code: RaboNL2u in name of: European Karate Organization*

### EKO BLACK BELT SEMINAR - STARA WIES

This years EKO Black Belt seminar took place the 21st - 23rd March at Stara Wies Dojo. Once again, the camp was sold out and more than 17 countries participated

As you know we always have both technical training and a Kata referee seminar. This year the technical training with focus on Kihon and kara was led by Shihan Brian Fitkin and Shihan Howard Collins, also Shihan Remigiusz Karpinski Shihan Anca Wallmen and Shihan Jan Bülow was teaching.

The Referee seminar was led by Shihan Jan Bülow and the organizer committee planned to focus on the practical part of the Kata judgement. To do this most effective we organized a Kata tournament for both Men and Women. To ensure we would have enough kata fights we also had what we call "*Kata challenge*". This means that anyone could challenge anybody no matter gender or grade.

We had about 45 kata challenges and with the Kata tournament we had a great opportunity to increase the Kata referee's knowledge and the experience for those who participate as participants.

It was a long Saturday afternoon, and I would like to thank alle the participants and referees for your patience.

This year's Black Belt seminar was the 9th. time and it have just gown ever since. Next year's EKO Black Belt seminar will take place 11th – 13th March 2026, at Stara Wiess Dojo. We hope to see all of you.

#### **EKO GRADING & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Jan Bülow  
Chairman