

Observatory

A digital Cross-Border Observatory

Why is it cross-border?



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Because it collects, organises, and analyses data coming from both sides of the border — Gorizia (Italy) and Nova Gorica (Slovenia) — as well as from the wider cultural and tourist ecosystem connected to the European Capital of Culture.

It does not describe one city: it describes a unified destination built on the idea of overcoming the border.



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Because it does much more than sharing information: it measures, monitors, and interprets what actually happens in the Borderless Area.



Why is it an observatory?

It tracks:

- which events attract the most interest and participation;
- where users come from;
- which pages, projects and initiatives generate the most attention;
- how tourists behave when planning their stay.

It provides a real-time, data-driven picture of audience behaviour.



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Get ready for your visit:
discover the Borderless Area
— insights into the area,
where to eat & stay, official
projects and featured artists.

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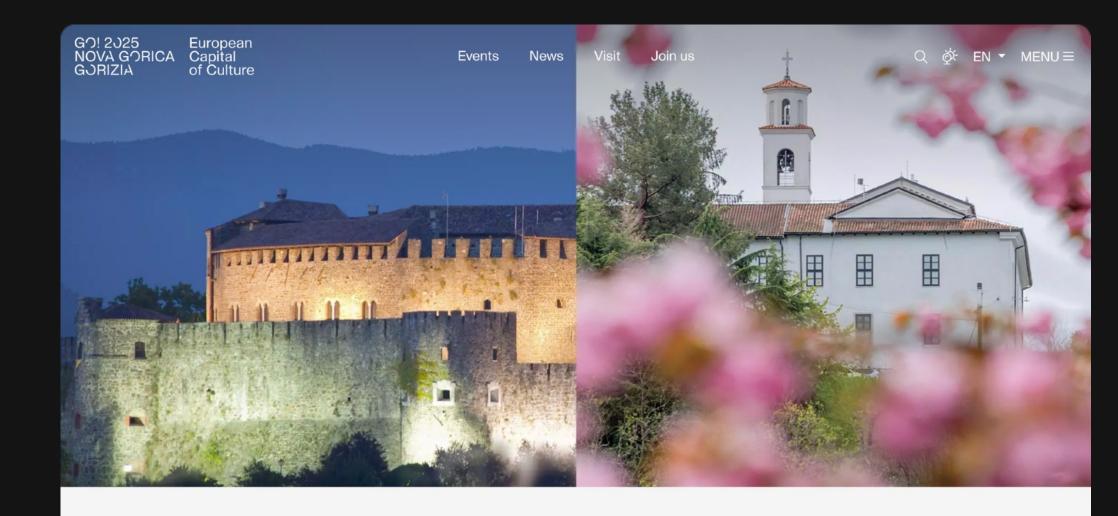
FAQ





Start planning your visit

This page can help you to plan your borderless visit. It can be used either to get inspired or to perform a targeted search of content by type of information.



PLAN YOUR BORDERLESS VISIT

Nova Gorica and Gorizia share the same commitment: divided by conflicts in the past but united by friendship and cooperation in the present, the two cities have set themselves the ambitious goal of becoming the first Borderless European Capital of Culture.

Discover the natural beauty of Goriška, the emerald Soča River that flows from its Alpine source to the Adriatic delta, the vineyards of Brda, and the spectacular Vipava Valley. Explore the green architecture and modernist style of Nova Gorica, and witness the thousand-year history of Gorizia with its spectacular cathedrals and castles.

To organize your ideal itinerary just let us know your preferences from the options provided. Once you have made your selection, we will create a customized plan just for you!

Filter by class

What's on

From * To

Your interests

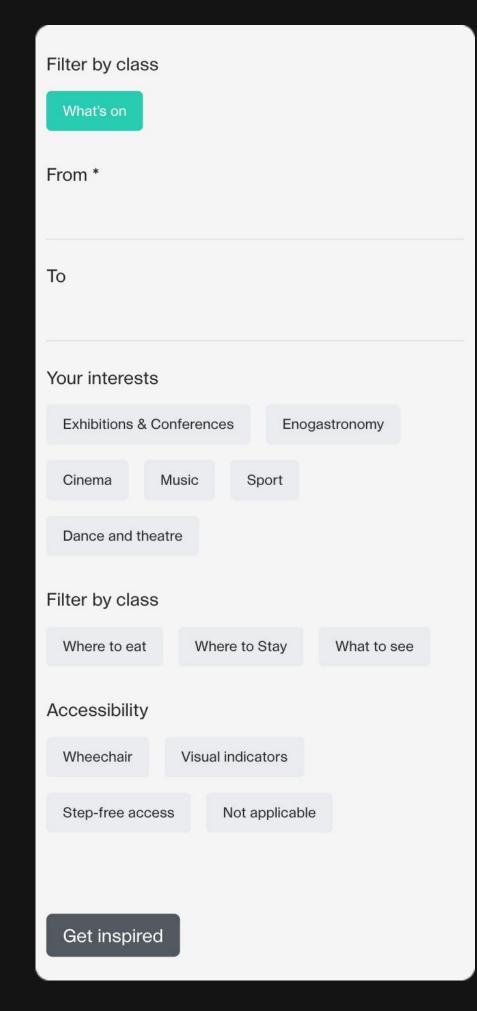
Exhibitions & Conferences Enogastronomy Dance and theatre

