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# 72<sup>nd</sup> MOROP Congress CHEMNITZ 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 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 72<sup>nd</sup> MOROP Congress. It is held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in and around the city Chemnitz.



Chemnitz is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 72<sup>nd</sup> 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><b>The activity is difficult</b> for people who have problems with steady walking. The reasons might be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- You must walk longer ways</li><li>- There might be many stairs</li><li>- There might be ways in bad conditions (railway tracks, ...)</li></ul>
	<p><b>You need a ticket for public transportation</b> 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" (<a href="#">see page 14</a>)</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	<b>Meeting of Technical Commission</b> Meeting room Chemnitz	A1.1	-
Afternoon	<b>Meeting of Technical Commission</b> Meeting room Chemnitz	A2.1	
Afternoon	<div>    </div> <p><b>Trip to Castle Augustusburg</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trip by regional railway (Erzgebirgsbahn) to Erdmannsdorf</li> <li>- Trip by cableway up to Augustusburg</li> <li>- Visit of the motobike museum or castle museum</li> </ul> <div>   </div> <p><i>Further information:</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.drahtseilbahn-augustusburg.de/">https://www.drahtseilbahn-augustusburg.de/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.augustusburg-schloss.de/">https://www.augustusburg-schloss.de/</a></p>	A2.2	30 €



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**Tuesday, 2025/09/02**

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



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

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





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## Zwickau Option 2:

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



*Further information:*

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

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahnstrecke\\_Chemnitz%E2%80%93Adorf](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahnstrecke_Chemnitz%E2%80%93Adorf)

[https://www.nahverkehrsfreunde-zwickau.de/24-07-21\\_fotofahrt%20tatra.htm](https://www.nahverkehrsfreunde-zwickau.de/24-07-21_fotofahrt%20tatra.htm)

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

C2.2




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**Thursday, 2025/09/04**

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
Morning 	<b>Visit of the museum of industry Chemnitz</b> - Guided tour in the museum  <i>Further information:</i> <a href="https://www.industriemuseum-chemnitz.de/">https://www.industriemuseum-chemnitz.de/</a>	D1.1	15 €
Morning	<b>Visit of the national museum of archaeology</b> - Tour in the museum with audio guide  <i>Further information:</i> <a href="https://www.smac.sachsen.de/">https://www.smac.sachsen.de/</a>	D1.2	10 €



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




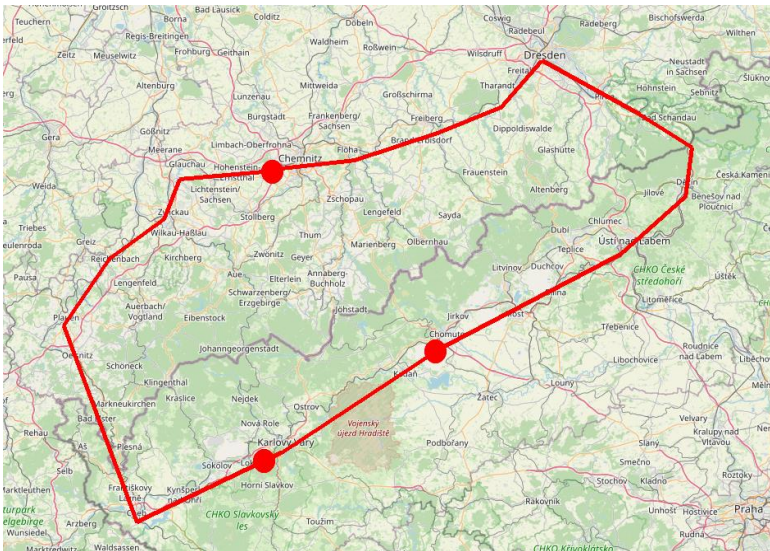


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Friday, 2025/09/05

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
All day	<p><b>Auf den Spuren von Karlex und Vindobona</b></p> <p>Der berühmte VT 18.16 / SVT Bauart Görlitz ist zurück!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Fahrt auf Teilstrecken der früheren Verbindungen „Karlex“ und „Vindobona“ zwischen Deutschland (DDR) und Tschechien (CSSR)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Chemnitz – Plauen – Bad Brambach</li><li>o Cheb-Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad)</li><li>o Usti n.l. (Aussig) – Deutschnorf</li><li>o Dresden – Chemnitz</li></ul></li><li>- Erste große internationale Fahrt des motorcar VT 18.16</li></ul> <p><b>Originally, we planned a trip with the famous and just reconstructed motorcar VT 18.16 from Chemnitz via Czech Republic to Dresden. This trip needs to be cancelled due to organisational reasons.</b></p> <p><b>We are preparing another tour with the motorcar VT 18.16. Information will be available soon.</b></p>   <p><b>Fahrt Option 1:</b></p>		



