

Borderless Museums. Redefining Museum Narratives and Inclusivity

18–21 May 2025, Nova Gorica – Gorizia
ICOM Slovenia, ICOM Italia, ICOM Europe, ICOM SEE
GO! Borderless MUSEUM CONFERENCE

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This year, the prestigious title of European Capital of Culture is shared by Chemnitz, Germany, and, for the first time ever, a groundbreaking cross-border collaboration between Nova Gorica, Slovenia, and Gorizia, Italy. This historic partnership forms the first truly “borderless” European Capital of Culture, embodying a bold cultural fusion under the slogan “**GO! Borderless.**” Together, Nova Gorica and Gorizia are crafting an innovative cultural experience that transcends borders, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in the rich, intertwined heritage of both cities. The significance of this union is profound: once a symbol of peaceful coexistence, multilingualism, and multiculturalism, this region was torn apart by the devastation of the First and Second World Wars. Now, by awarding the title to these long-divided towns, Europe rekindles their shared legacy, opening the door to renewed unity, dialogue, and cultural exchange—offering a powerful vision of cooperation in challenging times.

Organisers: **ICOM Slovenia, ICOM Italia, ICOM Europe, ICOM SEE, GO!2025 and GECT/EZTS**

This conference aims to rethink and reshape the stories museums tell, with a strong emphasis on inclusivity. It will explore how museums can move beyond traditional models to become truly inclusive educational spaces that foster global understanding and collaboration. Bringing together museum professionals from diverse backgrounds, the conference will serve as a platform for exchanging ideas, best practices, and expertise. It will spotlight the potential for a paradigm shift—one that values personal narratives and confronts topics that are often overlooked, erased, or difficult to discuss in contemporary society. Discussions will focus on re-examining national narratives, amplifying the voices of the unheard and vulnerable, and reflecting on how personal encounters can deepen our understanding of an ever-changing world.