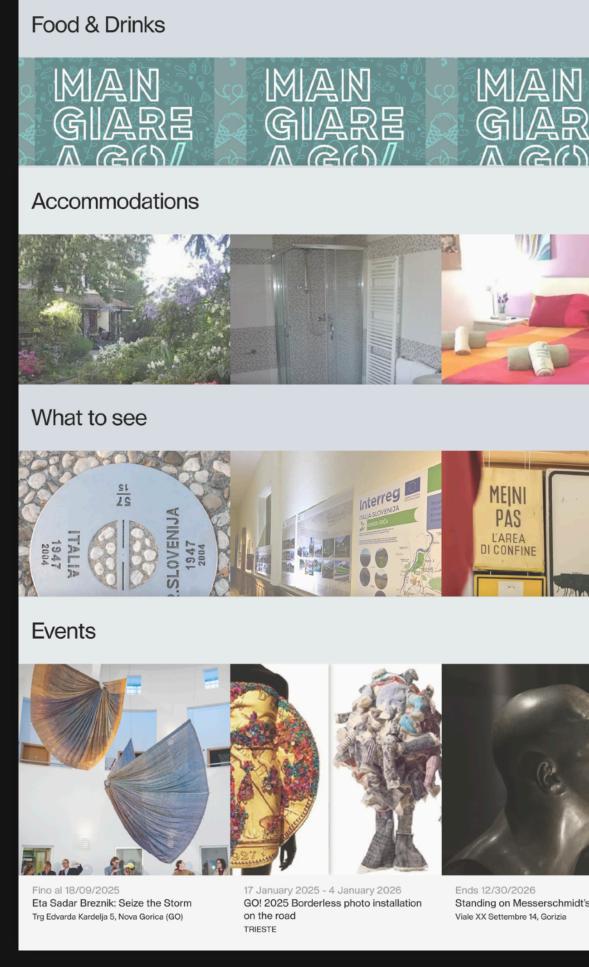
Music Sport Cinema

- > 2,590 accommodation options ≈ 200 food & drink options
- > 870 points of interest and experiences
- > 115 projects
- >30 webcams

Feel like getting inspired?

Discover events and facilities* matched to your desired period and interests.



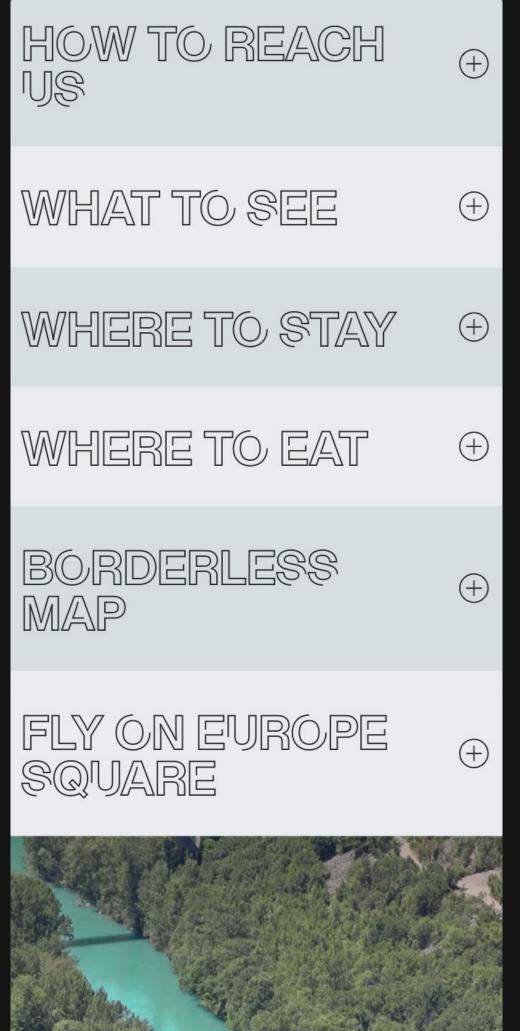


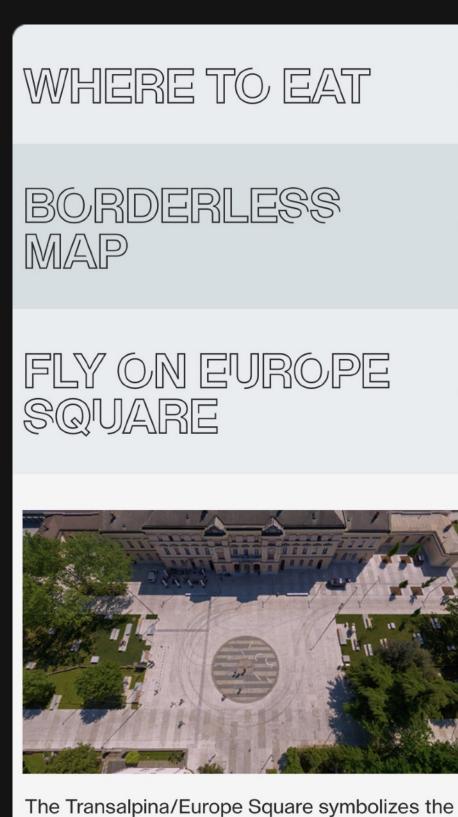
^{*} The order of the results is determined by their proximity to the ECoC District (Transalpina/Europe Square)

Quick access to specific information

All the main information in one page:

