

**Timișoara 2021**  
European Capital of Culture

# Timișoara 2021 – the journey to becomming a European Capital of Culture



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**SHINE  
YOUR LIGHT  
LIGHT UP  
YOUR CITY!**

# Concept:

*SHINE YOUR  
LIGHT -  
LIGHT UP YOUR  
CITY!*

# Timișoara:

- Inspired by the metaphor of light
- Civic energy
- Hub of European values
- Interculturalism
- Multiconfessionalism
- Entrepreneurship

# A Journey

## 3 Territories:

- 1 People
- 2 Places
- 3 Connections



# Phases of Implementation:



# Vision



# What?



# How?



- Neighbourhoods
- Citizen participation
- Public space
- The independent sector
- New experiences, innovative approaches
- Engagement strategy

# The Cultural Programme

## 2017 - 2018 Events and Activities





2017

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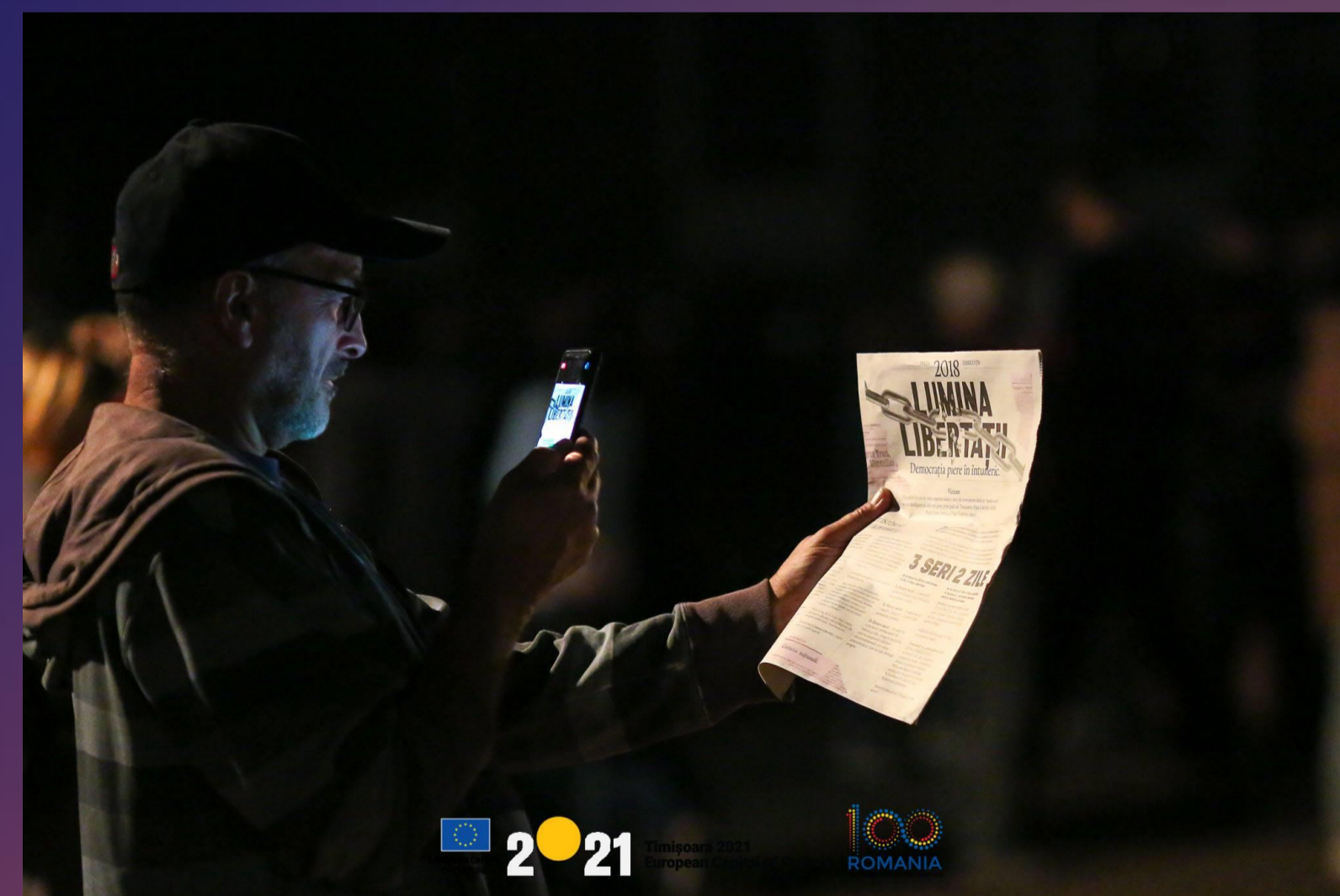


