

2023 Timișoara 2023
European Capital of Culture



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Timișoara 2023 – European Capital of Culture

Going into 2023 we want to showcase Timișoara’s European journey and offer our European and international partners a stage to showcase their culture, as part of our common European heritage.

A multicultural city par excellence, Timișoara is home to over 30 different cultures. Here, Romanians, Germans, Hungarians, Serbs, Italians, Spaniards, Bulgarians and many more live together in harmony.

Timișoara was the first city in continental Europe to have public electric lighting as of 1884. In 1989, the sparks of the revolution against the Ceaușescu’s regime were lit on the streets of Timișoara. Hence the slogan of the Timișoara – European Capital of Culture programme: “Shine your light – Light up your city!”. This slogan expresses the essence of the programme and emphasizes the empowerment and involvement of citizens who act as catalysts for social progress.

From a European perspective, Timișoara’s values are European values. “Unity in diversity” is not just a motto, but a reality in Timișoara. The year 2023 represents a unique opportunity for Timișoara to assert itself on a European and international level by showcasing its strong commitment to the common European destiny that we all share.

Cultural Programme Concept

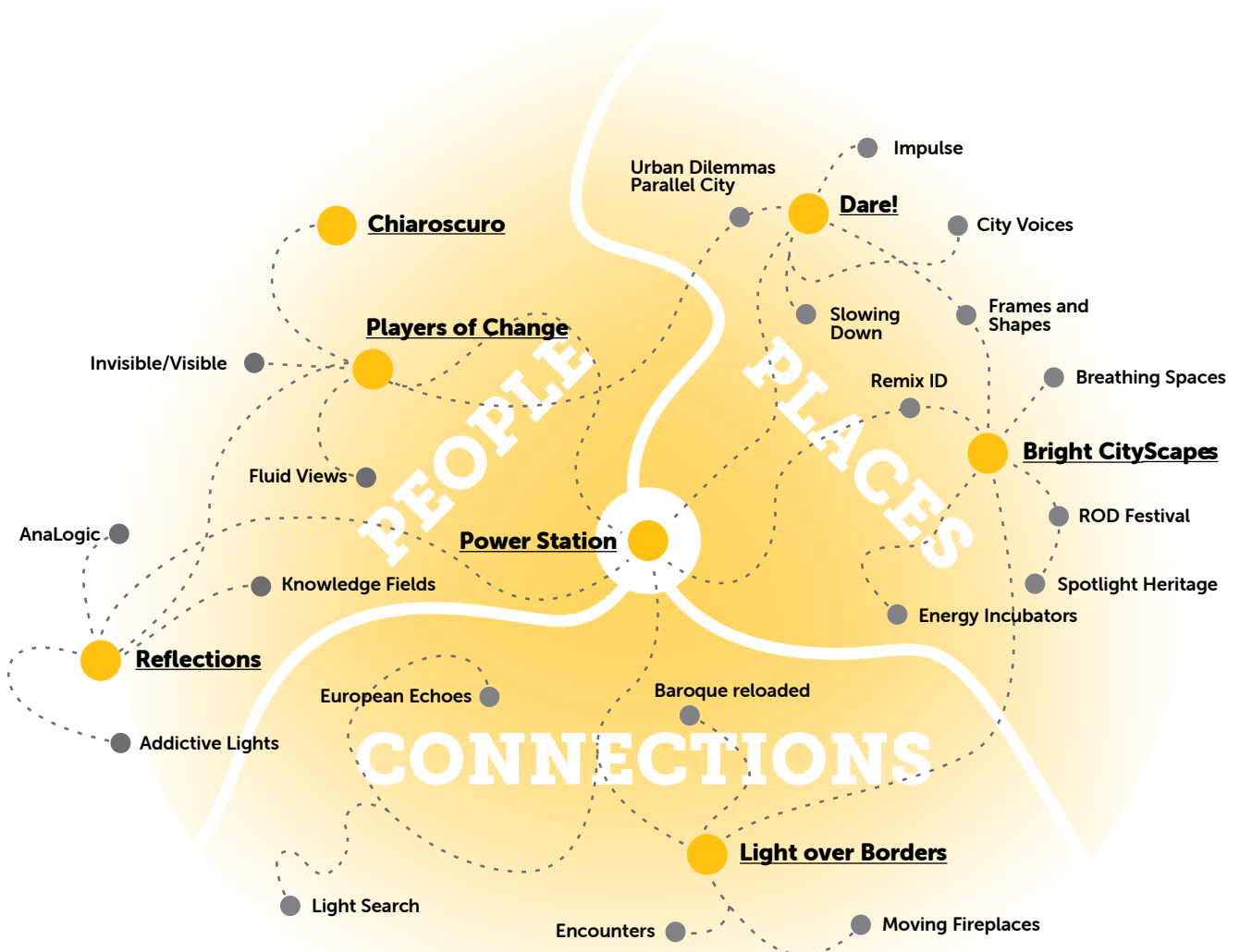
The official cultural programme is structured as a transformative journey comprising 3 main territories (**People, Places and Connections**) and is completed by our capacity building programme: the **Power Station**. Each territory is made up of trails and stations hosted by a local cultural operator in partnership with local and international operators.