- What to see
- How to reach us
- Where to stay
- Where to eat





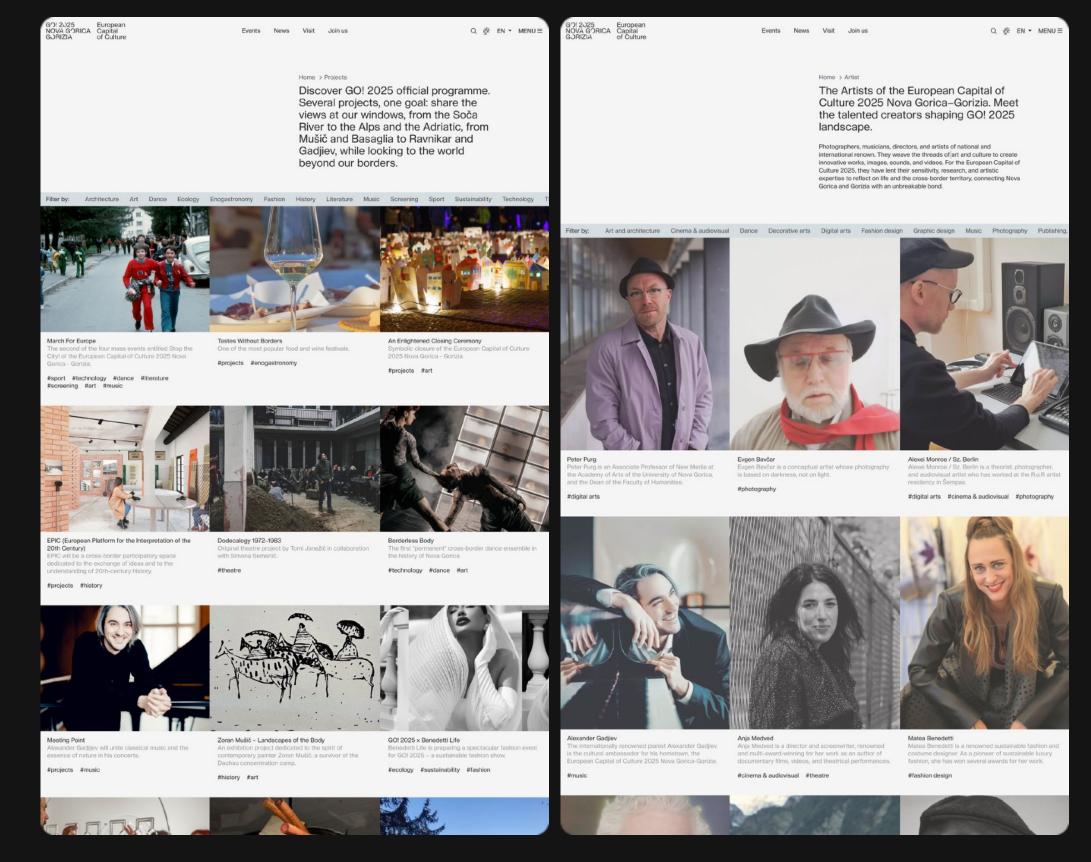
conurbation of Gorizia and Nova Gorica, the unity

of Europe, and the overcoming of borders.

Explore with the drone

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Projects & Artists

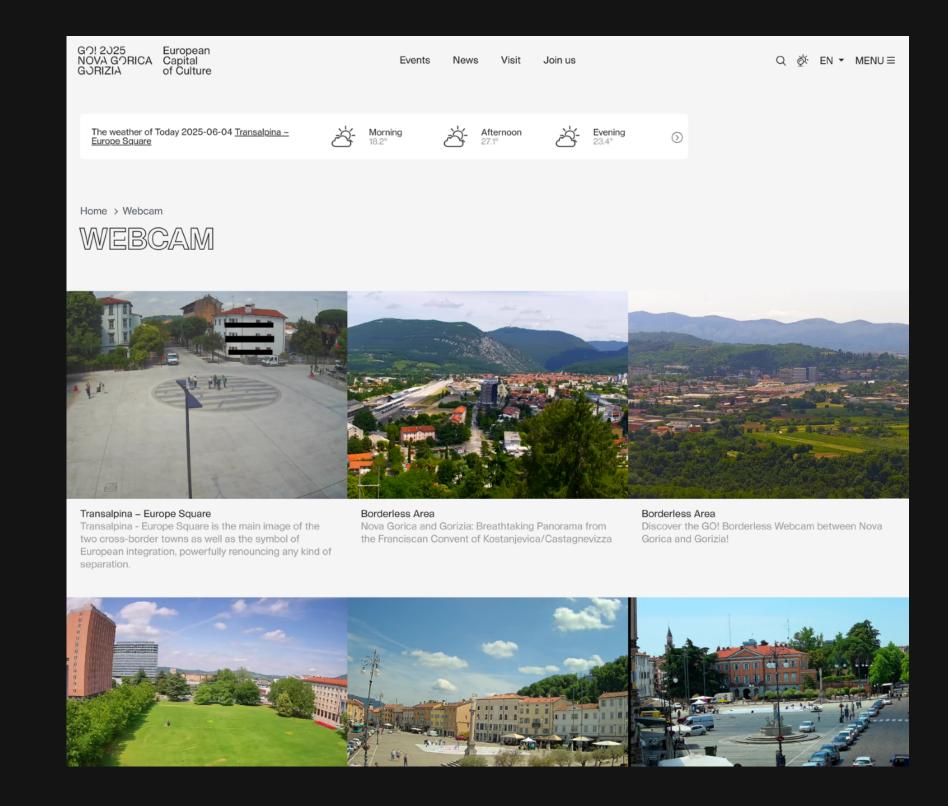


↑ Discover GO! 2025 projects using filters and find what inspires you

↑ Get to know the artists, their visions and how they are shaping ECoC's spirit

Webcams

Discover key GO! 2025 locations* in real time with 30 Borderless Webcams.