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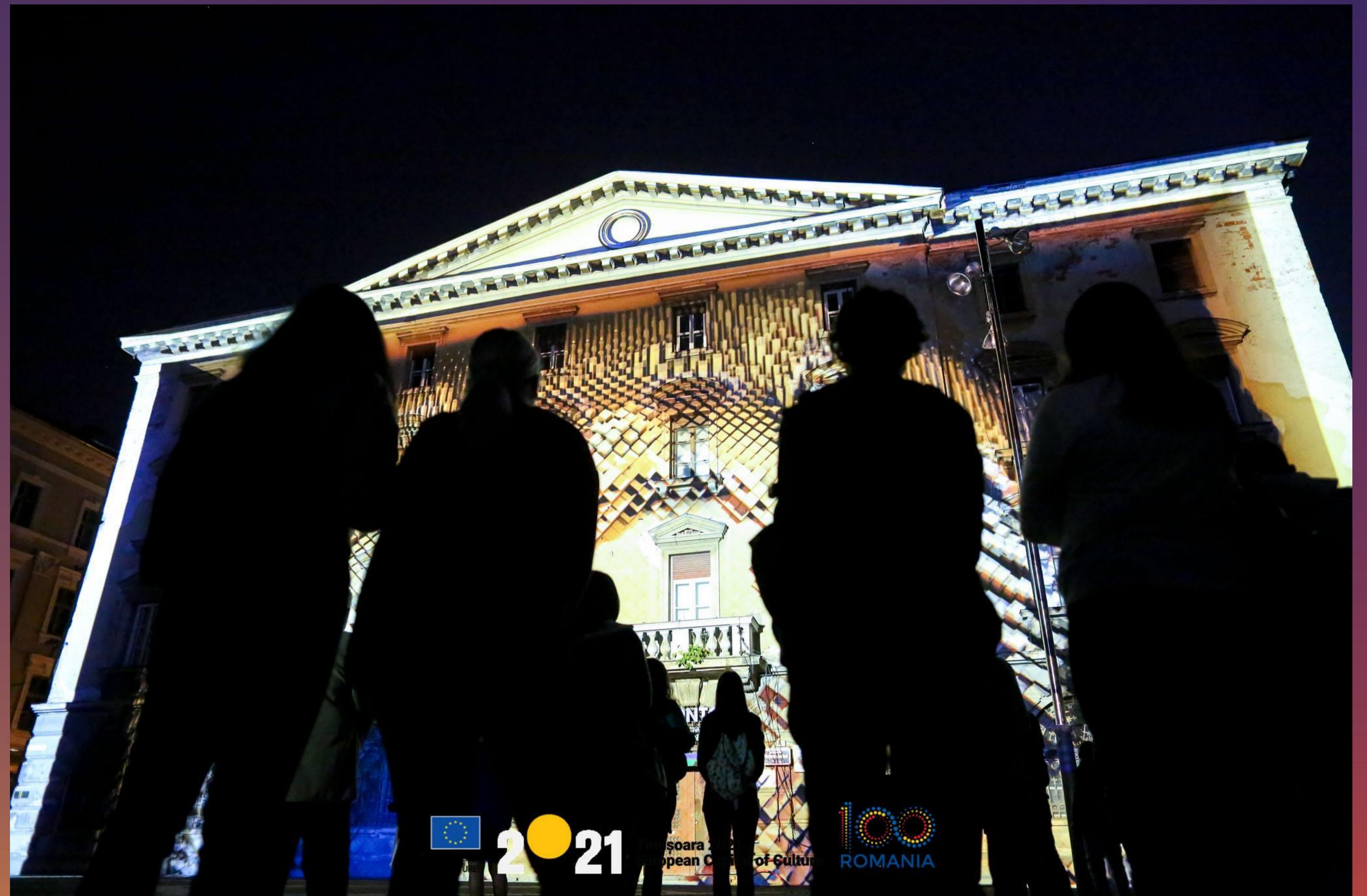
