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European Capitals of Culture 2025: Chemnitz and Nova Gorica *Information from Germany and Slovenia*

Chemnitz in Germany and Nova Gorica in Slovenia will be holding the title of European Capital of Culture in 2025. The Capital of Culture programmes for both cities are also presented in two short videos.

Chemnitz

Under the motto “C the Unseen”, the East German city of Chemnitz, together with 38 municipalities from the same region, is presenting itself as a lively, hospitable and surprising place in the heart of Europe. The various activities of the Capital of Culture year, as well as a number of sustainability projects, are the result of the commitment and participation of a large number of local players. These include the city's cultural institutions as well as associations, democracy initiatives, young people and senior citizens together with international partners from 40 countries.

With around 150 projects and more than 1000 events, people from Chemnitz, the Ore Mountains, Central Saxony and the Zwickau region are putting themselves and their region on to the cultural and tourist map. The programme focuses on local stories and faces that mix with European narratives and well-known names. There will be a number of openings event in Chemnitz and the surrounding region on January 18, 2025.

<https://chemnitz2025.de/en/>

Nova Gorica

Nova Gorica will be the first cross border European Capital of Culture, as it will be sharing events with neighbouring Gorizia¹ in Italy to form a European Capital of Borderless Culture.

Under the slogan "GO! Borderless", the European Capital of Culture's mission is to give a voice to the shared heritage of a modernist city and a thousand-year-old city, which will be reaching across their boundaries in a quest for reconciliation. "GO! 2025" aims to dismantle physical and cultural barriers, demonstrating that cross-border collaboration positively affects the development of European suburbs, which are essential pieces of the EU mosaic. The result of these efforts is the cultural and artistic programme of "GO! 2025", which features unique projects that defy borders and transcend the ordinary.

The programme for 2025 includes 66 artistic projects, 10 development and capacity building projects, 56 regional projects, and 5 sets of art-related programmes. The European Capital of Culture 2025 Nova Gorica was officially inaugurated on 8 February 2024, on the Slovenian Cultural Day, which is a Slovenian national holiday.

¹ While Gorizia is not formally a European Capital of Culture 2025, it will be closely involved in Nova Gorica's 2025 programme.

Chemnitz – DE version

Unter dem Motto „C the Unseen“ zeigt sich die ostdeutsche Stadt zusammen mit 38 Kommunen aus der Region als lebendiger, gastfreundlicher und überraschender Ort im Herzen Europas. Die verschiedenen Aktivitäten des Kulturhauptstadtjahrs und nachhaltig angelegten Projekte entstehen aus dem Engagement und breiter Beteiligung unzähliger lokaler Akteurinnen und Akteure. Darunter sind die Kulturinstitutionen der Stadt ebenso wie Vereine, Demokratieinitiativen, junge Menschen und Seniorinnen/Senioren sowie internationale Partnerinnen und Partner aus 40 Ländern.

Mit etwa 150 Projekten und mehr als 1000 Veranstaltungen setzen die Menschen aus Chemnitz, dem Erzgebirge, aus Mittelsachsen und dem Zwickauer Land sich und ihre Region auf die kulturelle sowie touristische Landkarte. Im Zentrum des Programms stehen lokale Geschichten und Gesichter, die sich mit europäischen Narrativen und bekannten Namen mischen. Die Eröffnung findet am 18. Januar 2025 mit einer Vielzahl von öffentlichen Veranstaltungen in Chemnitz und der Region statt.

<https://chemnitz2025.de/en/>
