

EUROPÄISCHE MOBILITÄTS WOCHE

16. bis 22. SEPTEMBER



European Mobility Week 2017 Saxon Energy Agency, SAENA GmbH, presents e-mobility

Source: Sven Gleißberg

Mobility, Activity, Sustainability – European Mobility Week/Week of Sport 2018

A week devoted to the theme of mobility returns to communities throughout Europe from 16 to 22 September, not least in the City of Chemnitz. Sustainable transport is to the fore in European Mobility Week. Along with a wide range of partners, the EU Office in Chemnitz is organising a varied programme of events on the subject on multimodality, and arranging a special programme for Chemnitz daycare facilities and schools.

One of the events will be on Mobility Day (21 September), when everyone is invited to Neumarkt Square in Chemnitz for the national “SolarMobil Deutschland” competition, which is being held in Chemnitz for the second time. The contest sees teams of students from all over Germany pit their solar-powered vehicles against each other. Other interactive activities offer the opportunity to experience mobility in a whole new way: tours of the city centre on a seven-seater ConferenceBike, for example. Or the chance for young people to experience what life is like for older people by wearing an age simulation suit. At the bike auction hosted by the Chemnitz Fundbüro (lost property office), trusty old pushbikes without a home will be available for purchase to promote more active and sustainable transport.

#BEACTIVE

Europäische Woche des Sports
23. – 30. September



Family Fun Sport Festival at the Bunte Gärten on the Sonnenberg

Source: City of Chemnitz

Straight after Mobility Week, it will be #BeActive in Chemnitz. From 23 to 30 September, the European Week of Sport will take place in Chemnitz for the third time. In line with the city's motto, “Families in Motion,” people of all ages will be encouraged to get inspired by the various exercise events and lead a more active lifestyle. Numerous clubs are involved in a whole of campaigns aimed at getting people to join in. Dance workshops, fitness sessions and street games will all be suitable for the whole family as well as individuals.

One particular highlight of this year's Week of Sport is the Family Fun Sports Festival on 26 September, organised by the Sonnenberg District Administration at the Bunte Gärten recreation site on the Sonnenberg. The Sonnenberg Cup football tournament will be held at the same time. Aimed at all age groups, the tournament is open to any interested teams.

The full programme for both weeks will be published on Chemnitz.de nearer the time.

Brücke e.V. – Multiplier training

In mid-May, a second multiplier training session was held as part of the project “*The Simulation Game – Promoting Democracy, Tolerance and Cross-Border Collaboration between Saxony and Bohemia*” at the KiEZ Schneeberg.

Participants learned about different aspects of the project, were trained in methods for handling international youth groups, played the simulation game, and gained an insight into how cross-border projects are funded.

The main goal of the event, fostering German-Czech exchange, was therefore successfully achieved. Participants came from different fields in childcare and youth work and included teachers, practical consultants, students and librarians.

In addition to the seminar, participants also got the chance to make new contacts at the barbecue and around the camp fire, and share experiences about their work. There were virtually no communication barriers, thanks to the excellent German spoken by many of the Czech attendees.

The project is co-financed by funds from the European Union and will run until January 2019. Find out more at:

http://www.sn-cz2020.eu/de/projekte/gefoerderte_projekte/basisseite_39.jsp



Participants being trained in methodological theory
Source: Radim Vesely



Evening get-together around the camp fire
Source: Radim Vesely

Alt/Bau Transfer Network

On 4 April 2018, the City of Chemnitz was accepted into the European support programme URBACT, together with its ALT/BAU Transfer Network. As part of this scheme, the urban project agency StadtWohnen Chemnitz – which was awarded an URBACT Good Practice label in 2017 – will be adopted as an example of good practice in six partner cities in Poland, Spain, Latvia, Belgium, Italy and Romania. The city will act as lead partner in cooperation with WGS mbH (the West Saxony Association for Urban Regeneration). The project will run until the end of 2020.

Its focus is to breathe new life into empty and dilapidated inner-city residential buildings, such as can be found in many cities across Europe. Thanks to StadtWohnen, the City of Chemnitz has been able to achieve excellent results over the last few years, often in difficult situations, for example on the Sonnenberg, in Schloßchemnitz and in other districts. Partner cities will learn from these valuable experiences.

After an initial meeting in Rybnik (Poland) to kick things off, the first meeting with all seven project partners will be held in Chemnitz on 3 and 4 September, and will be attended by around 15 guests.

Further information is available at <https://www.stadtwohnen-chemnitz.de> and <http://urbact.eu/housing-agency-shrinking-cities>



Inspection of safety measures at an apartment block on the Sonnenberg built in the Wilhelminian period, 2017
Source: City of Chemnitz



Initial meeting in Rybnik, May 2018
Source: City of Chemnitz



'My Europe in 2030 will...'



