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72nd MOROP Congress
CHEMNITZ
1st to 7th September 2025

Invitation

The German MOROP associations "Saechische Modellbahner-Vereinigung" (**SMV**) and "Bundesverband Deutscher Eisenbahnfreunde" (**BDEF**) invite all railway and model railway friends of Europe for the 72nd MOROP Congress. It is held from 1st to 7th September 2025 in and around the city Chemnitz.

Chemnitz is the 3rd biggest city in Saxony. It was an important industrial centre and also called "Manchester of Saxony". The company "Saechsische Maschinenfabrik", founded in Chemnitz by the industrialist Richard Hartmann, was a crucial part of the German locomotive production and heavy railway industry.

After the 2nd world war and the German reunion, Chemnitz passed through many changes. In 2025, it is the "European Capital of Culture" (together with "Nova Gorica" in Slovenia). So, we believe that Chemnitz is a great host for the meeting of a European association like MOROP.

You can find the agenda and program for the 72nd MOROP Congress on the following pages.

Agenda

The program points and the costs for each conference day are mentioned on the next pages. The following symbols are used to mark special activities:

	<p>The activity is difficult for people who have problems with steady walking. The reasons might be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- You must walk longer ways- There might be many stairs- There might be ways in bad conditions (railway tracks, ...)
	<p>You need a ticket for public transportation for this activity. There are many different types of valid tickets in the region or in whole Germany. This can be chosen for the individual situation (period, number of persons, ...). So, the ticket is not part of the activity.</p> <p>Details about available tickets can be found in the section "Public Transportation" (see page 14)</p>

A minimum number of participants is necessary for some of the activities. If this number is not reached, the activity is cancelled, and the costs will be refunded.

Some of the activities have also a maximum number of participants. If there are more registrations than available places, the date of the registration is used for the selection of participants (first come - first serve).

The members of national MOROP associations are prioritised for the selection of participants for the trip on Friday, 2025/09/06, (activities E.*).

The agenda and the activities is not guaranteed and may change.



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Monday, 2025/09/01

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
Morning	Meeting of Technical Commission Meeting room Chemnitz	A1.1	-
Afternoon	Meeting of Technical Commission Meeting room Chemnitz	A2.1	
Afternoon	Trip to Castle Augustusburg    <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Trip by regional railway (Erzgebirgsbahn) to Erdmannsdorf- Trip by cableway up to Augustusburg- Visit of the motobike museum or castle museum   <p><i>Further information:</i> https://www.drahtseilbahn-augustusburg.de/ https://www.augustusburg-schloss.de/</p>	A2.2	30 €



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Tuesday, 2025/09/02

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
Morning	Meeting of Technical Commission Meeting room Chemnitz	B1.1	-
Morning	City tour Chemnitz by bus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel by special bus - Historical character "Richard Hartmann" as guide 	B1.2	30 €
Afternoon	MOROP Annual Assembly Meeting room Chemnitz	B2.1	
Afternoon	 Visit of the town hall Chemnitz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conducted tour in the old and new town hall - Climb up to the town hall tower <p><i>Further information:</i></p> <p>https://www.chemnitz.de/de/rathaus/das-chemnitzer-rathaus</p>	B2.2	10 €



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Evening	<p>Official congress opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ceremonial opening in the historical council hall of the town hall Chemnitz, welcome by the mayor- Dinner in the local brewery restaurant "Turmbrauhaus", welcome drink, main meal, 1 drink included <div data-bbox="347 546 1094 813"></div> <p><i>Further information:</i></p> <p>https://www.chemnitz.de/de/rathaus/das-chemnitzer-rathaus/stadtverordnetensaal</p> <p>https://turmbrauhaus.de</p>	B3.1	30 €
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Wednesday, 2025/09/03

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
All day	<p>Going to Zwickau by train-train (Chemnitz Model)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel by special train Citylink (TramTrain) of Chemnitz Model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Chemnitz – Thalheim – Aue (Zwönitztalbahn) o Aue – Zwickau Hbf o Zwickau Hbf – Zwickau Center (as tram) - Travel back by Citylink from Zwickau to Chemnitz in the afternoon (via main line "Sachsen-Franken-Magistrale") 	C1.1	70 €
	 <p>Zwickau Option 1:</p> <p>City tour by historical tramway (around 1,5h)</p>	C2.1	15 €
			