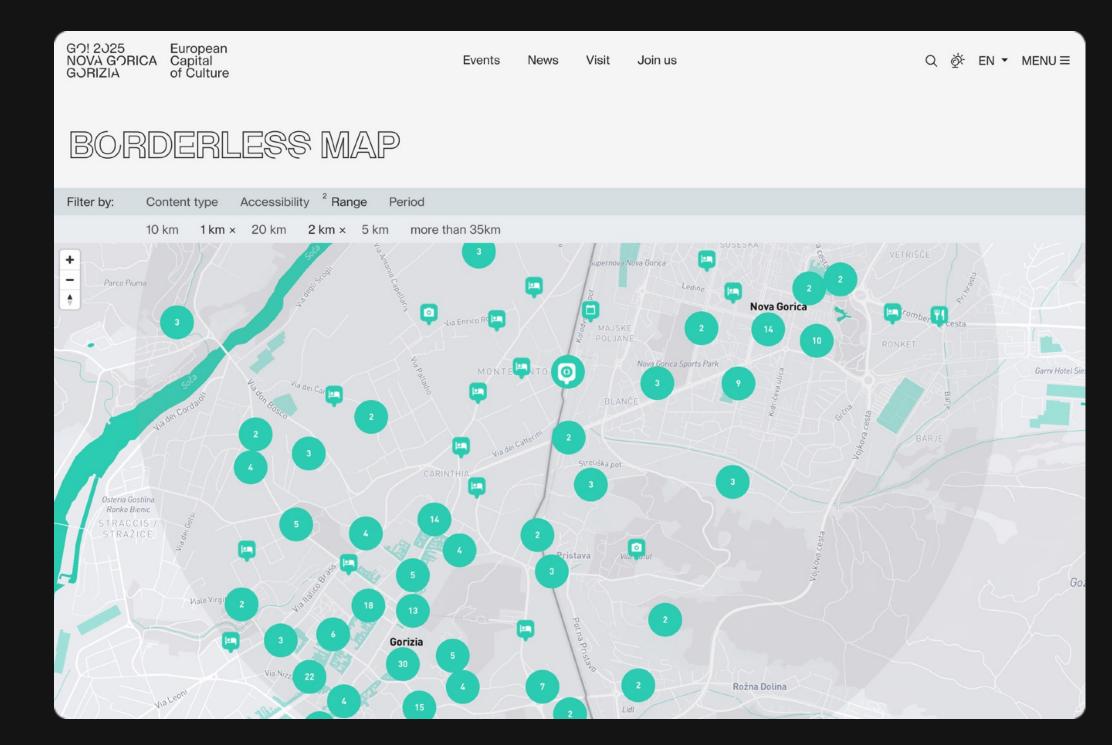


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Borderless Map

Explore the Borderless Area through the ECoC District interactive map.

Find events' location, cultural venues, accommodations options and key services*.

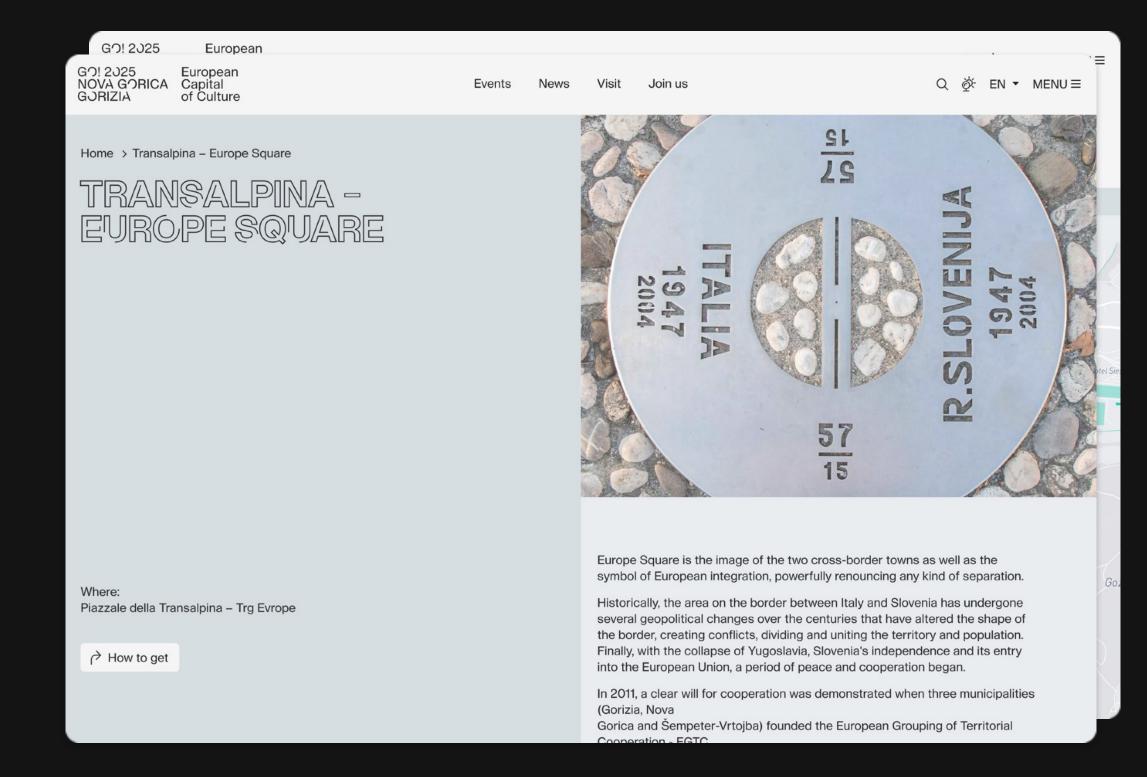


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Because the platform acts as a live sensor of GO! 2025's cultural and tourism impacts.



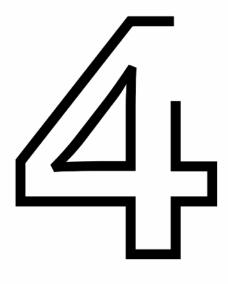
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Key indicators show:

- traffic spikes matching key ECoC events;
- top-visited pages aligned with exhibitions, concerts, festivals, and flagship projects;
- accommodation requests indicating real impact on overnight stays;
- millions of impressions and views reflecting the increased international visibility of the Borderless Area.