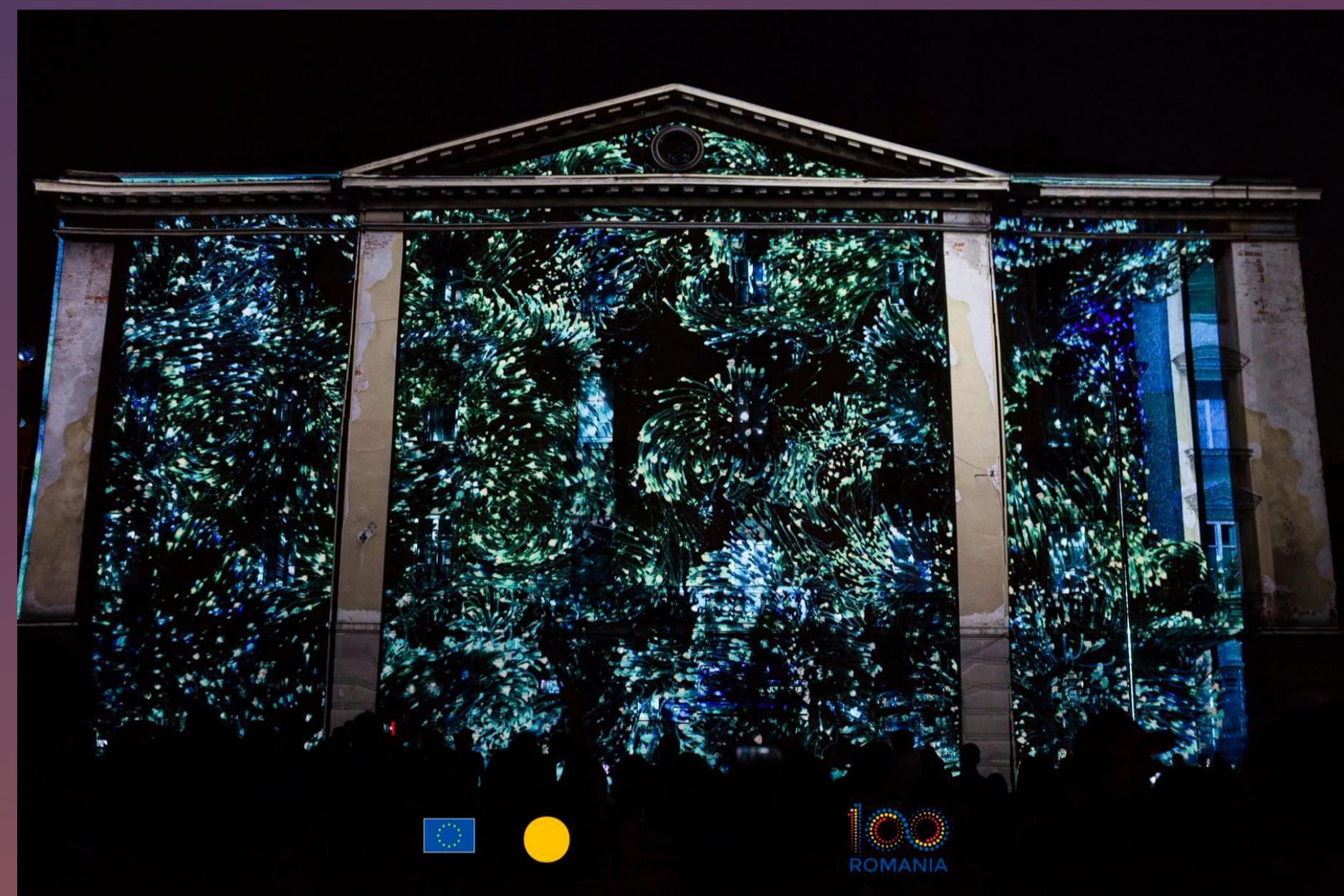
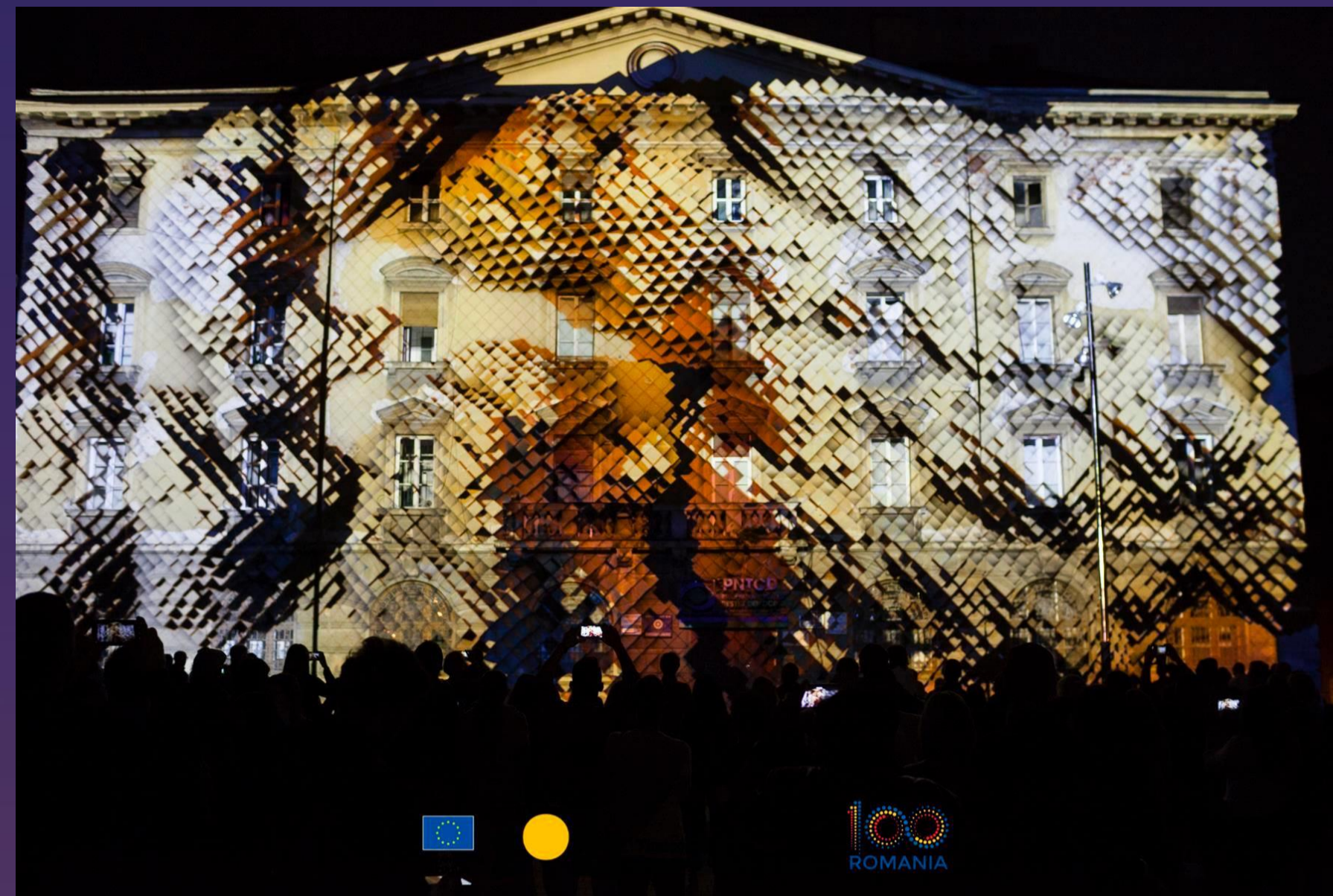
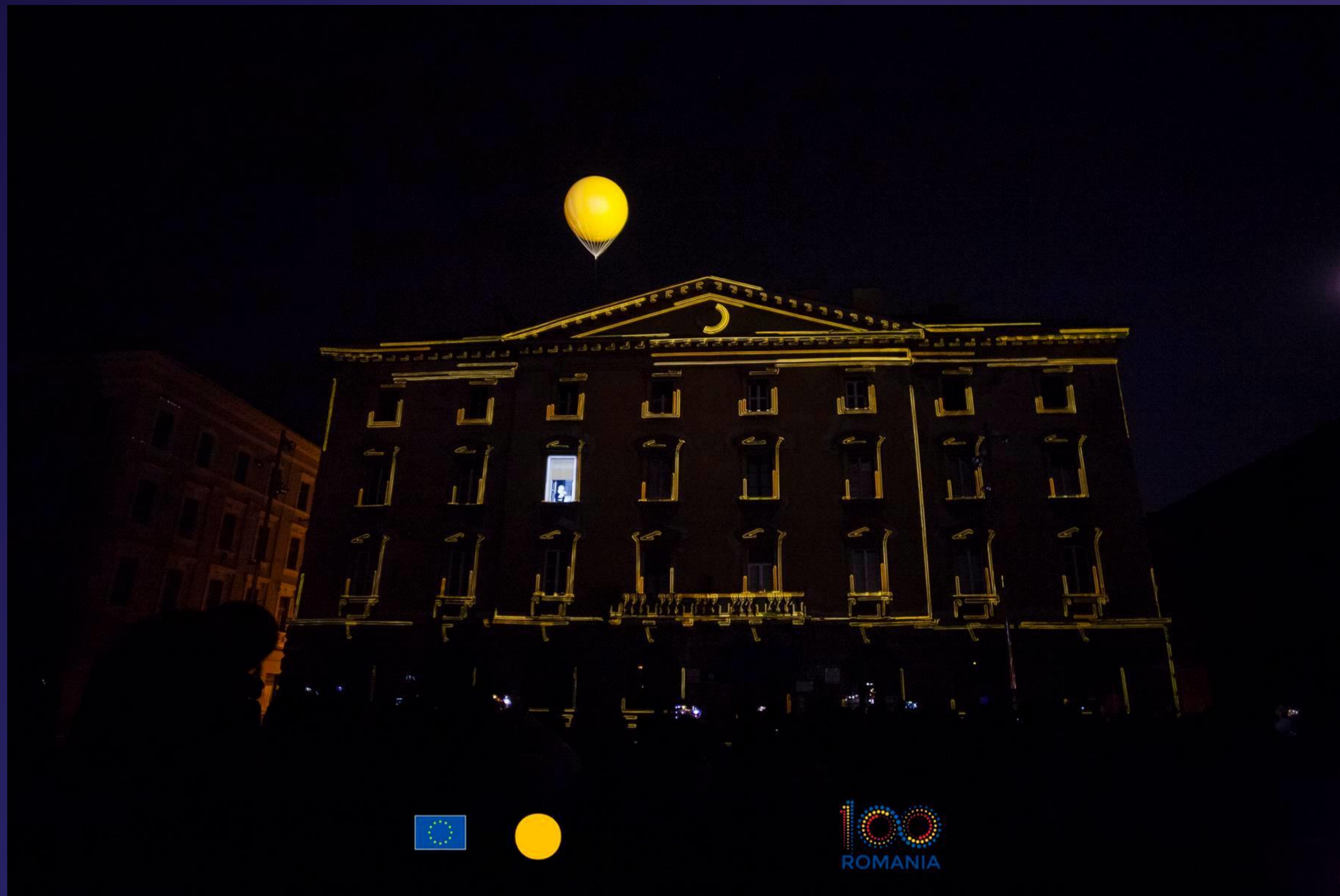
