

# Timeline

## 18 September 2020

Official launch

## Spring 2021

Call for submissions for first elected European Capital of Democracy 2023-2024

## March 2022

The first contender cities have completed their registration.

## August 2022

A jury of 10,000 citizens selects the next European Capital of Democracy.

## 15 September 2022

Public announcement of the jury-selected third European Capital of Democracy on the International Day of Democracy

## 15 September 2023

Opening ceremony for the third European Capital of Democracy on the International Day of Democracy

2020

2021

2022

2023

### Autumn 2020:

Public announcement of the first pre-selected European Capital of Democracy

### From autumn 2020

Europe-wide communication campaign to generate awareness and promote future submissions

### Autumn 2021 – Autumn 2022

First pre-selected city holds the title of European Capital of Democracy

### Autumn 2021

Public announcement of the second pre-selected European Capital of Democracy

### Autumn 2022 – Autumn 2023

The second pre-selected city holds the title of European Capital of Democracy.

### September 2022 - September 2023

The third European Capital of Democracy prepares its year-long programme. Pre-events with jurors, civil society, politicians, and other citizens

### April – July 2022

The international Group of Experts assesses all applications, visits cities for interviews, and selects a shortlist of five cities.



Launch event under the auspices of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, and the Vice-President of the European Commission, Ms Dubravka Šuica.

