



# 20th MitOst Festival Information Brochure

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## Welcome

Dear Festival Participants, Members, Partners and Curious Ones,

We warmly welcome you to the 20th International MitOst Festival in Maribor. It feels great to host the Festival in Slovenia after three years of pandemics. We can't wait to see you all in person and to be able to connect, re-connect and exchange with you. In this special year, which marks the 25th anniversary of MitOst, we want to celebrate together with you.

We want to thank you for your dedication, your love and the precious time that you gave to the MitOst community over the last years.

## Introduction to this year's Festival

The topic of the 20th MitOst Festival is “Resilient Communities in Times of Uncertainty”. Communities all over Europe have been facing great challenges for the last few years. Extremism, inequalities and crises in Europe and its neighbouring regions are on the rise. The Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Covid pandemic. In these times, civil societies act as a driving force in maintaining open, stable and democratic societies. We are thrilled by how the topic “Resilient Communities in Times of Uncertainty” has resonated with you.

Thanks to your session proposals, we have the opportunity to connect with each other in various spaces and to learn about building our communities' resilience. Your activities have inspired us over the years in our work: MitOst started as a small alumni association 25 years ago through the initiative of some dedicated people who wanted to continue with the pioneering project work in the regions of Eastern Europe. Today, the association has grown into a large, professionally-based organisation with an even larger network that stretches over the wider European region, including the countries neighbouring the Mediterranean as well as Russia and Caucasus, and also to Asia.

We believe that we can make MitOst's future more resilient, even more inspiring, energetic and aligned with today's challenges. We are excited to start together through sessions, events and activities of this year's Festival. Please find the most updated program in the [Festival app](#) and on our [website](#). The app allows you to access the festival programme anytime and navigate it easily. It also provides you with an interactive map of the festival's venues and points of interest.

We wish you many great encounters during the MitOst Festival 2022. We hope that the days in Maribor will be a very special experience, in which our network will come close together. We would like to thank our long-standing partners and funders as well as all those who supported us specifically for this festival edition. We also thank all

those dedicated and inspiring individuals who shaped this festival in its content and form – your contribution is essential!

And to all of you, dear participants – thank you for being here, sharing and shaping the festival. We feel honoured to have you with us here in Maribor and in our MitOst cosmos!

## MitOst Festival App with QR Code

As during previous Festival editions, we will provide the web-based **LineUp App** to guide you through the Festival.

The MitOst Festival app will hopefully become your constant companion during your stay in Maribor and make it more interesting and easy. In the app, the latest news and updates of the Festival will be uploaded on a daily basis. Here, you can check the schedule of the Festival program, easily navigate through various locations and Festival venues, and learn more about Maribor, our local host hiša! and the MitOst Festival itself, as its contributors.

To better navigate through the Festival program, you can choose your personal highlights and **create your own personal agenda**. Just scroll through the program and highlight your favourites.

You can also find useful information regarding restaurant recommendations and other important addresses such as pharmacies, hospitals or ATMs, shown in a map format. Furthermore, contacts for support and emergency requests during the Festival are provided.

One of its most significant advantages: **the app doesn't require installation**. You can access the Festival app online – from a phone, tablet, or PC – by following the link or QR Code below, or simply by downloading it on your device. For this, please click the 'Get Mobile App' button in your browser. The app also works offline and is updated once a connection is available.

Please let us know if you notice any incorrect or misleading information in the app! In case of any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via [festival@mitost.org](mailto:festival@mitost.org).



**[Get the MitOst Festival app and stay updated!](#)**

## Program

Find the Festival program on [our website](#) or while discovering it through the app which we strongly recommend. We are delighted to share all Festival workshops and Community activities with you. Stay tuned to the Festival app for daily updates during your stay in Maribor!

## Tombola

The Tombola is a chance to connect with other Festival participants in a playful and informal atmosphere. Keep an eye out for our MitOst team selling lots at the Info Point in the Festival Centrale. By buying a lot you help great projects to take place as 100% of the proceeds will go into the funding pot for the members' projects in the next year.

**Please remember, in order to participate you have to bring a small and delightful gift.** You are eligible to buy as many lots as you want, that way it will increase your chances to win. The winners of the Tombola will be announced on Friday evening, June 24.