Stations are large programmes that focus on expanding and diversifying audiences.

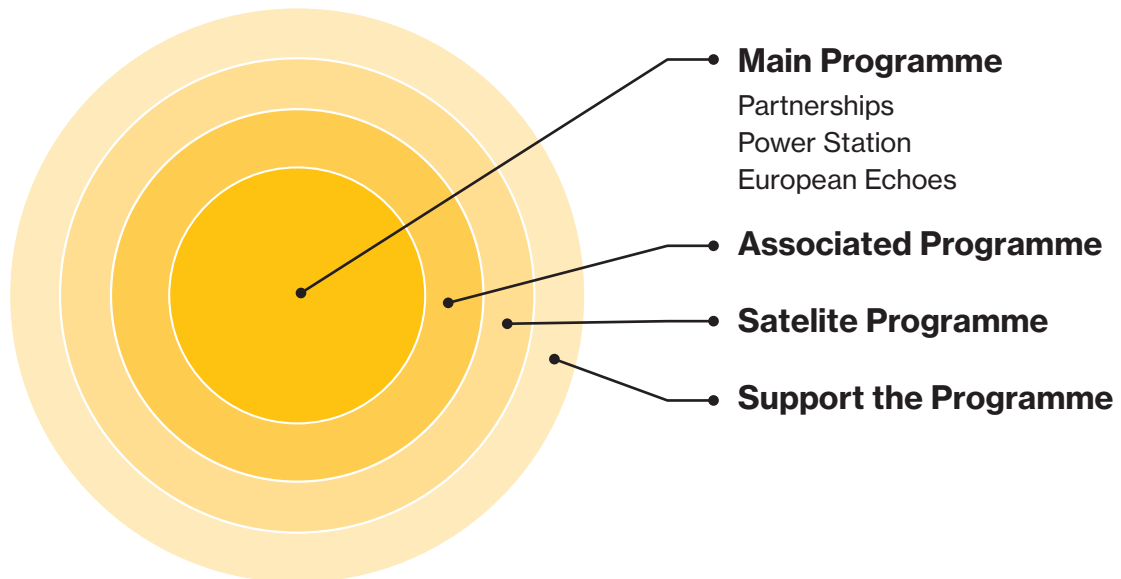
Trails are smaller programmes that aim to deepen the relationships between the cultural operators and their engaged audiences.



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Going forward, we wish to expand the circle that represents Timișoara 2023 – European Capital of Culture.



● **Partner up with a cultural operator!**

Partnering with a cultural operator that is part of the cultural programme will allow you to be part of the official programme for 2023. Our intention is to match local cultural operators with international partners that want to be part of the journey of TM2023.

By mid July a form on the website of our Centre for Projects (which acts as the implementation unit for the European Capital of Culture 2023 on behalf of the Municipality) where you can send your proposals, and our team will help you to partner up with our cultural operators.

What we suggest is that you go through the Cultural Programme and try to identify the cultural operator that best fits your project before you complete the form.

Kindly note that through this option you can join the part of the programme (70% of the whole) that is already approved.

Nota bene: In case your proposal does not fit with the concept of the official programme, it can still be welcomed in Timisoara in 2023 through the TM2023 Associated Programme.

Keypoints

Join the current programme through direct partnerships with host organisations

- Programmes in the main three territories – People, Places, Connections, as well as our capacity building platform – the Power Station – need strong international partnerships in order to fulfil their European dimension;
 - Contributing to the main programme is possible also through direct partnerships with host organisations of the main trails and stations within each Territory;
 - Matchmaking with the host organisations will be supported by the Curatorial Team;
 - Proposals can be submitted online on a rolling basis;
 - Communicated as partners in the main programme for Timișoara 2023 – European Capital of Culture.
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The Power Station Capacity Building

The Power Station is managed by the Centre for Projects. It is open to international proposals that contribute to capacity building for the local ecosystem.

Keypoints

- Capacity building – to develop the cultural programme, to operate in a resilient and sustainable way, to grow organically, to empower professionals, to increase organisational and individual capacity;
 - Networking – to collaborate locally, to create alliances, to be more connected internationally, develop collaborations and partnerships beyond the local level;
 - Resources – infrastructure, venues, logistics, funding, digital;
 - Community engagement – authentic connections with the local community, increased participation, access to culture, trained professionals, dedicated education and mediation programmes, community engagement, outreach to the community, creating a learning environment through culture.
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European Echoes

Apply to our open calls!

