

re:publica connecting europe

Dublin
September 7 – 8

Thessaloniki
September 11 – 13



#rpEUROPE – Call for Participation & Round Table

re:publica puts out a call for creatives to help shape the re:connecting EUROPE project

Berlin, 7 June 2017 – The Call for Participation for the second re:publica in Dublin (#rpDUB – 7/8 September 2017) and the first in Thessaloniki (#rpTHE – 11-13 September 2017) has been launched. Running until 25 June, the open call offers creatives the chance to actively help shape both events' programmes with their own ideas and visions. Within the scope of multiple round tables, the re:publica team is meeting up with communities on-site to network with artists, founders, stakeholders and activists. We were already able to welcome over 60 participants to the first round table in Thessaloniki on 29 May.

Call for Participation: Help shape #rpTHE and #rpDUB

The Call for Participation offers you the opportunity to actively participate in the re:publica programme. In the first round of the two-part call, creatives will have the opportunity to submit their ideas, projects and proposals **until 25 June 2017**. We want to discuss visions for a digital Europe, face current challenges, as well as offer projects and ideas a platform for initiating cross-border partnerships at both re:publicas in Ireland and Greece. One main focus of the conference, as always, is on net politics: Current political developments from the digital sphere are illuminated, debated and scrutinized. Other areas of policy, be it European politics, or urban development and sustainability, are also relevant for our programme.

The second round in Dublin – #rpDUB

After a first, very successful re:publica in Dublin in 2016, we're at it again: Let the journey begin! With support from the German Federal Foreign Office, we're launching a second field trip: from the north of Europe to the south. It gets rolling on **September 7 and 8** in the Irish capital. Last year, the first #rpDUB was held in Dublin with around 200 participants – and it felt almost exactly like the first re:publica in Berlin. There was lots of room for discussions and a great exchange with the Irish digital community. Synergies within Europe are far from exhausted. Many creatives in Europe are currently not working together, or only to a limited degree. Despite their geographical and technical vicinity, they simply don't know each other (yet). re:publica is here to help out: "Dublin isn't just the connection to northern Europe, many of the big tech companies are based in Ireland, making it a gateway to the international creative and digital industry – the aim now being to build a bridge and connect with the Mediterranean region through a re:publica in Thessaloniki" stated Andreas Gebhard, co-founder and Director of re:publica.

#rpTHE – re:publica touches down in the Greek port city for the first time

The second stop on our re:publica field trip takes place from **11 to 13 September 2017** in Thessaloniki. As an effect of the economic situation of the last years, Greece today conveys a similar feeling of creative awakening that Berlin had following the fall of the wall. Through this, Greece and the surrounding region not only harbour a multitude of innovations and creativity, but also a special connection to Berlin and, with it, re:publica. As the

birthplace of European culture, an intersection to the Balkans and beyond, Greece stands out as the next, relevant partner country. Thessaloniki, the “gateway” to the Balkans with its 2,300 year-old city history, makes it a very interesting destination indeed! As we see it, Thessaloniki’s multitude of creative legacies and innovations make it an ideal location for a long-lasting integration into the re:publica network. In addition, the port city is situated near countries such as Albania, Macedonia (FYROM), Serbia and Turkey.

Round table as a preparation

We are currently preparing both events within the framework of round tables in both cities. We had over 60 people show up to propose ideas, as well as discuss and exchange concepts at our first meeting on 29 May in Thessaloniki. The second round table takes place [on 8 June in Dublin](#).

Further information on the Call for Participation: <https://re-publica.com/en/call-for-participation-rpEUROPE>
Find tickets and general information on re:publica and re:connecting EUROPE here: <http://re-publica.com>

Let’s re:connect EUROPE: See you in Dublin Sept. 8-7 & Thessaloniki Sept. 11-13 2017!

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About re:publica:

re:publica is the most exciting conference about the Internet and Digital Society in Europe. It brings together more than 8,000 participants to discuss the issues of the contemporary digital society. Here bloggers meet with politicians, scientists with entrepreneurs, artists with activists.

In 2016 re:publica brought its concept abroad for the first time – successfully: More than 200 people turned up for re:publica Dublin. The second edition of the #rpDUB, the Irish offshoot of the Berlin community conference, will take place on 7 and 8 September in Dublin. From 11 to 13 September, re:publica will then head from Europe’s Northwest to the Southeast: to Thessaloniki, for the first re:publica in Greece!

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