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EMOP Berlin – European Month of Photography launches with four-day Opening Days program and 114 exhibitions – city-wide and decentralized

From October 1 to 31 October, EMOP Berlin – European Month of Photography invites you to the 9th edition of Germany’s largest photography festival. 114 exhibition projects by and with over 500 photographers plus a wide variety of event formats in Berlin and Potsdam are on offer. With the opening of the main exhibition *CONTINENT – In Search of Europe* and the EMOP Opening Days at Akademie der Künste on Pariser Platz, EMOP Berlin kicks off the photo month of October using a decentralized approach that is ideal for observing current hygiene regulations.

Berlin, September 29th. For a whole month, the diversity of photography will be celebrated throughout Berlin. More than 100 Berlin museums, galleries, cultural institutions, embassies, off-spaces, project spaces, and photography schools are offering a wide range of exhibitions and events that present the popular and celebrated medium in all its diversity. Visitors can put together their own personal program from a wide selection of exhibitions and events – from artistic works and historical photographs to documentary and politically motivated photography. Works commemorating 100 Years of Greater Berlin and the 30th anniversary of German reunification are complemented by the classic genres of portrait, fashion, and architectural photography. As in previous years, EMOP Berlin showcases major projects, exciting individual presentations, and hidden gems. The 300-page catalogue – available at all exhibition partners and the online shop of Kulturprojekte Berlin – as well as the program booklet and the EMOP website offer comprehensive information and impressions for planning your own photo tour.

The exhibition **CONTINENT – In Search of Europe** by OSTKREUZ – Agentur der Fotografen & Akademie der Künste heralds this year’s main theme – **Europe – Identity, Crisis, Future** – which is also taken up in various projects at partner venues around the city. 22 positions by the OSTKREUZ photographers focus on aspects of coexistence in Europe, exposing personal, social, and political phenomena. With topics such as identity and security, renationalization, migration and integration, democracy and freedom of opinion, they find access to complex content through their images of

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people and their surroundings. Photographed from a very personal point of view, the critical, multifaceted perspectives invite us to reflect on the future of Europe. For more information, see www.ostkreuz.de/kontinent

EMOP Opening Days, presented by Kulturprojekte Berlin in cooperation with Akademie der Künste at Pariser Platz, kicks off the festival with a packed program on current issues in photography under the title **Photography in Relation to Art, Politics, and the Mass Media**. It includes lectures and discussions with internationally renowned photographers, book talks with photographers from OSTKREUZ, and a curated film series dedicated to the photo film genre.

Besides numerous partner events, EMOP Berlin offers further exciting encounters: **Artists in Action** gives visitors personal insights into the studios or current exhibitions of photographers who speak on site about their lives and work. The **Photo Book Talks** feature three Berlin publishing houses that focus on photography. The publishers and photographers they work will speak about their recent collaborations.

The reservation tool on the Akademie der Künste website can be used to book tickets for the events at EMOP Opening Days and the exhibition *CONTINENT*, which is free of charge during the EMOP Opening Days. Tickets to attend the *Artist in Action* and *Photo Book Talk* events can be booked on the EMOP Berlin website.

EMOP Berlin is a project by Kulturprojekte Berlin in cooperation with Akademie der Künste and photographic institutions in Berlin and Potsdam. It is made possible by funds from the Senate Department for Culture and Europe and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

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ABOUT THE EUROPEAN MONTH OF PHOTOGRAPHY BERLIN

Since 2004, Germany's largest photography festival has been presenting the entire spectrum of contemporary and historical photography in Berlin every two years. EMOP Berlin is a member of European Month of Photography (EMOP), a European joint project that currently includes corresponding photo festivals in Lisbon, Luxembourg, Paris, and Vienna. The idea of establishing a European network of photo festivals was born in 2003, on the initiative of Berlin's twin city Paris. The aim of the joint project is to promote cooperation on a European level, to strengthen the international photo scene, to intensify the exchange of information and experience, and to support young artists.

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