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The two **European Capitals of Culture** for 2019 are **Matera** in Italy and **Plovdiv** in Bulgaria with the launch and full programme in January. For the trilateral programme, the **East Asia Cities of Culture**, the selected cities are: **Xi'an** in China; **Incheon** in Korea and **Toshima** in Japan.

Across Europe and Asia, many other towns and cities are taking the spotlight this year in various national and regional themed cultural city programmes.

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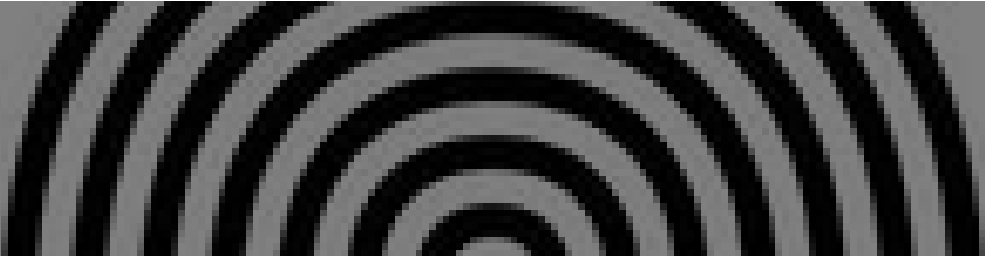


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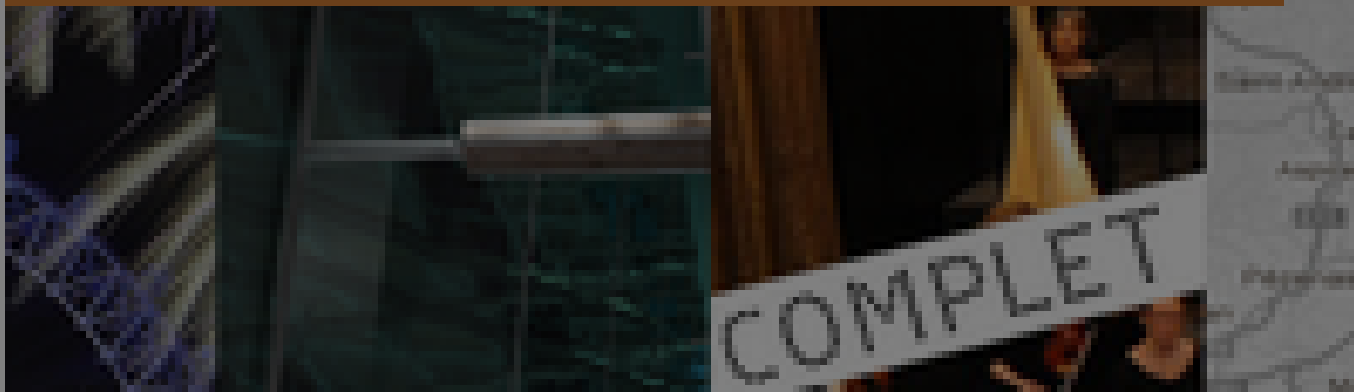
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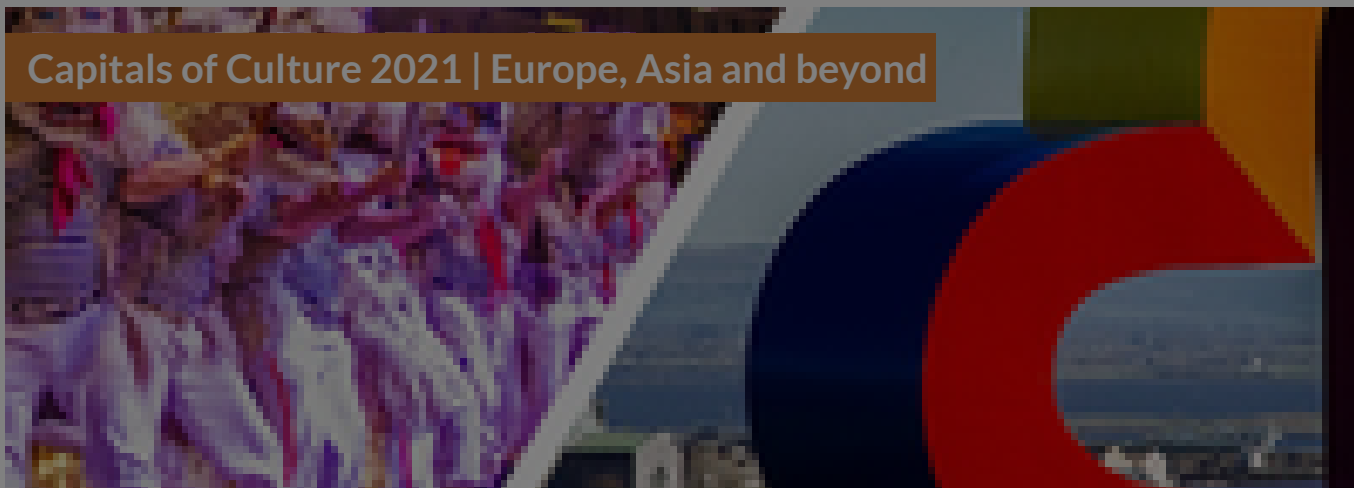
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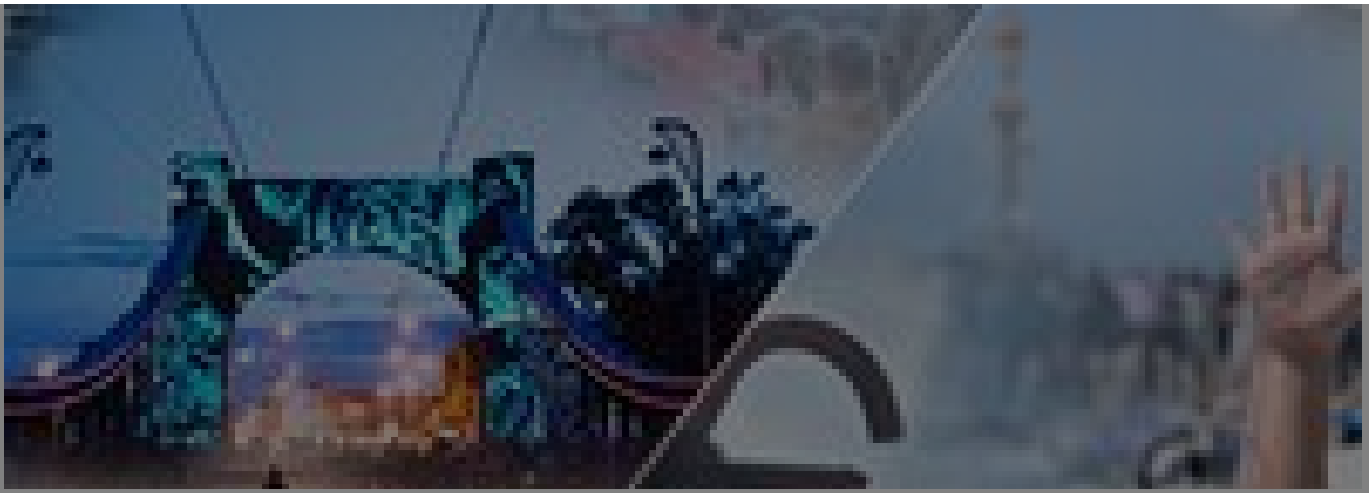
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