A shared, participatory data infrastructure

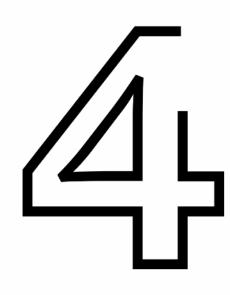


A shared, participatory data infrastructure

The observatory is co-created with 20 first-level stakeholders across Italy and Slovenia, who continuously contribute content and information.

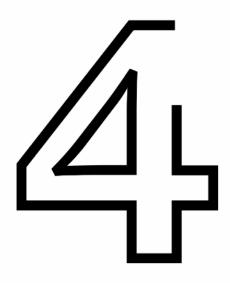
This makes it:

- participatory;
- binational;
- institutionally recognized;
- aligned with the shared governance model of GO! 2025.



A shared, participatory data infrastructure

It is one of the few digital observatories in Europe built simultaneously by 2 countries.



GO! 2025 participatory planning process: first-level stakeholders act as strategic partners in a win-win agreement; they contribute with content and information, gaining mutual visibility, image, and brand awareness.

Project promoter



Promoturismo FVG



Fondazione Carigo



Confcommercio Gorizia



Javni zavod za turizem Nova Gorica in Vipavska dolina



Fundacija Poti miru v Posočju

WALK OF PEACE

Javni Zavod Miren Kras



Zavod Za Turizem Idrija / Idrija Tourism Board



Euradria 24-26 programma EaSI - Unione Europea







Zavod za turizem, kulturo, mladino in šport Brda



Turizem Dolina Soče Soča Valley Tourist Board



Camera di Commercio Venezia Giulia Trieste Gorizia



Goriški muzej Kromberk / Nova Gorica



Direzione Cultura Friuli Venezia Giulia





Območna Razvojna Agencija Krasa In Brkinov



Fondazione Aquileia



DMO Turismo Benečija



Fondazione Palazzo Coronini Cronberg



Grado Impianti Turistici



Let'sGO - Comune di Gorizia



Best Practice
Data and Monitoring

20 First level stakeholder

48% SLO

52% ITA

38% Tourism

28% Culture

17% Business

17% Other

What makes it different from traditional observatories?

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Typical tourism observatories are local, sector-specific and fragmented.

Borderless Wireless, instead:

- spans two national systems;
- integrates culture, tourism, events, mobility, and services;
- combines territorial data with digital behavioural insights;
- measures not only presence but interest, engagement, and demand;
- operates as a strategic tool for cross-border governance.

It is the 1st ECoC to build such a comprehensive, cross-border digital monitoring infrastructure.

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What they say about GO! 2025 and the Borderless Wireless Project

Horbes small



GO! 2025: il confine che unisce. Cultura e cooperazione per l'Europa del futuro

GO! 2025 segna un momento storico: Nova Gorica e Gorizia sono la prima Capitale Europea della Cultura transfrontaliera. La candidatura congiunta, presentata nel 2019, punta sulla collaborazione tra le due città di confine, una in Italia e una in Slovenia, prima divise da una storia tragica e poi unite dall'intento comune di fare del confine una leva di sviluppo territoriale. Secondo Romina Kocina, direttrice del Gect Go, questo riconoscimento rappresenta un'occasione unica per dimostrare che la pace e la convivenza sono possibili, attraverso il dialogo e la condivisione della cultura. L'obiettivo è valorizzare il territorio transfrontaliero offrendo nuove prospettive di cooperazione, partendo dalla cultura e dalle arti che utilizzano un linguaggio comune, e per questo è stato sviluppato il progetto Borderless Wireless. Giulio Selvazzo, pm del progetto, spiega come grazie ad un percorso di progettazione partecipata sia stato possibile coinvolgere i principali stakeholder del territorio per aggregare tutte le informazioni al fine di creare un portale di riferimento culturale e turistico.

Piazza Vittoria, a Gorizia, è stata teatro della cerimonia di inaugurazione di GO! 2025.

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A local musician's cultural guide to Nova Gorica, the 2025 Capital of Culture

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Virginia Di Gaetano



Tish at Trg Evrope (Credit: Luca Fornasier)

Singer-songwriter Tish grew up on the border of Europe's first-ever borderless Capital of Culture. Here are her picks, from underground jams at Mostovna to Fabrika's famous burgers.

Nova Gorica is one of Slovenia's (and Europe's) youngest cities, but it's grown up fast. Since Slovenia's entry into the EU in 2004, it's become a showpiece for Slovenia's rich artistic tradition stretching from ancient artisanal crafts to master Slovene Impressionists Ivana Kobilca and Franc Berneker to today's thriving contemporary arts scene.

The planned city was founded in 1947 after the Paris Peace Treaty established the border between Italy and the former Yugoslavia, restricting travel between the two nations. With the Italian city of Gorizia, a regional centre since the Middle Ages, suddenly off-limits to Yugoslavs, the Socialist Yugoslavian government envisioned Nova Gorica (New Gorizia in Slovenian) as a modernist city to cement a new, postwar identity. For decades, the two cities lived on either side of a tumultuous border; steps apart but worlds away.

Now, united as the <u>2025 EU Capital of Culture</u>, Nova Gorica and its sister Italian city Gorizia stand as "the European capital of borderless culture". Having these two places, so long separated, share this distinction is a testament to a collaborative future.

And Nova Gorica itself – nestled in the idyllic Vipava Valley, famed for its wineries – has become particularly known for its unique combination of modern artistic edge and small-town community feel.

Europe's first borderless Capital of Culture

17 December 2024

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Noah Charney



In 2025, Nova Gorica and Gorizia will reunite as the first transnational European Capital of Culture (Credit: Getty Images)

In 1947, Gorizia was abruptly split between Italy and Slovenia. In 2025, the two towns will reunite as the first transnational European Capital of Culture.

