



CALL FOR PARTICIPATION – PROJECT “ZiviLEBN”
 Matchmaking programme for **civil** society initiatives from **LEipzig** and **BrNo**
19 – 22 September in Leipzig

Since 1973, the cities of Leipzig and Brno are twin cities and collaborate in many different fields. We, the **Leipzig-Brno Partner Cities Association** (Städtepartnerschaft Leipzig – Brno e.V.) and **KUMST Brno**, want to foster this collaboration at civil society level and in the non-formal sector.

With ZiviLEBN, we aim to bring together potential partners and support joint project development. Therefore, we are looking for initiatives and organisations from Brno who would like to get to know potential counter parts in Leipzig. During a 4-day-visit in Leipzig, we plan to initiate first contacts and provide the basis for exchange. We will deal with topics relevant for Czech-German contacts (for example funding possibilities) and give impulses for organizing future exchange projects.

We invite 8 interested people from civil society initiatives and organisations in Brno to come to Leipzig between **19 and 22 September 2024**. We will organize different meetings to match thematically related organisations and initiatives from both cities in order to initiate collaborative projects for the coming years. A return visit from Leipzig to Brno is planned for 2025.

The project is open to **interested people from all fields of civil society in Brno**, e.g. environment and climate protection, youth and social engagement, urban development, democracy building, culture and arts, education, religious initiatives etc.

PROGRAMME

<p>Day 1 - Thursday 19 September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival by train Welcome by Leipzig-Brno Town Twinning Association Thematically oriented city tour (e.g. fairtrade town, de-/colonial city, urban green, civil society movements) Get together in the evening
<p>Day 2 - Friday 20 September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop: Getting to know each other – civil society in the twin cities Leipzig and Brno (organisational structures, potential topics for exchange, support opportunities) First round(s) of excursions depending on the participants' interests (meet potential project partners in Leipzig) Joint dinner or barbecue and optional evening programme
<p>Day 3 - Saturday 21 September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop: How to find partners and idea, initiate and organise joint projects, get support by our network Second round(s) of excursions Evaluation and feedback Joint Farewell Dinner
<p>Day 4 - Sunday 22 September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farewell Departure to Brno by train



The costs (travel, accommodation, meals) will be covered by the ZiviLEBN project, which is financed by Städtepartnerschaft Leipzig – Brno e. V. with the help of KUMST Brno, the cities of Leipzig and Brno and is expected to be funded by the German-Czech Future Fund.

In case of interest, please write a short letter (1-2 pages) containing sufficient information on your background and motivation to come to Leipzig. If you already have an idea for a future project in mind, we would be happy if you share it with us. This would make the matchmaking process a lot easier (but it is not a necessary condition for participation).

The letter should contain information about the following points:

- Your organisation/initiative and the activities you are doing
- The target groups of your activities
- Existing collaborative projects with other initiatives in Leipzig, Germany or other countries
- Any specific thematic interests or project ideas that you might have in mind for the meeting in Leipzig / future projects you plan with Leipzig

SUMMARY AND COSTS

Included

- ✓ Train journey Brno-Leipzig-Brno
- ✓ Accommodation and catering in Leipzig
- ✓ Visits and excursions / entrance fees
- ✓ Participation in workshops

To be paid individually

- Travel health insurance

Working language

The working language is English.

If German language skills are available, this is of course an advantage.

Deadline and contact

If you are interested in participating in the ZiviLEBN project, please send your letter of interest **by 16 June 2024** to projekte@leipzig-brno.de.

For further questions, you can contact the co-ordinators of the project **Franziska Görmar** and **Katja Roloff** by using the same email address.

Our plan is, to decide on the participants by 23 June 2024 and inform you as soon as possible after this date. We will send out further information about the trip and the programme (in close cooperation with the participants) in due time before arrival.

More information on our association, our data protection regulations, as well on the project itself can be found at www.leipzig-brno.de.

We look forward to your letter of interest and the joint exchange in Leipzig!