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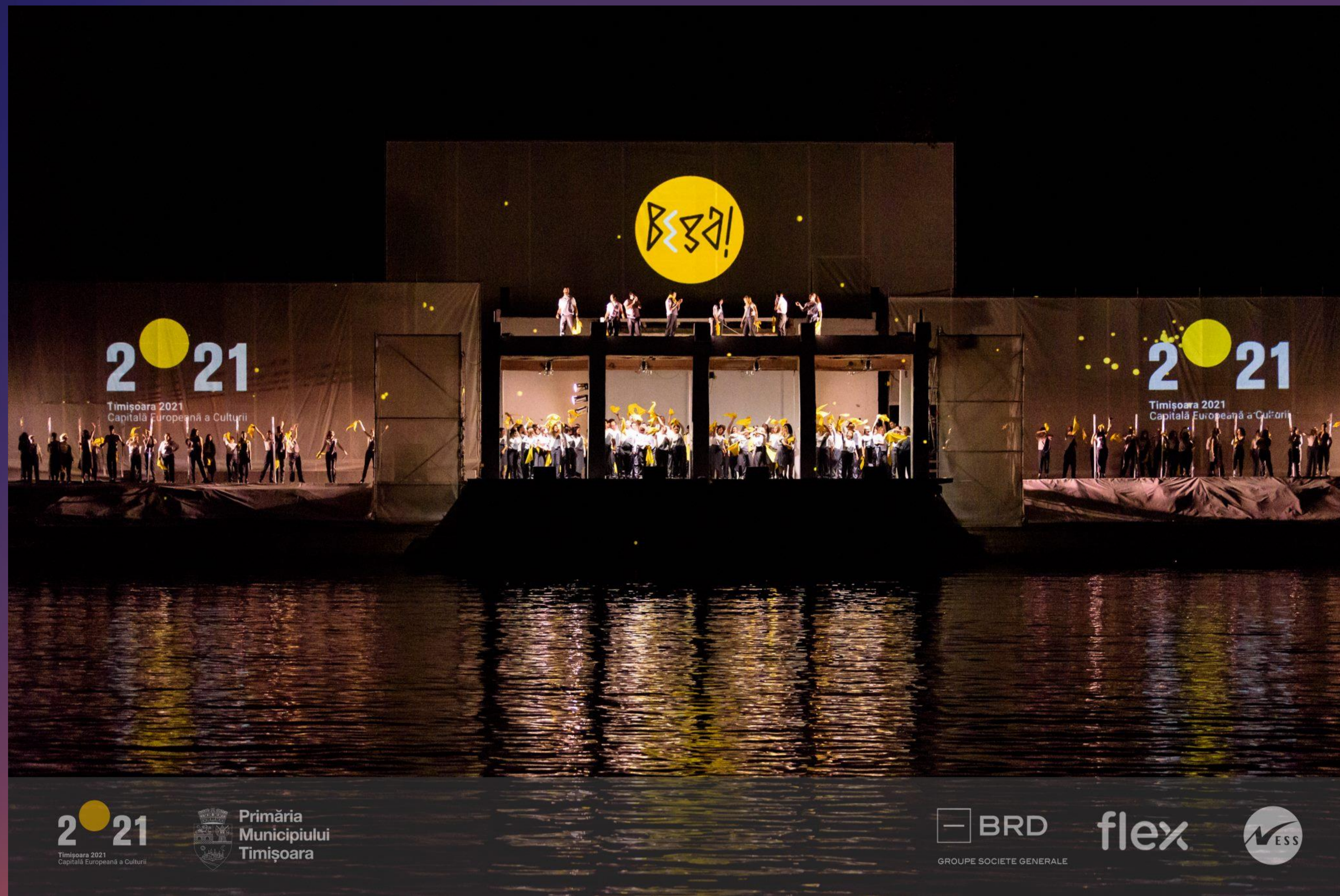