Very soon, we will launch multiple open calls for international cultural operators that want to be part of the official programme in 2023. The main stage for international participation will be European Echoes, a trail in the “Connections” Territory, specially designed to welcome projects and events that contribute to the European dimension of TM2023.

Through the European Echoes open call, participation into the official programme will be possible both to international cultural actors that require financial support as well as to those who do not require financing.

If you have a project for which financial support is already secured and it fits the concept of TM2023, this is the call you want to focus on.

We will inform you as soon as the calls are published and guide you through the application process. If your application is successful, congratulations you're part of the official programme!

Keypoints

Propose a project through the dedicated open call

- European Echoes is the programme dedicated to cooperation and international exchange between Timișoara and international partners;
 - The trail is meant to support initiatives meant to bring international input into the programme and enhance international cooperation between Timișoara and other cities;
 - The programme will support both projects which require funding, as well as projects with already secured sources of funding;
 - The programme will be organised through a dedicated open call launched in 2022;
 - Communicated as part of the main programme for Timișoara 2023 – European Capital of Culture.
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Open to Culture – Associated Events enhance the impact of TM2023

The Associated Programme enlarges the main programme offering opportunities for cultural projects and events wishing to be part of the story of Timișoara 2023 even if they do not fit into the overall concept of the main programme.

Minimum criteria guidelines will be provided by the Curatorial Team.

To all interested partners we will provide a database with the local event organisers that can provide support for your projects.

Priority will be given to projects for which funding is secured, however, there will be space also for projects seeking funding for their implementation.

Keypoints

Organise an event or project

Submit a proposal to the Curatorial Team

- Connected events will be selected to take part in the associated programme of Timișoara 2023 – European Capital of Culture;
 - If you would like to propose an event, activity or project which fits into the overall concept and vision of the programme, but is not part of the main programme, you can submit your proposals to the Curatorial Team;
 - Submit your proposals online. The Associated Programme will be included in the final programme under a dedicated section;
 - Communicated as part of the Associated Programme for Timișoara 2023 – European Capital of Culture.
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Support the Programme

Timișoara 2023 is an opportunity for the city to connect internationally, beyond the cultural programme it develops in 2023.

If you are planning to organise an event outside the cultural field, which is not part of the main or associated programme, you can show your support for Timișoara 2023.

Proposals need to fit the values defining the programme and will be required to fit into minimum criteria.

Submit your proposal online and receive guidelines for communicating your support.

Communicated as supporter of Timișoara 2023 – European Capital of Culture

Open to the World Promoting Timișoara 2023.

Increasing connections between our city and your country by promoting Timișoara 2023 – European Capital of Culture back home.

Promotional materials, both physical and digital, will be provided in autumn 2022.

Bringing the European Capital of Culture 2023 closer to your citizens by inviting artists from Timișoara to your country.

Inviting VIPs from your countries to events showcasing your country's culture in Timișoara 2023.

Do not hesitate to contact us for more details



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International Partners in the Cultural Programme

People

	Host	International Partners / Network	Country
Reflections Station	West University of Timișoara	“UNITA – Universitas Montium consortium, together with: Università degli Studi di Torino”	Italy
		Université de Pau et des Pays de l’Adour	France
		Université Savoie Mont Blanc	France
		Universidad de Zaragoza	Spain
		Universidade da Beira Interior	Portugal
Knowledge Fields Trail	Kinema Ikon (Arad) and Doar Mâine (Arad)	ABC House	Belgium
		Meet Factory	Czech Republic
		Ujazdowski Castle Centre for Contemporary Art	Poland
		Tranzit.hu, Tranzit.sk, Ileana L. Selejan (University of Arts London)	United Kingdom
Addictive Lights Trail	Simultan Association	Transcultures	Belgium
		Pépinières Européennes de Création	Belgium
Analogic Trail	Timiș County Youth Foundation (FITT), Cultural Ambulance & Emil Kindlein	RevelaT	Spain
		AnalogueNow	Germany
		Vinyl and Music Festival	Austria
		Grupe 77	Austria
		Osijek Academy of Arts	Croatia
		Etna	France
Players of Change Station	Institute of the Present	Artpool Art Research Center – Museum of Fine Arts Budapest	Hungary
		Julius Koller Society Bratislava	Slovakia
		Station – Service for Contemporary Dance Belgrade	Serbia
Invisible/Visible Trail	Intercultural Institute Timișoara	ERIAC	Germany
		Kuringa – Theatre of the Oppressed	Germany
		Paradox Theatre Copenhagen	Denmark
		Théâtre de l’Opprimé	France
		Council of Europe, Catholic University of Valencia	Spain
		Artemisszio Foundation	Hungary
		Terra Center for Fine and Applied Arts, Kikinda	Serbia
Chiaroscuro Station	German State Theatre of Timișoara	Altenburg Theatre	Germany
		Donauschwäbisches Zentralmuseum	Germany
		Citizen Kane Kollektiv	Germany
Fluid Views Trail	Identity, Education and the Hungarian State Theatre of Timișoara	University of Stavanger	Norway
		Genderdoc	Republic of Moldova
		“DD Network, Oslo Pride, Pride Art, National Museum in Oslo, EPOA, ILGA Europe, Outburst, British Council”	United Kingdom
CommUnity Trail	Solidart		

