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**Invitation to the opening ceremony of the European Capital of Culture GO! 2025  
Nova Gorica-Gorizia on the 8 February 2025**

Dear Minister Ms Heidi Purga,

In 2025, we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Capital of Culture (ECoC).

We are especially proud to honour this milestone by showcasing the transformative power of culture in our joint European Capital of Borderless Culture, comprising the Slovenian city of Nova Gorica and the Italian city of Gorizia.

The mission of ECoC has always been to foster and encourage transnational and international cooperation in the field of culture. The partnership between the two cities, once divided by war, is a powerful testament to how the path to reconciliation is paved by rediscovering distinct and shared heritage, fostering peace and tolerance, inspiring and cultivating creativity.

I am honoured to invite you to the opening ceremony of the European Capital of Culture GO! 2025 Nova Gorica-Gorizia. The celebration will take place on the **8 February 2025**, which is a Slovenian cultural holiday. Various festivities are planned throughout the day and will include:

- **15:00: Reception hosted by Minister Dr Asta Vrečko,**
- **16:00: Main Opening Ceremony at the GO! Borderless square.**

Further details about the programme and logistical information will be provided soon.

Your presence would be greatly appreciated as we honour this celebration of culture. Kindly reply to confirm your attendance by e-mailing [epk2025.mk@gov.si](mailto:epk2025.mk@gov.si) by **28. 11. 2024**.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Asta Vrečko  
Minister of Culture



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