European Neighbours' Day at the Chemnitz Rosenhof
Photo: City of Chemnitz



Birds that could talk: "King of the Meadows" interactive exhibition
Photo: City of Chemnitz



Cities4Europe – Europe for Citizens

Since May 2018, the City of Chemnitz has been involved in the EURO CITIES Cities4Europe campaign, whose fundamental goals are to promote dialogue between citizens and politicians, and involve citizens in shaping the future. To this end, there will be a series of campaigns in all 90 participating cities over a period of seven months. Citizens are encouraged to take part in the Cities4Europe postcard campaign. They complete the sentence "My Europe in 2030 will..." with their own hopes and aspirations, thus providing the EU with recommendations for a fairer and more sustainable society. The resulting ideas will be presented at the annual conference in Edinburgh at the end of November. The postcard is available as a PDF on the [campaign homepage](#) and from Chemnitz Town Hall and community centres.

The City of Chemnitz also used the campaign platform to promote the European Neighbours' Day Festival, which took place on 25 May. Members of the public were invited to the Rosenhof in Chemnitz's city centre. Cultural dialogue was the name of the game, inspired by the slogan, "Traditions: Old Neighbours – New Neighbours". Readings, music performances, interactive activities and culinary delights from European neighbours provided a unique opportunity to swap stories and get to know each other.

EURO CITIES study trip to Leeuwarden

From 18 to 20 July, Eva-Maria Gräfer from the Department of Culture represented the City of Chemnitz on the Eurocities study trip. The focus of the visit was to investigate how cultural events drive innovation, socio-economic change and sustainability in the Capital of Culture [Leeuwarden-Friesland 2018](#).

Participants learned more about developing a Capital of Culture programme, collaborating with the region and the "[We the North](#)" merger. The focus of an application was citizens involvement, linguistic diversity, and an emphasis on sustainability and biodiversity. Cultural education also plays a decisive role. Good examples in this context include projects such as [Silence of the Bees](#) and [Circus Adje](#), which the study groups visited.

One or two members of the [European Festival Association](#) also took part in the visit. The Association presented its work on how to organise festivals sustainably, and promoted collaboration with the European cities present.

The habits and customs of Europe's men and women

Did you know that women in the EU leave home on average two years before men do, and that only 34 per cent of men do the housework on a daily basis?

The new Eurostat publication “The Life of Women and Men in Europe – A Statistical Portrait” is all about statistics like these. It uses a range of milestones to shed light on the diverse nature of the lives of EU citizens. The aim of the digital publication is to compare the lives of women and men, showcasing both the differences and the similarities between the sexes. It also highlights some of the differences between individual EU states. The information is illustrated by numerous graphics and visuals. And readers can also test their knowledge with a quiz.

Dates for your diary to November 2018

16 – 22 September 2018 “European Mobility Week”, activities and ideas on the theme of sustainable mobility

21 September 2018 “Mobility Day”, highlight of European Mobility Week, Chemnitz Neumarkt

23 – 30 September 2018 “European Week of Sport”, activities and ideas on the theme of physical activity, free of charge

22 September – 7 October 2018 “Intercultural Weeks”, activities and ideas on intercultural issues

01 – 07 October 2018 23rd SCHLINGEL International Film Festival for Children and Young Adults, CineStar Roter Turm

15 – 21 October 2018 “European Local Democracy Week”, activities and ideas on the theme of democracy and engagement

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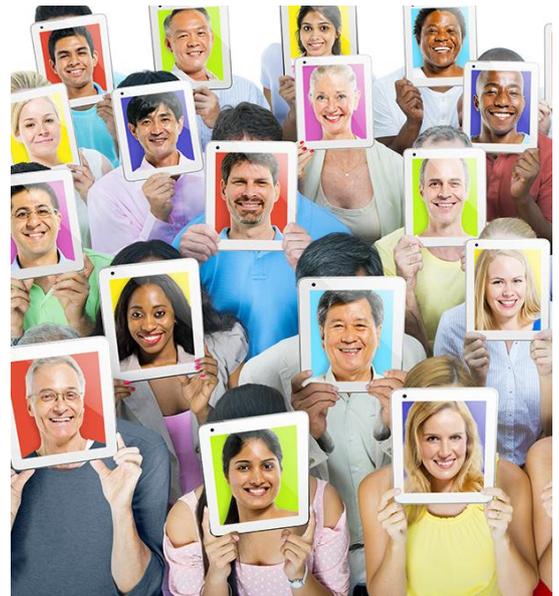
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Cities4Europe - online postcards at:
<http://cities4europe.eu/cities/eu-campaign/index.html#/postcard>

European Mobility Week and Week of Sport – programmes at: <https://www.chemnitz.de/>

“The Life of Women and Men in Europe – A Statistical Portrait” at:
https://service.destatis.de/DE/FrauenMaennerEuropa/DE_DE_womenmen_core/

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