## Football match

We carry on the old tradition – the footballs will roll yet again this year. Just as in recent years, different teams will compete for the Cup of Friendship at the Football Tournament. If you want to collect and register a Football Team, please contact [Tino Rasche](#) before the Festival. The Football Tournament will take place on **Saturday, June 25, from 10:00 – 12:00**. Meeting point is Hotel Tabor. **Don't forget to bring your sportswear, water bottles and a towel – the pitch is waiting for you!**

## Registration for Workshops

You can register for Workshops and Community activities at the Info Desk in the Festival Centrale. During the opening hours from Thursday to Saturday from 09:00 – 20:00 UCT, there will always be someone from the Festival Team to receive your registration. Please make sure to register on time.

## Travel Reimbursement

During the Festival, those of you who were previously informed about the decision can hand in your travel reimbursement at the Info Desk in the Festival Centrale.

**Step one:** Hand in your original boarding passes, tickets and trip confirmations on Thursday, June 23, between 9:00 – 10:00 and between 13:30 – 15:30 at the Info Desk. Once you handed in all your travel documents, you will receive a form that you will have to fill out.

**Step two:** Bring the filled out form and receive your payout at the Info Desk on Friday, June 24, during lunch break 13:30-15:30. The payout of travel reimbursements in cash applies only to participants who do not have an EU bank account.

If you have an EU bank account, you will receive the reimbursement after the Festival by transfer. In this case, **please send the filled-out form with all relevant travel documents immediately after the Festival via post or via mail to:**

Uta Protzmann  
protzmann(at)mitost.org  
MitOst e.V.  
Herzbergstr. 82-84  
10365 Berlin  
Deutschland

**What to pay attention to when you hand in the receipts of your journey:**

- please hand in **ALL RECEIPTS** from your journey, even if the total amount is higher than the travel allowance
- receipts of your journey to the festival have to be handed in as **ORIGINALS**
- receipts for your journey back home have to be handed in as **COPIES**
- in case of going by plane: please do not forget the boarding passes!
- stick all receipts neatly arranged on DIN-A4 paper (please do not staple the receipts)
- do not stick them on top of each other and only onto one side of the page!
- Please, leave some space between receipts!
- in case the receipts are not in German or English, please translate them for us (what is important for us: places, date, amount of money, means of transportation)
- **highlight** the amount of money
- please **number** all receipts

**What to pay attention to when you fill in the form:**

- please write in an easily readable way, using **CAPITAL LETTERS** when you fill in the form
- please fill in the **exchange rate** with an **accuracy of 4 digits** after the decimal point
- you can have a look at the exchange rates at the Festival headquarters
- in case you have looked up the exchange rate yourself, please bring a copy and stick it on the pages with your receipts
- the amount in EUR has to be filled in with an **accuracy of 2 digits** after the decimal point

**Please keep in mind:**

- it is only when you hand in the copies of the receipts for your journey back home, that we can reimburse your travel expenses
- the travel allowances will be paid out in euro
- please note the opening hours and coordinate these with your plans concerning the Festival events; out of hours no application forms can be accepted
- please have a little **patience** when you have to wait for the glue stick or for our brave people in charge to help you: a lot of people will come to get their travel expenses reimbursed, but in the end, all will have their turn – don't worry!

**Let's be conscious of the environment**

Festivals can generate positive cultural, social and economic impacts on the local communities. But let's not forget the environmental impact they can have. Festivals and similar events, unfortunately, produce much more trash per person per day than what you would normally produce at home. We would like to also keep this in mind and act responsibly towards the neighbourhood and the environment. Therefore, we encourage you to bring your own cup, cutlery and water bottles to reduce plastic waste during the festival.