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

## Fahrt Option 2:

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

## Ausflug Option 1:

- Besuch des Eisenbahndepots Chomutov (Komotau)  
- Exkursion zum Nationalen Museum für Eisenbahntechnik  
- Zugfahrt 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	<b>Installation of model railway network Modul Junior</b> Solaris-Park Chemnitz	F1.1	-
Noon	<b>Official opening of the model railway exhibition</b> Solaris-Park Chemnitz	F2.1	-
Afternoon	<b>Visit of the model railway exhibition</b> Solaris-Park Chemnitz  Exhibition of the local club "Arbeitskreis Modellbahn Chemnitz e.V." and the additional Modul-Junior network, presented by young MOROP modellers	F3.1	-
Afternoon	<b>Visit of the company Auhagen</b>  The company Auhagen (producer of model railway scenery) celebrates its 140th anniversary. Open house presentations are planed at 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> of September  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trip by special bus to Auhagen fabrication</li> <li>- Visit of the production facilities</li> <li>- Exhibition of model rawilway networks</li> <li>- SMV railway cockpit simulation (class BR143)</li> </ul>  <p><i>Further information:</i>  <a href="https://auhagen.de/">https://auhagen.de/</a></p>	F3.2	25 €









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**Sunday, 2025/09/07**

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
Morning 	<b>Visit of the model railway exhibition</b> 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 	<b>Visit of the model railway exhibition</b> 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 	<b>Visit of garden railway Chemnitz</b>  - Trip by narrow gauge garden railway Chemnitz (situated in the huge park "Küchwald") - Planned is traction by diesel engine    <i>Further information:</i> <a href="https://www.parkeisenbahn-chemnitz.de/">https://www.parkeisenbahn-chemnitz.de/</a>	G2.2	10 €



## 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	<b>Single ticket or day ticket</b>  Can be bought on vending machines in the bus / tram or by mobile app "MoovMe"	Starting <b>3,20 Euro</b>  <a href="https://www.vms.de/tarif-und-tickets/tickets">https://www.vms.de/tarif-und-tickets/tickets</a>
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	<b>25 Euro</b> (1 person, 3 days)  <a href="https://2025.vms.de/kulturhauptstadtticket/">https://2025.vms.de/kulturhauptstadtticket/</a>  <u>The tickets can be bought directly in the congress office</u>
Several persons, several days	„Kulturhauptstadtticket" (capital of culture tickets)  <b>Valid for 3 days and up to 5 persons</b> in the whole transport association VMS  Possibly, 2 tickets (6 days) needed	<b>50 Euro</b> (up to 5 persons, 3 days)  <a href="https://2025.vms.de/kulturhauptstadtticket/">https://2025.vms.de/kulturhauptstadtticket/</a>  <u>The tickets can be bought directly in the congress office</u>
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	<b>58 Euro</b> / month  <a href="https://www.vms.de/d-ticket/">https://www.vms.de/d-ticket/</a>

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>

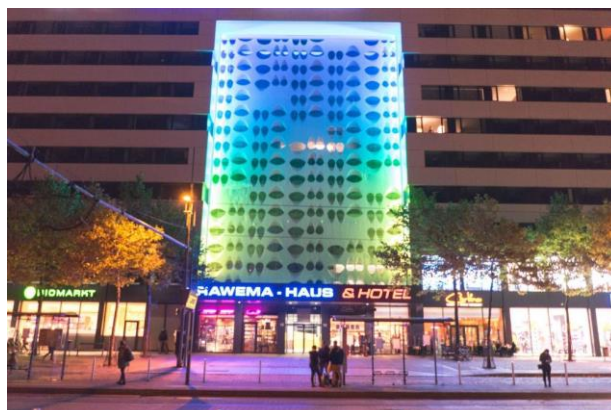


Internet: [www.gchhotelgroup.com/de/hotel/congress-hotel-chemnitz](http://www.gchhotelgroup.com/de/hotel/congress-hotel-chemnitz)

### **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](http://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-wohnmobile-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 !