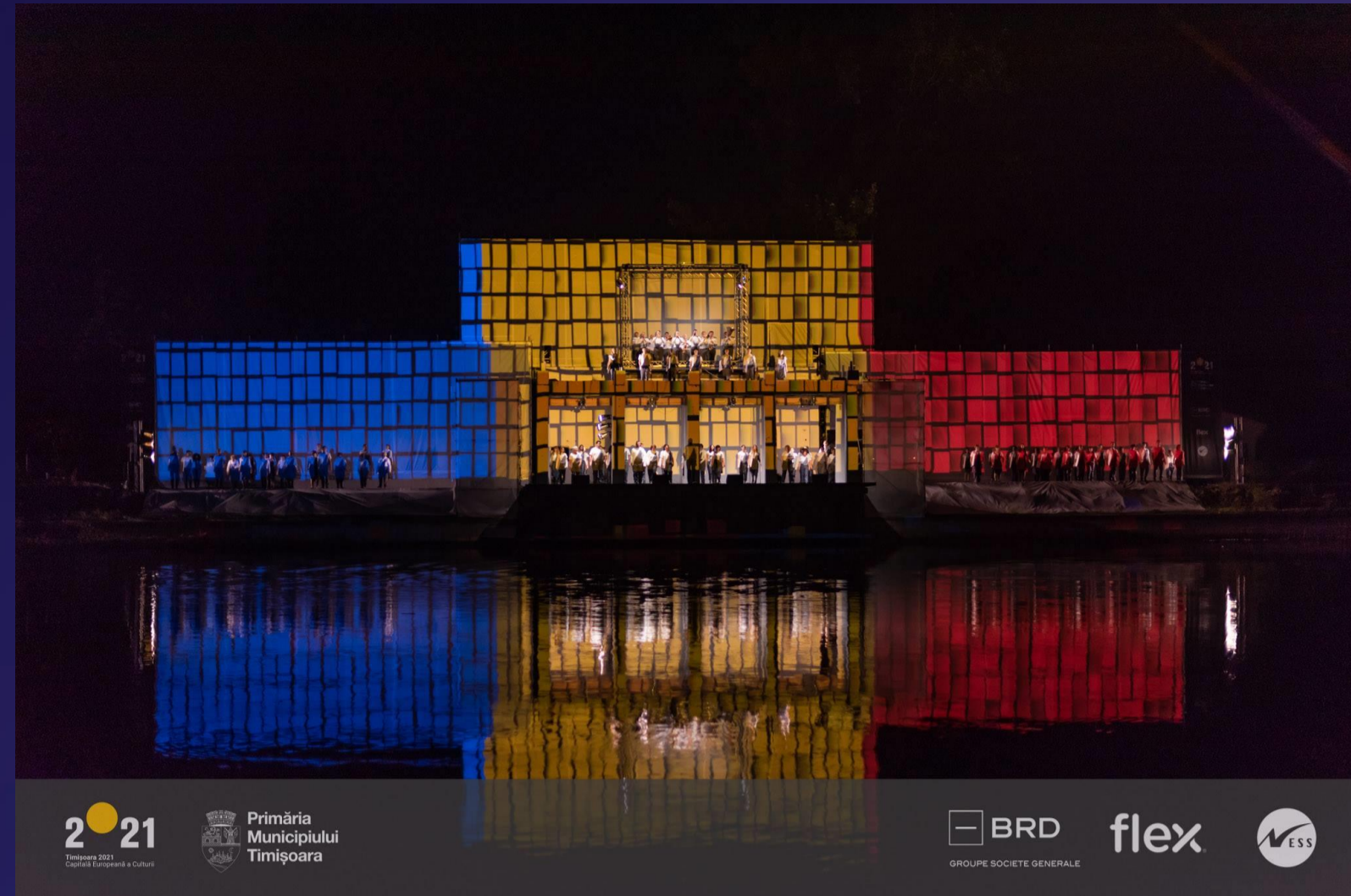
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