Places

	Host	International Partners / Network	Country
Dare! Station	Timișoara House of Culture	Chanter pour Vivre Ensemble	Belgium
		Poznan House of Culture	Poland
		Rijeka 2020 ECoC	Croatia
		Eleusis 2023 ECoC	Greece
		Veszprem 2023 ECoC	Hungary
Impulse Trail	French Institute of Timișoara and Unfold Motion Timișoara	Le Plus Petit Cirque du Monde	France
		Eleusis 2023 ECoC, French Institute of Athens	Greece
		Teatroskop	Serbia
City Voices Trail	Timișoara National Theatre	European Theatre Convention, European Festivals Association, Maison Antoine Vitez	France
		Teatroskop	Serbia
Slowing Down Trail	CRIES – Resource Centre for Ethical and Solidarity Initiatives (Timișoara)	RIPESS – European Network of Social and Solidarity Economy	Luxembourg
		URGENCI International Network of Community Supported Agriculture, Together Network, European Network of Coresponsible Territories, Slow Food International, European Network, InfoSustainable	Italy
		Solidarius	Italy
		APDES Portugal	Portugal
		UFISC – Union Fédérale d'Intervention des Structures Culturelles	France
		Largo Alto – Cooperativa Cultural Da Colina Do Castelo	Portugal
		Fekete Sereg Youth Association	Hungary
		Facilitec – Esch	Luxembourg
Frames and Shape Trail	Noi Re-creăm Association, Unfold Motion Association	SUBLAB	Hungary
		Melting Pot	Belgium
		Chameleon	United Kingdom
Urban Dilemmas Parallel City Trail		COME:ON! network, PopUp Theatrics	United States
Remix ID Trail	META Spațiu Association	DIG Gallery – New Media Folklore Košice	Slovakia
Bright Cityscapes Station	Urban Labs within the European network, digital art and technology centres, European Space Agency, New European Bauhaus		
Energy Incubators Trail	La Figurat Association	EU–Japan Fest Committee	Japan
		Drugstore Beograd	Serbia
		Telekom Electronic Beats	Germany
		Dimensions Festival	Croatia
Spotlight Heritage Trail	Politehnica University of Timișoara, National Museum of Banat	University of Novi Sad	Serbia
		Technical University of Kaunas	Lithuania
		Aalborg Universite	Denmark
		Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia	Italy
		University of Agder and Norwegian Technical University	Norway
		University of Graz	Austria
Breathing Spaces Trail	Order of Architects of Romania – Timiș Territorial Branch	European Prize for Public Space Barcelona	Spain
		European Network	

ROD Festival Trail	DocuMentor Association	Viken filmsenter AS	Norway
		Bodø2024 IKS	Norway
		Kuda .org	Serbia
		Kultur Bryter Grenser	Norway
		Documentary Campus	Germany
		Social and medical services in Serbia and Bulgaria	Bulgaria

Connections

	Host	International Partners / Network	Country
Light over Borders Station	To be selected through a national open call	International partners from the creative industries, theatre and music should be involved	
Moving Fireplaces Trail	Prin Banat Association	Festival der Regionen	Austria
		Cultura Nova Festival Heerlen	Netherlands
		La Manufacture / Collectif Contemporain	France
		Anda & Fala Arts Festival, Azores	Portugal
		New Culture Foundation	Bulgaria
		Espoon Kaupunginteatter	Finland
		Dansehallerne Copenhagen	Denmark
Baroque Reloaded Trail	Timișoara National Museum of Art	European platforms for emerging talents	
Encounters Trail	Art Encounters Foundation, Triade Foundation	Pompidou Center	France
		Tate	United Kingdom
		French Institute Timișoara, Danube Dialogues	Serbia
		Rajko Mamuzić Gallery	Serbia
		Serbian Cultural Center of Paris	France
Light Search Trail	"Banatul" Philharmonic Timișoara	Theater Altenburg Gera	Germany
		Staatsphilharmonie Rheinland-Pfalz Ludwigshafen	Germany
		WDR Radio Orchestra Cologne	Germany
		HarrisonParrott Artist Agency London	United Kingdom
		Konzertdirektion Hans Ulrich Schmid GmbH & Co.KG	Germany
European Echoes Trail	The programme will be organized through an open invitation to international cultural organisations, partners of Timișoara 2023	Former and candidate ECoCs	