Right now, I'm standing in Nova Gorica – a modest but beautiful planned Modernist town in Slovenia with a population of 30,000. But if I take just a few steps, I can cross an invisible border into Italy to the medieval town of Gorizia, without even showing my passport.

Once upon a time, Nova Gorica and Gorizia were one; the two cities were created – and separated – in 1947 after World War Two when the Treaty of Paris established Europe's new borders, restricting travel between Italy and the former Yugoslavia. An Allied commission determined that Gorizia should belong to Italy and the less-developed part of town should be part of the Slovenian republic within the Socialist Federalist Republic of Yugoslavia. The new town was to be called Nova Gorica (New Gorizia), and from that moment on, Nova Gorica and Gorizia have existed as two towns split across two countries.

But with Slovenia's entry into the EU in 2004, the border between them was dissolved, allowing a cross-cultural exchange for the first time in generations. And in 2025, Gorizia/Nova Gorica will reunite as the first transnational European Capital of Culture, in a project called GO!2025.

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The capital of culture — and smuggling — that straddles two countries

An invisible border divides Gorizia, in Italy, and Slovenia's Nova Gorica. Experience their intriguing history in museums, a Kipling trail, and an interactive escape tour



The old town centre of Gorizia

Catherine Bennett
Saturday March 29 2025, 8.00pm GMT, The Sunday Times

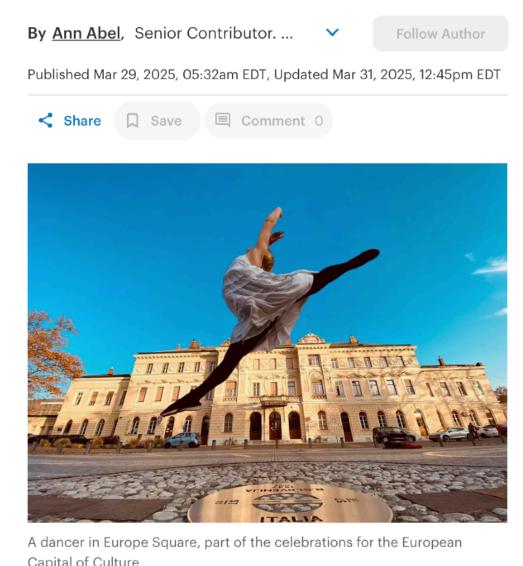




LIFESTYLE > TRAVEL

Why Nova Gorica, Slovenia, Is The Next Culture Destination To Know

Along with Gorizia, Italy, the western Slovenian city has been designated a European Capital of Culture for 2025. But its appeal goes beyond the city limits—and will last far beyond this year.



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Twin border towns reunited in Italy and Slovenia for capital of culture

Gorizia was split down the middle in 1947 between Italy and Slovenia. Next year the two towns will come together again as European capital of culture

John Brunton

Mon 5 Aug 2024 08.00 CEST







SLOWENIEN

Vom Wasser zum Wein in Soča- und Vipavatal

Die geteilte Stadt Gorizia/Nova Gorica ist 2025 Kulturhauptstadt Europas. Wir campen, radeln und genießen auf slowenischer Seite entlang der Flüsse Soča und Vipava.

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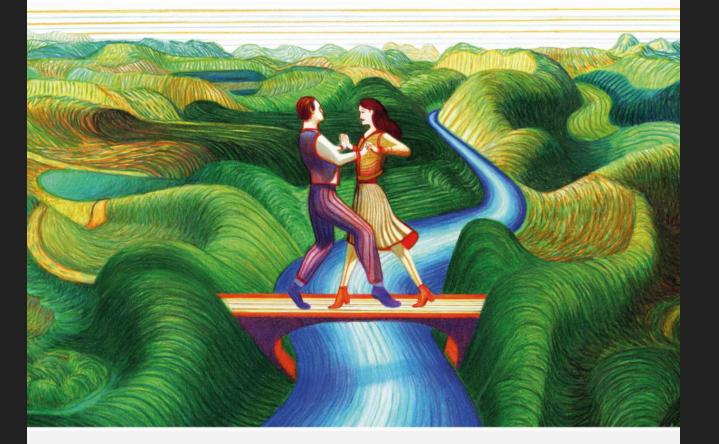


Reisetipps

Die geteilte Stadt Gorizia/Nova Gorica an der italienisch-slowenischen Grenze ist 2025 Europäische Kulturhauptstadt. Das Programm wird auf **www.go2025.eu** regelmäßig aktualisiert.







UNCATEGORIZED

DUE CITTÀ, UN UNICO PROGRAMMA TRANSFRONTALIERO PER CELEBRARE UNA CULTURA DI CONFINE

CAPITALE EUROPEA DELLA CULTURA 2025: CHE COSA SUCCEDE A GORIZIA E A NOVA GORICA

15 APRILE 2025

TEMPO DI LETTURA - 7 MINUTI

ARTE E CULTURA



DOVE



© DOVE GO! 2025, come partecipare ai prossimi eventi. Info e mobilità

Come scoprire e scegliere tra centinaia di eventi

culinari, sul sito di GO! 2025 è disponibile una pagina di facile

GO! 2025 NOVA GORICA – GORIZIA CAPITALE EUROPEA DELLA CULTURA

GO! 2025, come partecipare ai prossimi eventi. Info e mobilità

15 Settembre 2025









Per scoprire invece le città, si può consultare la pagina dedicata ai luoghi della storia e dell'arte indicati in base alla loro distanza dall'ECoC District (Piazza Transalpina).