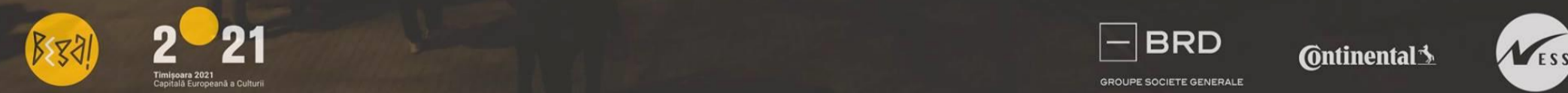
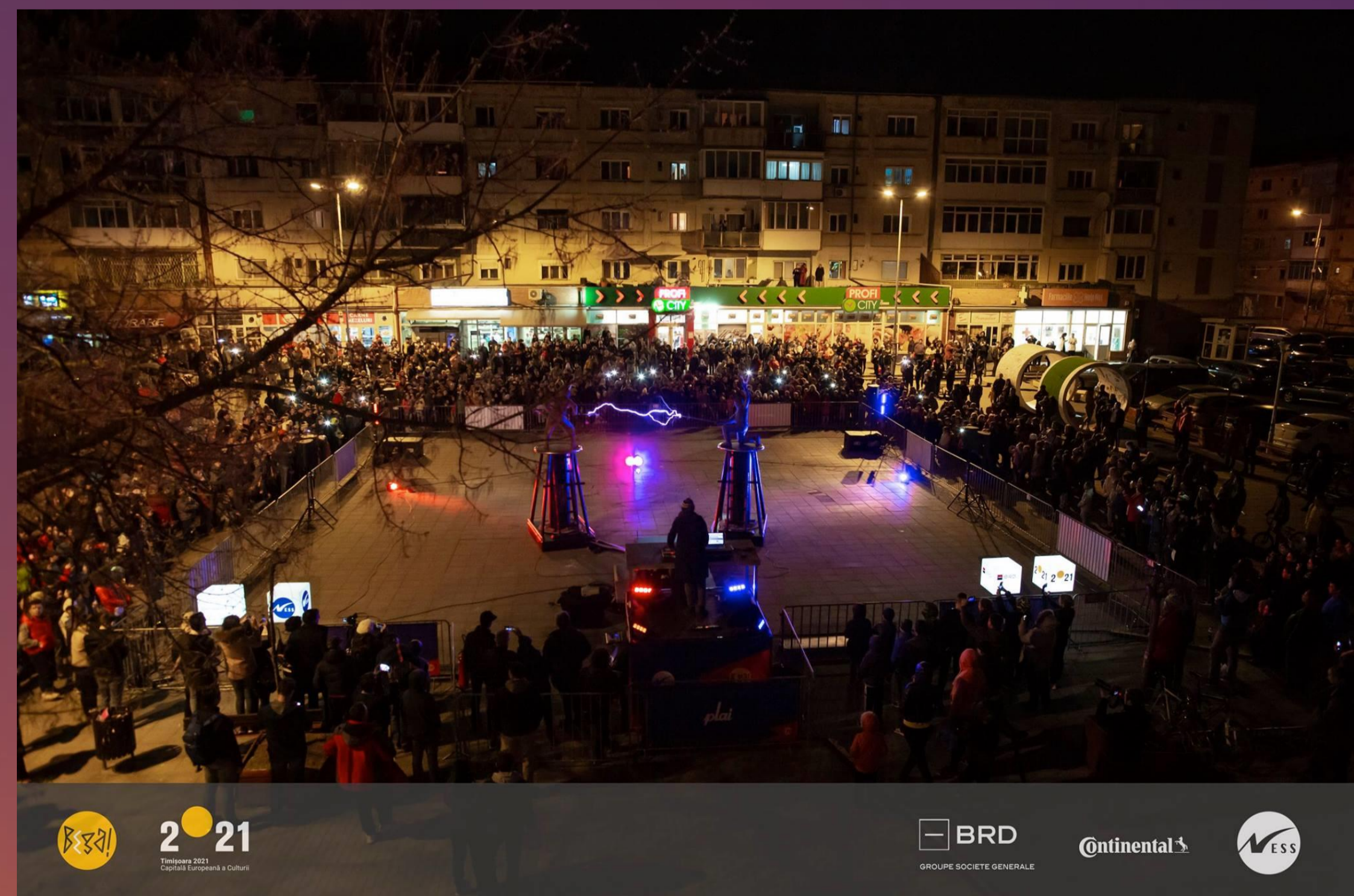
