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Matera in southern Italy is the European Capital of Culture 2019. The programme is built on two foundations, I-DEA and Open Design School.

The programme itself has five themes:

- Ancient Futures: the relationship with nature and landscape
- Continuity and Disruptions: a story of ingenuity and resilience
- Utopias and Dystopias: radical new models which challenge assumptions
- Roots and Routes: the possibilities of mobility
- Reflections and Connections: art, science and cultural citizenship as catalysts for a new model in Europe

The Bulgarian city of [Plovdiv](#), together with Matera, has been chosen as the twin European Capital of Culture for 2019.

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