Per destreggiarsi tra i tanti concerti, spettacoli, talk, visite e appuntamenti

consultazione dove scoprire gli eventi di proprio interesse. Si può scegliere in base alla tipologia di evento, ai propri interessi, per location e tipo di

Francesca Pace







Scegliere gli eventi, scoprire i luoghi della storia e dell'arte, prenotare l'alloggio e muoversi nel modo più comodo. Ecco come organizzare il viaggio e la visita a Gorizia e Nova Gorica nell'anno di Capitale europea della Cultura



Musica, teatro, cinema, danza e incontri. Sono oltre 600 gli eventi organizzati da Nova Gorica e Gorizia per celebrare l'anno di Capitale europea della Cultura 2025, per la prima volta conferita a due città di due stati diversi, Slovenia e Italia.

DOVE

accessibilità.

Inoltre, per organizzare al meglio il proprio viaggio e soggiorno, il sito offre un elenco di alloggi di diverse tipologie - dagli hotel ai B&B - e luoghi di ristorazione, come ristoranti, enoteche o bar, da ricercare anche in base alla distanza dal centro

Un altro strumento di consultazione è la Borderless Map, una mappa interattiva dove ricercare eventi e luoghi in base alla località, che vanno oltre le città di Gorizia e Nova Gorica, con la possibilità di creare un proprio itinerario che unisce il territorio all'intrattenimento.

Muoversi tra eventi e location di GO!2025

Il sito ufficiale di GO!2025 offre anche tutte le informazioni necessarie per arrivare e muoversi in città e sul territorio. Oltre ai mezzi urbani consueti, sono state infatti predisposte per l'occasione due linee transfrontaliere di collegamento tra Gorizia e Nova Gorica e una linea transfrontaliera extraurbana che collega le città con il Trieste Airport.

Inoltre, per muoversi sul territorio, si può contare sui servizi di bus Hop on-hop off per scoprire le principali attrazioni di Nova Gorica e Gorizia e i loro dintorni in tutta comodità



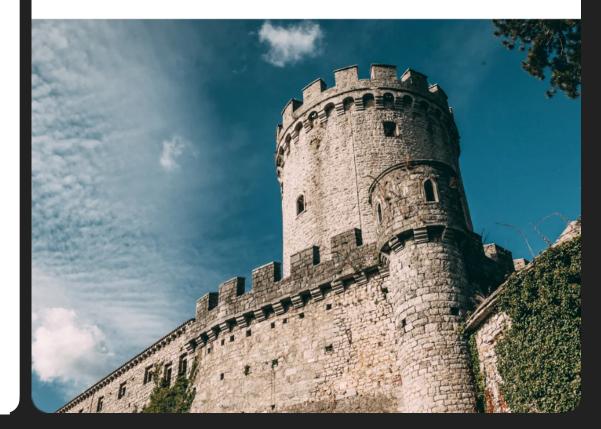




VACANZE

Cosa vedere a Gorizia e Nova Gorica, città della cultura 2025

Un'itinerario alla scoperta di monumenti, mostre, spettacoli e indirizzi dove provare i piatti tipici e i vini del Friuli Venezia Giulia



Results

Let's talk about numbers

Project's Numbers

From Jan 24 to Nov 2025

What we collected, managed and published

Project's Numbers

From Jan 2024 to Nov 2025 (699 days)

> 550 news (= 0.8 news/day) published

> 2960 events (= 4.2 events/day) published

> 115 projects

designed

> 30 Borderless Webcams

licensed to FLS for 10 years free of charge

Project's Numbers

From Jan 2024 to Nov 2025 (699 days)

> 870 "What to do" records

POI and experiences collected via FLS

> 2590 "What to sleep" records

POI and experiences collected via FLS

> 180 "Where to eat" records

POI and experiences collected via FLS

Project's Numbers

From Jan 24 to Nov 2025

We have served the Borderless area

Project's Numbers

From Jan 2024 to Nov 2025 (699 days)

Through forms

- > 105 "Become an artist"
- > 930 "Submit you events" = 1.3 request/day
- > 115 "Take part"
- > 590 "Request logo"
- = 0.8 request/day

Project's Numbers

From Feb 25 to Nov 2025

We encouraged tourism

Project's Numbers

From Feb 25 to Nov 2025 (302 days)

Through forms

> 710 Request to Facilities

Around 10 facilities contacted by single request % for each request:
Italian facilities 60%
Slovenian facilities 40%

2,7 Nights

average staying

2 Adults (+ 2 Children)

average guests

Italy Austria Germany Slovenia

Request sent from

Insight From Jan to Nov 2025 ≈ 3.000.000 views

Project's Numbers

Insight From Jan to Nov 2025 > 13.300.000 impression

Budget for Adv: O€

Conversion rate: more than 4,8%

Project's Numbers

From Jan to Nov 2025

Platform

> 454 new users

Growth* +569,8%

≈ 2.6M views

Growth* +681,2%

> 526K users

Growth* +518,9%

1 min 56 sec

Average visit duration

*compared to 2024

WebApp

> 67.5K users

≈ 300K views

Around 1000 views/day

5 min

Average visit duration

Most visited pages

- Events (Programme)
- Home
- Webcam
- Official programme / About
- 05 Visit
- Borderless Map
- What to see
- Transalpina Europe Square
- Join us
- Plan your visit

From Jan 25 to Nov 2025

Most visited events

- 1. From station to station (opening)*
- 2. McCurry
- 3. Andy Warhol Beyond Borders
- 4. Gusti di Frontiera / Borderless Tastes*
- 5. 14th stage of the Giro d'Italia
- 6. Smuggling Tour
- 7. Gorizia Carnival
- 8. Thirty Seconds to Mars
- 9. Eta Sadnar Brezik
- 10. Robbie Williams

- 11. Vipava Valley Rally
- 12. Borderless Friendship*
- 13. The Kolors
- 14. Zoran Mušič: The Zurich Room
- 15. Ungaretti Poet and Soldier
- 16. Vipava Valley Wine Train
- 17. Sting
- 18. Tomi Janežič: 1972
- 19. Alexander Gadjiev: Meeting Point
- 20. Alessandro Barbero in Kobarid