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Zwickau Option 2:

Visit of the "August-Horch Museum" Zwickau
(history and presence of Saxonian automobile industry)



C2.2

15 €

Further information:

<https://www.vms.de/chemnitzer-modell/>

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahnstrecke_Chemnitz%E2%80%93Adorf

https://www.nahverkehrsfreunde-zwickau.de/24-07-21_fotofahrt%20tatra.htm

<https://www.horch-museum.de/>



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Thursday, 2025/09/04

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
Morning 	Visit of the museum of industry Chemnitz - Guided tour in the museum 	D1.1	15 €
Morning	Visit of the national museum of archaeology - Tour in the museum with audio guide 	D1.2	10 €



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<p>Afternoon</p>  	<p>Visit of railway museum / "viewpoint railway"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guided tour railway museum (2 engine sheds) - Visit of former shunting station with rope transport system - Demonstration of rope transport system  <p><i>Further information:</i></p> <p>https://www.schauplatz-eisenbahn.de/</p>	<p>D2.1</p>	<p>20 €</p>
<p>Afternoon</p> 	<p>Visit of the famous arts collection at Museum Gunzenhauser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guided tour in the museum - Special exhibition WIN/WIN  <p><i>Further information:</i></p> <p>https://www.kunstsammlungen-chemnitz.de/haeuser/museum-gunzenhauser/</p>	<p>D2.2</p>	<p>15 €</p>
<p>Evening</p> 	<p>Evening Dinner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Location will be selected (depends on number of part.) - Foods and drinks at one's own expense 	<p>D3.1</p>	<p>-</p>



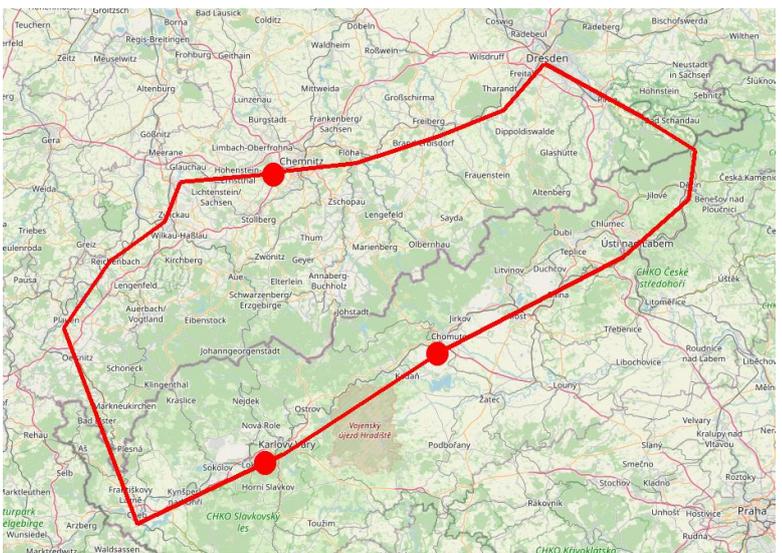
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Friday, 2025/09/05

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
All day	<p>Auf den Spuren von Karlex und Vindobona</p> <p>Der berühmte VT 18.16 / SVT Bauart Görlitz ist zurück!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fahrt auf Teilstrecken der früheren Verbindungen „Karlex“ und „Vindobona“ zwischen Deutschland (DDR) und Tschechien (CSSR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Chemnitz – Plauen – Bad Brambach o Cheb-Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad) o Usti n.l. (Aussig) – Dečín o Dresden - Chemnitz - Erste große internationale Fahrt des motorcar VT 18.16 		

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Fahrt Option 1:



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- Sitzplatz in der 2. Klasse
- Imbissversorgung zur Selbstabholung im Speisewagen

Fahrt Option 2:

- Sitzplatz im Speisewagen
- Exklusives Mittagmenü inklusive
- Nur 23 Sitzplätze verfügbar

Ausflug Option 1:

- Besuch des Eisenbahndepots Chomutov (Komorau)

Abends für Schienenfans zugeordnet
Zusätzlich zum Besichtigungsgang des Technischen

Information mit VT 18.16 zum Bahnhof Chomutov ins Depot

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Ausflug Option 2:

- Besuch der Kur- und Bäderstadt Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad)
- Stadtbesichtigung (ca. 90 Minuten)
- Weiterfahrt von Karlovy Vary nach Chomutov
Regelzug der tschechischen Bahn



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Weitere Informationen:

<https://svt-goerlitz.de/en/>

<https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karlex>

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vindobona_\(Zug\)](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vindobona_(Zug))

<https://www.muzeum-chomutov.cz/en>

<https://www.karlovyvary.cz/>



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Saturday, 2025/09/06

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
Morning	Installation of model railway network Modul Junior Solaris-Park Chemnitz	F1.1	-
Noon	Official opening of the model railway exhibition Solaris-Park Chemnitz	F2.1	-
Afternoon	Visit of the model railway exhibition Solaris-Park Chemnitz	F3.1	-
Afternoon	Visit of the company Auhagen The company Auhagen (producer of model railway scenery) celebrates its 140th anniversary. Open house presentations are planned at 6 th and 7 th of September <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Trip by special bus to Auhagen fabrication- Visit of the production facilities- Exhibition of model railway networks- SMV railway cockpit simulation (class BR143)	F3.2	25 €

Further information:
<https://auhagen.de/>



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Sunday, 2025/09/07

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
Morning	Visit of the model railway exhibition Solaris-Park Chemnitz  Exhibition of the local club "Arbeitskreis Modellbahn Chemnitz e.V." and the additional Modul-Junior network, presented by young MOROP modellers	G1.1	-
Afternoon	Visit of the model railway exhibition Solaris-Park Chemnitz  Exhibition of the local club "Arbeitskreis Modellbahn Chemnitz e.V." and the additional Modul-Junior network, presented by young MOROP modellers	G2.1	-
Afternoon	Visit of garden railway Chemnitz  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trip by narrow gauge garden railway Chemnitz (situated in the huge park "Küchwald") - Planned is traction by diesel engine  <p><i>Further information:</i> https://www.parkeisenbahn-chemnitz.de/</p>	G2.2	10 €



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Public Transportation

A ticket for public transportation is necessary for some of the activities in the agenda and for the daily stay in Chemnitz.

Chemnitz and the surrounding region is part of the transport association „Verkehrsverbund Mittelsachsen" (VMS). All busses, trams, and local trains in the city can be used with a VMS-ticket for the zone 13.

There are different options for a ticket – depending on the personal situation and the travel plans.

Single trips/ single days	Single ticket or day ticket Can be bought on vending machines in the bus / tram or by mobile app "MoovMe"	Starting 3,20 Euro https://www.vms.de/tarif-und-tickets/tickets
1 person, several days	„Kulturhauptstadtticket" (capital of culture tickets) Valid for 3 days in the whole transport association VMS Possibly, 2 tickets (6 days) needed	25 Euro (1 person, 3 days) https://2025.vms.de/kulturhauptstadtticket/ The tickets can be bought directly in the congress office
Several persons, several days	„Kulturhauptstadtticket" (capital of culture tickets) Valid for 3 days and up to 5 persons in the whole transport association VMS Possibly, 2 tickets (6 days) needed	50 Euro (up to 5 persons, 3 days) https://2025.vms.de/kulturhauptstadtticket/ The tickets can be bought directly in the congress office
1 person, all congress days or longer stay in Germany	Deutschland-Ticket (Germany Ticket) Needs to be purchased personally, only available as ticket for mobile app It is contracted as abonnement. It must be cancelled until 10th of the month to stop the abo for the next month The ticket is valid for all public transportation (including regional trains) in whole Germany. It can be used for the trip to Chemnitz as well	58 Euro / month https://www.vms.de/d-ticket/

The prices may change until September.



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Hotels and Accommodations

Two hotels in the city centre of Chemnitz offer special conditions for the MOROP congress. Rooms can be booked individually using the mentioned codes.

