

European Capital of Culture

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Ministry of Culture announces the call for submission of applications for the title of the European Capital of Culture for year 2027 in accordance with the Paragraph 2 of Cabinet of Ministers Regulation No. 464 of 28 July 2020 "[Procedure for granting the title of the European Capital of Culture for 2027](#)", and Article 7 of the [Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033 and repealing Decision No 1622/2006/EC](#) (hereinafter referred to as Decision).

The European Capital of Culture event is one of the most known European initiatives. The initiative has two objectives: to safeguard and promote the diversity of cultures in Europe and to highlight the common features they share as well as to increase citizens' sense of belonging to a common cultural area, to foster the contribution of culture to the long-term development of cities in accordance with their respective strategies and priorities.

In accordance with the calendar set out in the Annex to the Decision, in 2027 the European Capital of Culture will be given the name of one Latvian and one Portuguese city. For Latvia, this is the second opportunity to give the name of the European Capital of Culture to one of the cities. In 2014, the name was given to two European cities – the capital of Latvia – Riga and Umeå in Sweden.

Applicants are invited to submit their application by 4 June 2021 5 pm at the Ministry of Culture (Kr. Valdemāra Street 11a, Riga, LV - 1364).

Documents:

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 [Competition for the 2027 European Capital of Culture title in Latvia](#) 

Additional information:

 [A guide for cities preparing to bid](#) 

 [Guidelines for the cities' own evaluations of the results of their ECOC](#) 

 [Compendium of recommendations from ex-post evaluations of European Capitals of Culture 2007-2016\)](#) 

 [Timetable for the European Capital of Culture 2027 application procedure](#) 

More information on the initiative in the official [website of the European Commission's European Capitals of Culture](#)

The recording of the seminar "European Capital of Culture in Latvia 2027" on September 23, 2020 is available on [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#). The seminar on 23 September 2020 was hosted by the Member of the European Parliament Ms. Dace Melbārde in close cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and the NGO "Culturelab".

Information about the other seminars and their recordings is available on the [CultureLab website](#). Seminars have been hosted by Ms. Dace Melbārde, the Member of the European Parliament and financially supported by European Conservatives and

Reformists group (ECR Group), organized in partnership with NGO Culturelab and NGO ArtCēsis.

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