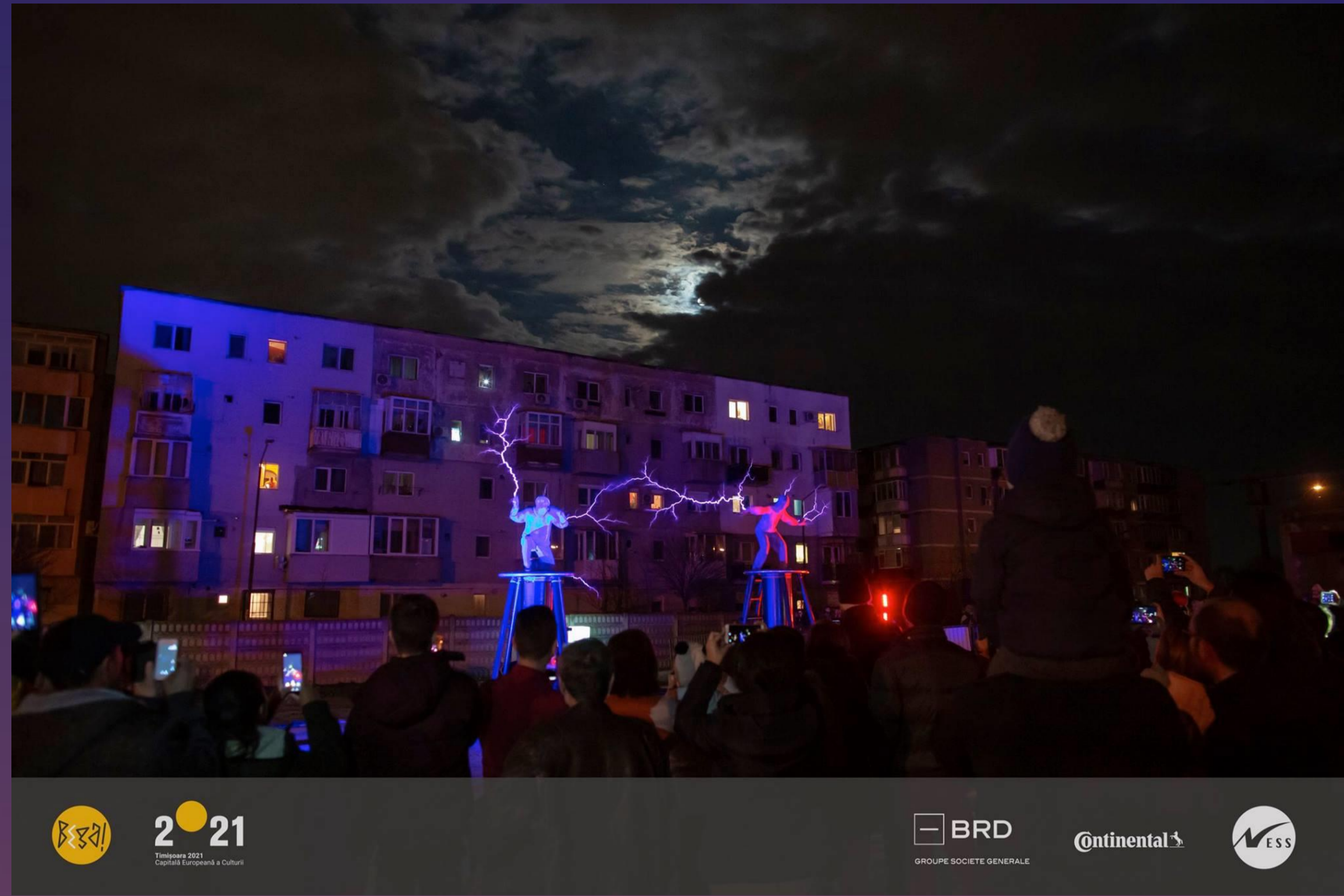
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# Searchlight

