

**OPEN
CALL**



Open call Nr. 04/23

**Celebrate generations! –
Projects for young and older people**

European workshop for culture and democracy

**Kulturhauptstadt
Europas Chemnitz 2025 GmbH**



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Introduction: C the Unseen – Europäische Macher:innen der Demokratie / European Makers of Democracy

How can taking part in culture and civic participation strengthen social cohesion? The central element of the Capital of Culture programme is to inspire as many people as possible to become “makers” – creative, self-effective people who contribute their skills and knowledge to shaping their social environment. This creative and entrepreneurial potential often lies hidden in Chemnitz and the region, but it is waiting to be discovered and experienced on closer inspection. The makers become European makers of democracy when they, together with others, use this potential to create something and take care of their fellow human beings, while treating each other with respect and seeing otherness as enriching for civil society.

The open call

Under “C the Unseen”, the motto of Chemnitz2025, the *Generation team* is looking for projects that discover opportunities for everyone in the peculiarities of generations and with which children and young people in particular acquire the space, knowledge and skills to create their own future perspectives.

Here, we see Chemnitz as a laboratory for issues facing all of Europe because, in the context of Chemnitz as the European Capital of Culture 2025, the demographically oldest city in Europe has the opportunity to find regional approaches to these issues, such as demographic change, loneliness and shortage of skilled workers.

Whether it’s innovative tech solutions or ways of meeting – we are also looking for projects that involve older people and thus create a platform that shows appreciation for their activities, opinions and the issues they face.

We encourage European, national and local partners to include projects for and, most importantly, with the target groups of the *Generation team* in the Capital of Culture programme.

Who or what do we support?

Kulturhauptstadt Europas Chemnitz 2025 GmbH (KHS GmbH) is not a patron in the classical sense. We see ourselves as a partner and supporter, as a motivator and an impulse booster in various projects. These can be planned and developed as part of the preparation for the Capital of Culture year in Chemnitz and the partner municipalities and communities and ultimately contribute to the grand idea of implementing the programme.

In open call no. 04/23 Celebrating generations, project concepts or drafts can be submitted that appeal to at least one of the following target groups and/or have a generation-connecting effect:

- 0–6 years old: Infants and children of nursery age and their families
- 7–10 years old: Children of primary school age and their families
- 11–18 years old: Children and young people of school age
- 19–27 years old: Young adults
- 60+ years old: Older people

A fundamental aspect is that Chemnitz and the 38 partner municipalities and communities of the European Capital of Culture Chemnitz 2025 must network with Europe. By the time the contract is signed, each selected local project must demonstrate at least one European partner and each project from abroad must involve a local partner from Chemnitz or one of the 38 partner municipalities or communities. If required, the *Generation team* at KHS GmbH will provide advice in searching for partners. Partnerships must be documented via letters of intent.

KHS GmbH supports active participation on the part of the target groups in keeping with the idea of participatory cultural work. An active participatory component on the part of the local target group (e.g. in the team, in project development and/or implementation process) is a prerequisite for support. If cooperation financing is awarded, this component can be further developed in the project development process. Special attention is given to projects that are developed from within the target groups themselves.

In keeping with the principles governing participation, financing is granted to non-commercial project ideas centring around cultural creation, particularly from the fields of visual arts, performing arts, literature, music, film, photography, architecture, peace and remembrance culture, media and new media, related forms and interdisciplinary projects as well as activities in sports, civil society and popular culture.

The focus of KHS GmbH's support is on activities that address and implement diversity, sustainability, inclusion and multi-generational work.

Cooperation financing and capacity development opportunities

Open call no. 04/23 Celebrating generations consists of a two-stage process. Until the end of submission in stage I, both project concepts and project drafts that still require development, e.g. in the form of international partnerships, can be submitted. A specially composed advisory board will shortlist the project drafts which are to be included in a targeted project development process.

In stage II, the project concepts resulting from this will be submitted again. The advisory board will then make a final decision on the projects that are to be included in the programme for the Capital of Culture year 2025.

All projects must provide their own contribution amounting to at least 10 per cent of the total amount. In individual cases, non-cash contributions (such as volunteer work) may also be recognised as an own contribution. Decisions relating to such recognition shall be made on an individual basis. Due to the individual nature of the expected submissions, a maximum financing amount is not specified as a matter of principle.

All organisations and individuals from Chemnitz and the 38 partner municipalities and communities of the European Capital of Culture Chemnitz 2025 mentioned under item 12 of the principles governing participation are eligible to apply, as are those from all EU member states and other European countries.

Schedule

Stage 1

- Submission of finished project concepts or project drafts: 27 February 2023 to 30 June 2023
- Decision of the advisory board: 7 July – 31 August 2023

Stage 2

- Project development (including internationalisation procedures, if applicable): 1 September – 30 November 2023

- Submission of finished project concepts: by 30 November 2023
- Decision of the advisory board: by 15 January 2024

Project start is possible from January 2024. The projects must make their impact and carry out their main activities in 2025 and must be implemented in Chemnitz and/or the partner municipalities and communities.

Submission

You can participate in open call no. 04/23 directly via our submission platform.

<http://generationen-feiern.mein-wettbewerb.de/>

In case of technical questions with regards to the submission platform please write via e-mail to: support@zauberberg-medien.de

Please download the template for the *cost and financing plan* – necessary for submission – under <https://chemnitz2025.de/en/allgemein/opencall/>

Your project ideas will be handled confidentially and your submitted documents will be stored and processed by us for the sole purpose of selecting the projects. You can read our privacy policy here.

Please read our *privacy policy* regarding the open calls under <https://chemnitz2025.de/en/allgemein/opencall/>

Counselling & information events

Open call Nr. 04/23 is accompanied by information events before and during the call process:

- 13 March 2023 / information event at the office of KHS GmbH (Hartmannstraße 5, 09111 Chemnitz (Germany), starting at 6 p.m.)
- 11 April 2023 / online information event (in German language)
- 16 May 2023 / online information event (in English language)

For further information and queries regarding open call Nr. 04/23 please contact the following staff member of KHS GmbH:

- Mrs. Julia Palarz

Office hours for individual counselling:

- From 20 March 2023 onward, every Monday between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Please book an appointment via the scheduling automation platform Calendly / <https://calendly.com/generationen-feiern/beratung>