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European Capital of Culture 2029: Lublin

Information from Poland

In 2029 Poland will host a European Capital of Culture. Twelve Polish cities took part in the first round of the selection process in October 2023: Bielsko – Biała, Bydgoszcz, Jastrzębie – Zdrój, Katowice, Kielce, Kołobrzeg, Lublin, Opole, Płock, Pszczyna, Rzeszów and Toruń.

The European jury voted four cities (Bielsko-Biała, Katowice, Kołobrzeg and Lublin) through to the final selection phase from 23 to 25 September 2024. At the end of this phase the jury recommended Lublin for European Capital of Culture 2029. Based on the panel's recommendation, the Polish Minister for Culture and National Heritage awarded the title to the city of Lublin.

Lublin's RE:UNION project aims to encourage reintegration and to restore broken bonds. RE:UNION is a dialogue between different cultures and generations, between tradition and modernity, between the past and the future. Situated for centuries at the crossroads of East and West, Lublin has showcased multiculturalism and kinship between European cultures, which makes it a good place to rebuild dialogue and foster a conscious sense of belonging to the same community. RE:UNION is reintegration as a natural outcome of disintegration caused by the pandemic crisis and the consequences of war, and it is a cultural transfer: Lublin is sharing with Europe its position as a city of both the East and the West.

For the three other cities in the final round of selection, the Polish Minister of Culture and National Heritage has launched a new initiative: Polish Capital of Culture. Bielsko-Biała, Katowice and Kołobrzeg will hold this title respectively in the years 2026-28 and showcase their cultural programme on a national level.

At the meeting of the EYCS Council, the Polish delegation would like to inform all delegations about the selection process and the artistic and cultural offer of the city of Lublin for 2029.