**Communication during the Festival – Telegram Chat**

We have found a very practical way to communicate with each other during the days of the Festival, the channel-based messaging platform, Telegram. This is just a reminder for those of you who still haven't joined the group chat. **[You are welcome to join!](#)**

## How to Navigate in Maribor during the day

### **From Maribor Train Station:**

From the Train station to Youth Hostel UNI (5 minutes):

> Train LP (from Maribor Train Station – to Maribor Maribor Tabor) > 1-minute walk

### **From the Train station to Hostel Pekarna (13 minutes):**

> 4 minutes walk > BUS 8 (from ŽP Maribor – to Krekova-občina) > 4 minutes walk

### **To Festival Zentrale:**

From Youth Hostel UNI to Festival

Zentrale:

> 3 minutes walk

### **From Hostel Pekarna to Festival Zentrale (12 minutes):**

> 4 minutes > BUS 21 (from Maribor UKC – TPC City) > 2 minutes walk

### **To Museum Courtyard:**

**From UNI Youth Hostel to Museum Courtyard**

> 4 minutes walk

**From Hostel Pekarna to Museum Courtyard**

> 4 minutes walk > BUS 3 (from Maribor UKC – to TPC City) > 8 minutes walk

### **To Green Courtyard:**

From UNI Youth Hostel to Green Courtyard > 5 minutes walk

### **From Hostel Pekarna to Green Courtyard**

> 4 minutes walk > BUS 1 (from Maribor UKC – to Glavni trg-Vetrinjska) > 4 minutes walk

### **To Museum of National Liberation Maribor:**

From UNI Youth Hostel to MoNLM

> 4 minutes walk

### **From Hostel Pekarna to MoNLM**

> 4 minutes walk > BUS 3 (from Maribor UKC – to TPC City) > 8 minutes walk

### **To Photo Room:**

From UNI Youth Hostel to Photo Room

> 8 minutes walk

### **From Hostel Pekarna to Photo Room**

> 4 minutes walk > BUS 3 (from Maribor UKC – to Koroška-Poštna) > 2 minutes walk

### **To Center for Creativity**

From UNI Youth Hostel to CrC

> 5 minutes walk

### **From Hostel Pekarna to CrC**

> 4 minutes walk > BUS 3 (from Maribor UKC – to TPC City) > 2 minutes walk

## How to Navigate in Maribor during the night 🌙

### From Festival Zentrale:

From the Festival Zentrale to Hostel Pekarna  
> 3 minutes walk

### From the Festival Zentrale to UNI Youth Hostel (12 minutes)

> Last Bus is going at 22:50 UCT  
> 2 minutes walk > BUS 21 (from TPC City – to Maribor UKC) > 4 minutes walk

### From Museum Courtyard:

From the Museum Courtyard to Hostel Pekarna  
> Last Bus is going at 22:53 UCT  
> 8 minutes walk > BUS 3 (from TPC City – to Maribor UKC) > 4 minutes walk

### From the Museum Courtyard to UNI Youth Hostel

> 4 minutes walk

### From Green Courtyard:

From the Green Courtyard to Hostel Pekarna  
> Last Bus is going at 22:56 UCT  
> 4 minutes walk > BUS 1 ( from Glavni trg-Vetrinjska – to Maribor UKC) > 4 minutes walk

### From the Green Courtyard to UNI Youth Hostel

> 5 minutes walk

### From Museum of National Liberation Maribor

From the MoNLM to Hostel Pekarna  
> Last Bus is going 22:53 UCT  
> 8 minutes walk > BUS 3 (from TPC City – to Maribor UKC) > 4 minutes walk

### From the MoNLM to UNI Youth Hostel

> 4 minutes walk

### From Photo Room

From the Photo Room to Hostel Pekarna  
> Last Bus is going 22:46 UCT  
> 2 minutes walk > BUS 3 (from Koroška-Poštna - to Maribor UKC) > 4 minutes walk

### From the Photo Room to UNI Youth Hostel

> 8 minutes walk

### From Center for Creativity

From the CfC to Hostel Pekarna  
> Last Bus is going 22:53 UCT  
> 2 minutes walk > BUS 3 (from TPC City – to Maribor UKC) > 4 minutes walk  
From the CfC to UNI Youth Hostel  
> 5 minutes walk

## Information about Maribor/Slovenia

### Covid-19 Hygiene Policy & European Health Insurance Card

Currently, there are no COVID-19 restrictions in place by the Slovenian government. In our registration form, the EU Digital COVID Certificate was a requirement for entering the venue. But after careful consideration, this becomes a recommendation rather than a requirement. We still strongly recommend you to come to the meeting being either vaccinated (incl. booster), recovered (< 6 months), and/or having a negative test (valid for 24/48 h). A general hygiene policy will be in place in the form of providing COVID tests if needed, masks, and disinfectants on site. If you have any symptoms related to COVID-19, please do not come to the venue.