## An open call for project proposals 2018-2021 and beyond

- 72 submitted applications
- 23 project proposals selected
- Chosen by independent Advisory Groups
- All projects are planned for continuation in 2020-2021



# Cultural Programme

2019



# POWER STATION INCLUDING ENGAGEMENT UNIT

Local Partners: West University of Timișoara; MetruCub; F.I.T.T.

International partners: Novi Sad 2021; Eleusis 2021

Period: throughout the year

In 2019, we continue building the capacity of culture makers to design and manage international projects in Timișoara.

## XTENSIONS

Beyond the programme based in the Bid Book, we initiate a series of *Xtensions* – interventions and collaborations with already established Timișoara events.

### Guitar Festival

### JazzTM

### The Central European Film Festival

### EUFONIA

### Baroque Festival

### CaféKultour

### LitVest

### Save the Heritage of Timișoara

## REFLEXIONS

*The Station RefleXions* memories, emotions and insights from our recent and turbulent past. A series of initiatives in 2019 will underline the importance of collective memory and sense of community.

### Heritage Contact Zones

Partners: Memorial of the Revolution and 5 other European partners

Time period: throughout the year

### Theatre as Resistance

Partners: Asociația Română pentru Promovarea Artelor Spectacolului; Aualeu  
Collaborating theatres: "Mihai Eminescu" National Theatre Timișoara, "Csiky Gergely" Hungarian State Theatre Timișoara, German State Theatre Timișoara, "Merlin" Theatre for Children and Youth Timișoara, Thespis Theatre Timișoara

Time Period: throughout the year

### Digital Archives

Partners: Politehnica University of Timișoara

Time period: throughout the year

### Re:Tracing Bartok

Partner: SoundUpdates

Time Period: throughout the year

### Knowledge Fields

Partner: Banat IT

Time period: throughout the year

### Addictive Lights

Partner: Simultan Festival

Time period: throughout the year

### City Memories

Partners: community associations and artists, both local and international

Time period: September 2019

# PLAYERS OF CHANGE

It is always people that make change happen. Individuals, motivated by their community, initiate actions that shed light on problems, heal wounds and keep the society dynamic. These are the "changemakers", who step into unknown territory and make an impact.

## Invisible/Visible

### O4Roma

Partner: Intercultural Institute Timisoara; Roma Women's Association Timisoara, Novi Sad 2021; University of Novi Sad; Roma Students Association (Serbia)  
Time period: starting September 2019 and onwards

## Fluid Views

Partners: Association SPICC; Association Identity.Education  
Time period: throughout the year

This project consists of two parallel projects rooted in cultural identity movements - for women and for the evolving LGBTQ+ community.

## Lighthouse

### Artistic Residencies to/from Timisoara

Time period: throughout the year

# DARE!

Our neighborhoods are at the center of this Station, together with the kind of participatory art that can only grow from where we live and work. We look for ways to engage with one another to change our city and collaborate with our neighbors. Can culture empower people to create new structures and traditions?

## Slowing Down

Partner: C.R.I.E.S. - Resource Centre for Ethical and Solidarity Initiatives  
Time period: throughout the year

## City Voices

Partner: The National Theatre Timisoara  
Time period: throughout the year

## Dante21 - second wave

Partners: FITT, Ravenna Festival (IT); Artists and collaborators involved: Teatro delle Albe (Ravenna, Italy) and people from the following theatres, as "guides" during the year: Hungarian State Theatre, Merlin Theatre, Labarynth Theatre, Basca.  
Time Period: throught the year; work visit to Ravenna, July 2019

## Impuls

Parteners: French Institute Timișoara; FR/RO Season 2019; Circus School Timișoara  
Period: July 2019

## Impuls Fabric

Parteneri: Institutul Francez din Timișoara  
Perioada: octombrie 2019

# BRIGHT CITY

What do we need in order to be the makers of the city? And how can the new digital lifestyle help us re-think and co-create our urban environment?

## Spotlight Heritage

Partners: Banat National Museum; Politehnica University

Time period: throughout the year

## Breathing Spaces

Partner: The Order of Romanian Architects – Timis Branch

Time period: May-October 2019

## MultipleXity

Partner: multiple stakeholders; City Hall of Timisoara

Time period: throughout the year

## Energy Incubators

Partner: La Figurat Association (Sabotage)

Time period: throughout the year

## Lumina Unirii (Light and Unity)

Partners: Aučleu; Museum of Art Timisoara; religious communities on Piata Unirii

Time Period: September 2019

# LIGHT OVER BORDERS

This Station challenges the idea of city by exploring different spaces, both well-known and hidden, that define the urban landscape. It includes art actions along the Bega Canal, in the villages of the Banat region and in some of the most well-know central parts of Timisoara.

## BEGA!

Partner: PLAI Cultural Association

Time period: April/May and October/November 2019

## Moving Fireplaces

Partner: Association Prin Banat

Time period: August/September 2019

## Encounters

Partner: Art Encounters Foundation; Triade Foundation

Time period: May-July; September-November 2019

## Baroque Re-Loaded

Partners: Museum of Art Timisoara (MartT); MetaSpatiu

Time Period: May-June 2019

# LIGHTSCAPES

This Station is the start of an open, permanent laboratory for interdisciplinary experiments and innovations, which inspires young generations to explore and embrace creativity.

## Trail: Light Search

Partners: The Banat State Philharmonic Timisoara, Gera Symphony orchestra; soloists Gera, Germany is a twin city of Timisoara since 1998.

Time Period: March, September, November 2019

## Trail: European Echoes

Partners: Diplomatic Art Association; multiple European consulates in Timisoara

Time Period: throughout the year

# KIDS21 - SEASONS

Main Partners, each hosting a Season:  
One Move; "Sorin Titel" Timis County  
Library; Timisoara Circus School; Teatrul  
Merlin together with other community  
groups

Time period: October (Kids & Kids);  
December (Kids & Youths), 2019

# SPORT21

Partners: sports clubs and associations in  
Timisoara

Time Period: summer 2019

# NETWORKING EUROPA

Parteneri: Plai Cultural Centre; Trans  
Europe Halles

Period: march and october 2019

# Thank you!



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