*Stop the city moment

Most visited projects

- 01 Infermo + Borderless Body
- **02** From station to station (opening)
- **03** Zoran Mušič Landscapes of the Body
- **04** Meeting Point
- **05** Tactile Gallery: The Art Beyond the Visible
- 06 EPIC
- **07** Benedetti Life
- **08** Dodekalogija 1972–1983
- **09** Journey to Reims
- **10** Art Against the Rifle







Wulz Photography
Eta Sadar Breznik
From station to station (opening)*







Gorizian Carnival GO! 2025: la festa continua From station to station (opening)*







Smuggling Tour Andy Warhol - Beyond Borders Ungaretti. Poet and Soldiers







APR

Borderless Friendship* Andy Warhol - Beyond Borders Steve McCurry - Eyes upon the world







14th stage of the Giro d'Italia The Kolors Vipava Valley Rally







Journey to Reims Massive Attack Thirty Seconds to Mars







Alexander Gadjiev Robbie WIlliams Alfa









Opening of the EPIC Café @ EPICenter San Rocco Sagra World Folklore Festival "Gorizia Castle"



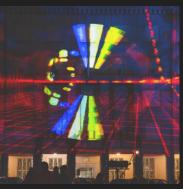






Borderless Tastes*
Gusti di Frontiera Alessandro
Barbero in Kobarid

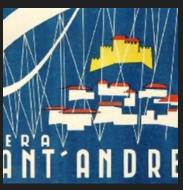








St. Martin\'s Festival in Šmartno R.O.R Festival GO Makers









Saint Andrew Fair 2025 Franco Basaglia Borderless Light - Closing Ceremony*



Project's Observatory 2025

Special Mentions

- Massive Attack
- Sting
- Festival Storia

FEB

- Ungaretti. Poet and Soldiers
- Tomi Janežič: 1972
- In Search of the Lost Language Unable to...

MAR

- The renovated Museum [...] in Miren
- Caste Trail
- Scooter Italia 1945-1970

APR

- Festival of Roses
- XXI Nations Tournament
- Tactile Gallery: The Art Beyond the Visible

MAY

- Festival Storia
- Mediterranea 20 Young Artists
- Brda Cherry Festival

JUN

- Tree Orchestra / Symfonic Forest
- Brda Cherry Festival
- Safety Love

- Jumping overcoming boundaries
- Silvan Furlan Open-Air Cinema
- The intelligence of borders: Milanesiana

- Festival of rebellion music by Če povem
- Zoran Mušič: The Zurich Room, the Works...
- Borderless Beer Fest

SEP

- Let's GO! Cosplay and fun
- Tattoos. Marks on the skin, traces of identity
- Verde Capitale

- Borders from Gauguin to Hopper
- Three glances (McCurry, Majoli, Krese)
- Terre di Pace: a Festival of Faiths, Cultures...
- In Search of the Lost Language Unable to...

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- Gorizia DanceSport Festival 2025
- Slavoj Žižek: Quantum history
- Festival of Complexity

DEC

Ongoing

Project's Observatory From Jan to Dec 2024

2024 Highlights



Festival storia



Gusti di Frontiera



For the beauty of the Earth: John Rutter @ GO! 2025



Alanis Morissette



Punk Rock Holiday



Sting



Borderless Party with Baby Lasagna



Joker Out

Project's Numbers From Jan to Nov 2025

Comparison with 2024:

- ↑ Growth
- ↓ Decrease
- Stable position

Top 10 Countries

- ↑ Italy
- ↑ Austria
- Germany
- Croatia
- United States
- United Kingdom
- France
- Netherlands
- ↑ Switzerland

Top 25 Regions*

- Ljubljana
- Lombardy
- Friuli-Venezia Giulia
- ↑ Nova Gorica
- ↑ Emilia-Romagna
- ↓ Lazio
- ↑ Vienna
- ↑ Administrative unit Maribor
- Tuscany
- **↑** Tolmin
- ↑ Sicilia
- ↑ Koper
- ↓ Styria
- ↑ City of Zagreb
- ↑ Kranj
- **↓** Lower Austria
- ↑ Bavaria
- ↓ England
- ↓ Sardinia
- ↓ Campania
- ↑ Idrija
- North Rhine-Westphalia

Top 25 Cities**

- Ljubljana
- Trieste
- Rome

Milan

- ↑ Vienna
- ↑ Nova Gorica
- ↑ Bologna
- ↑ Venice
- ↑ Udine
- ↑ Maribor
- ↓ Gorizia
- **↓** Turin
- ↑ Ajdovscina
- ↑ Koper
- ↓ Padua
- ↓ Zagreb
- ↑ Graz
- ↑ Florence
- ↑ Cagliari
- ↑ kranj
- ↓ Bruck an der Leitha
- ↑ Bolzano
- ↑ Verona
- ↑ Monfalcone
- ↑ Pordenone
- ↑ London
- ↑ Frankfurt

^{* 2.8%} is not set / detectable by the system

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Gender

- ↑ Female 25%
- ↑ Male 17%
- ↓ Unknown 58%

Age*

- 1) 45-54
- 4) 35-44
- **1** 55-64
- ₅₎ 25-34
- **↓** 65+
- 6) 18-24

Top 5 Languages

- Italian
- ↑ Slovenian
- English
- German
- ↑ Croatian

Project's Numbers
From Jan to Nov 2025

Comparison with 2024:

- ↑ Growth
- ↓ Decrease
- Stable position

Device

- ↑ Mobile 66.4%
- ↓ Desktop 32.3%
- ↑ Tablet 1.8%

Main source channels

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