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EMOP Berlin – European Month of Photography 2027

EMOP Berlin – European Month of Photography 2027 announces the start of preparations for next year's festival; the guiding theme of the 12th EMOP edition is *Common Ground. Letters from Europe*. The biennial photography festival will take place from **March 4 to April 4, 2027**, once again highlighting Berlin as a city of photography on both the national and international stage. At the heart of the festival are photographic works that explore Europe as a shared and fragile space of experience that calls for an ongoing renegotiation that is at once critical and ambiguous, documentary and poetic.

In tandem with approximately 100 partner institutions, EMOP Berlin brings together local and international perspectives, institutional and independent approaches, and a wide range of photographic communities to explore photography in all its dimensions: as an artistic medium, a social image-making practice, a technological dispositif or apparatus, an archive, a material, and an exhibition format.

As in previous editions, preparations for participation in the 2027 festival begins with an open call starting on June 15, 2026. The edition's thematic coherence will emerge from the projects selected by an international jury of experts, with an accompanying curation providing an overarching framework. The EMOP Opening Days will include a discursive program, complemented by additional features such as the Photos in Books photobook fair, the Emerging Scene exhibition, Artists and Archive Talks, Photo Lab Days, as well as an extensive schedule of tours and educational activities throughout the festival month.

The main protagonists of EMOP Berlin are the artists, curators, galleries, institutions, project spaces, publishers, collectors, theorists, and the general public. Together, the 2027 festival will once again create opportunities for networking, exchange, and professional development, while bringing together and showcasing Berlin's unique photography scene.

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