Congress Hotel Chemnitz (MOROP reservation code : **MOROP25**)

- City centre, easy access to public transport
- Prices: 109€ (single room) / 128€ (double room) Euro (all incl. breakfast)
- Address: Brückenstraße 19, 09111 Chemnitz
- Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/PFNYmAmUKQ8W3tAX7>



Internet: www.gchotelgroup.com/de/hotel/congress-hotel-chemnitz

Biendo Hotel (MOROP reservation number : **248930**)

Booking only possible by phone (+49 371 4331920) or email (info@biendo-hotel.de)

- City centre, easy access to public transport
- Prices: 78€ (single room) / 98€ (double room) Euro (all incl. breakfast)
- Address: Straße der Nationen 12, 09111 Chemnitz
- Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8QEstwYYn4ofkDsE9>



Internet: www.biendo-hotel.de



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You can walk between both hotels within 5 minutes. It is planned to arrange the congress office in the **Biendo Hotel** (not agreed yet).

A well-equipped and beautiful **youth hostel** is available as a cheaper accommodation – especially for families and groups. You can walk between the hostel and the hotel in 5 minutes as well.

Youth hostel Chemnitz „eins“

- Close to city centre, easy access to public transport
- Rooms for 2 – 6 persons and own bathroom
- Prices: 45 Euro for adults older than 27 Jahre (breakfast included)
- Address: Getreidemarkt 1, 09111 Chemnitz
- Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Nq9LH4UZ8zexYsAB8>



Internet: <https://www.jugendherberge.de/jugendherbergen/chemnitz-eins>

A camping area is available at a local water reservoir in the district “**Rabenstein**”:
<http://www.campingplatz-rabenstein.de/>

There are **parking sides for caravans** in and around the city of Chemnitz:
<https://www.chemnitz.de/de/unsere-stadt/verkehr/auto-krad-lkw/parken/parkplaetze-fuer-wohmobile-in-der-innenstadt>

There are many **cheap accommodations** (holiday flats or houses, ...) in the mountain areas around Chemnitz as well. You can check for it on several websites:

- <https://www.booking.com>
- <https://www.ferienwohnungen.de>



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Registration

The registration and booking for the congress and the agenda will be possible using a special registration form. It will be available at end of May.

The deadline for registration will be **2025/07/27**.

The booking of hotels can be done as of now.

Contact

Please contact the **SMV** office if you have questions:

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72. MOROP Kongress CHEMNITZ

1. bis 7. September 2025



Chemnitz is the European Capital of Culture 2025. This is a great opportunity to invite European model railroaders to what was once known as the "Saxon Manchester." Last year, the SMV and BDEF jointly proposed hosting this year's MOROP Congress there.

Unfortunately, with some delay, the program and prices for the congress, which will take place in the Saxon city from September 1 to 7, 2025, have now been finalized. Details can be found in the program document (available in various languages). The registration form is also available for download.

As previously announced, **the undisputed highlight of the congress will be a ride on the restored VT 18.16 – Görlitz type.** The originally planned idea of traveling on the "tracks" of Karlex and Vindobona is unfortunately not feasible due to the VT's late "India" delivery and the lack of time for training the Czech railway company. We are therefore currently working on the timetable for a "Saxony Tour" with the VT 18.16. Details will be available here shortly – re-orders will of course be possible at short notice. Naturally, MOROP congress participants and members of **SMV** and **BDEF** will be given priority in allocating the approximately 150 seats on the train.

And something else important to us : **for the first time, there will also be a model railway exhibition for young model railway enthusiasts at the end of the congress.** For over a year, representatives from several countries have been working together with MOROP to establish **the Junior module** as an international standard for **training young model railway enthusiasts.** Since many clubs and groups are already working with them, all children and young people are invited to showcase their modules **on September 6th and 7th in Chemnitz.** We cordially invite all interested clubs and young model railroaders to participate in this exhibition with exhibits – **whether they are Junior Standard modules or anything else !**

The **BDEF** and the **SMV** cordially invite all members and friends to the MOROP Congress in Chemnitz. We, like our colleagues at MOROP, are looking forward to many participants !