Please do not forget to take your [European Health Insurance Card](#). You might need to request it from your local health insurance.

## Speaking Slovenian

Here are some basic expressions that will make you feel like a local:

English	Slovenian
Hello	Pozdrav
Good morning	Dobro jutro
Good night	Láhkno nóč
Please	Prosim
Thank you	Hvala
You're welcome	Ni za kaj
Cheers	Na zdravje
Yes/ No	Da/Noben
I love you	Ljubim te
I am sorry	žal mi
How are you?	Kako si?
What's your name?	Kako ti je ime?
My name is...	Imé mi je...
Nice to meet you	Me veseli
What time is it?	Koliko je ura?
Enjoy your meal	Dober ték

## Service Numbers and Addresses

### Info Desk

The Info Desk is located in the Festival Zentrale. Here, you register upon arrival and receive all information needed for your stay in Maribor. This is also the place to **pay your Festival fee** – in case you have not done so yet. At the Info Desk, you can buy **Tombola lots** and **register for Workshops**. You can also hand in your **travel reimbursement** here. During the Festival, you can always come to the Info Desk for help and further questions, we will be happy to help you.

### Location

Festival Zentrale

Address: Partizanska cesta 3, 2000 Maribor

Thursday to Saturday: 09:00 am - 20:00 pm

### Festival Team

Marta Kanarkiewicz (Network Coordinator)

Florentina Abendstein (Network Officer)

Esterina Ukaj (Social Media; Logistics; Participants Communication)

Agata Maziarz (Photographer; Social Media)

Marie Sommerhage (Participants Communication; Workshop Coordination)

### Festival Support for Urgent Questions

[festival@mitost.org](mailto:festival@mitost.org)

If at any case you have a special request, please contact us at the respective email addresses:

**Marta Kanarkiewicz** – contact Marta, our Network Coordinator at [kanarkiewicz\(at\)mitost.org](mailto:kanarkiewicz(at)mitost.org) if you would like to have more information how to stay connected to MitOst after the Festival

**Florentina Abendstein** – contact Flori, our Network Officer at [abendstein\(at\)mitost.org](mailto:abendstein(at)mitost.org) if you have any problems with your accommodation

**Marie Sommerhage** – contact Marie at [sommerhage\(at\)mitost.org](mailto:sommerhage(at)mitost.org) if you need any clarification or help with your workshop

**Esterina Ukaj** – contact Esti at [ukaj\(at\)mitost.org](mailto:ukaj(at)mitost.org) if you need any other logistical support

**Call in case of emergency**

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**Pharmacy**

Lekarna Pharmacy

Partizanska cesta 1, 2000 Maribor

+38622294570

**Lekarna Pharmacy**

18, Pobreška cesta, 2000 Maribor

+38623204056

**Covid Test Centre**

Jezdarska ulica 2, 2000 Maribor

+38659034355

**Hospital**

Maribor University Medical Centre

Ljubljanska ulica 5, 2000 Maribor

+38 623211000

**ATM Sparkasse**

Titova cesta 8, 2000 Maribor

**ATM Nova KBM**

Slomškov trg 10, 2000 Maribor

**ATM NLB**

Ulica Vita Kraigherja 1, 2000 Maribor

**ATM SKB**

Ulica heroja Bračiča 1, 2000 Maribor

**Post Office**

Post of Slovenia

Slomškov trg 10, 2101 Maribor

+386801400

**Police Station**

Cesta proletarskih brigad, 2000 Maribor

+38624292600

**Bike Rental MBajk**

- Ulica slovenske osamosvojitve 5, 2000 Maribor
- Glavni trg 20, 2000 Maribor
- Slomškov trg 10, 2000 Maribor

+386802334

**Tourist Information**

Partizanska cesta 6a, 2000 Maribor

+38622346611

**Taxi**

Taxi Plus

<https://taxi-plus.com/>

Phone: +386801112

## Spread your excitement!

We would love to see your excitement for the 20th MitOst Festival. Spread your excitement about the Festival on Social Media with the Hashtags #MitOstFestival2022 and #20thMitOstFestival and make sure to tag us @mitost\_ev to recognize your posts!

Warm Greetings,

Your MitOst Network Team – Marta, Flori, Esti, Marie, Agata

## Partners

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