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Artist Residency 2027
Kraków, Poland

The Art of Rebuilding

Open Call for the Re:Create Europe International Artistic Residency at Villa Decius,

Villa Decius announces an open call for an international artistic residency organised within the framework of the European Alliance of Academies and the Re:Create Europe project. The programme is aimed at emerging artists and cultural professionals interested in exploring the role of culture and the arts in recovery, social resilience, and transforming realities in the aftermath of crises and conflicts.

The Art of Rebuilding residency is part of the project's 2027 theme, Recovery from War and Aggression, and focuses on rebuilding not only as the restoration of physical infrastructure, but also as a process of emotional, social, and cultural renewal. Drawing on the themes of fragments, ruins, memory, and reconstruction, the residency invites artists to reflect on how art can contribute to reclaiming lost spaces, relationships, and identities, as well as creating new forms of community and belonging.

The programme encourages experimentation across diverse artistic disciplines, including visual arts, performance, music, and interdisciplinary practices. Particular emphasis will be placed on exploring creative ways of addressing rebuilding, memory, and resilience in the face of contemporary social and political challenges.

The residency aims to provide a space for artistic creation, exchange of experiences, and international dialogue, while encouraging reflection on the role of artists and cultural institutions in recovery processes and strengthening social resilience.

Who can apply?
The residency is open to:
- Emerging artists and cultural professionals with approximately 2–5 years of professional experience in their respective fields;
- Citizens and legal residents of countries eligible to participate in the Creative Europe programme;
- Artists and practitioners working in performing arts, music, visual arts, and intermedia;
- Creatives interested in combining artistic practice with research, academia, cultural policy, activism, and social or civic engagement;
- Individuals interested in artistic freedom, cultural resilience, cultural policy, and European social dialogue.

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What do we expect?
Selected residents will be expected to:
- Develop an original artistic project related to the theme of The Art of Rebuilding;
- Actively participate in the residency
and exchange experiences with fellow residents;
- Take part in the closing event, presenting the outcomes of their artistic work;
- Participate in at least two webinars organised within the Re:Create Europe project;
- Contribute to the Atlas of Artistic Freedom, a digital platform showcasing artistic and cultural practices of resistance and resilience in changing political and social contexts.

Application requirements
Please prepare the following documents and materials when completing the application form:
- A motivation letter explaining your interest in the residency;
- A CV (maximum 2 pages), including previous publications;
- Project title, short description, and outline (maximum 2 pages);
- Portfolio;
- Letter(s) of recommendation (optional).

What we offer
- A one-month residency at Villa Decius in Kraków, Poland, from 31 March to 30 April 2027;
- Travel reimbursement of up to EUR 350 for a round trip, plus an additional EUR 150 for travel by environmentally friendly means of transport;
- A gross artist fee of EUR 1,000;
- Materials required for the artistic project;
- A dedicated space for creative work and experimentation across artistic forms;
- Opportunities to exchange experiences and establish international connections;
- Organisational support and consultations regarding the project;
- The opportunity to present the outcomes of your work at the closing event;
- The opportunity to showcase your artistic practice in the digital Atlas of Artistic Freedom.

Residency dates
31 March – 30 April 2027
The residency will take place at Villa Decius in Kraków, Poland, in a guesthouse located within the palace and park complex. Residents will be accommodated in single rooms with private bathrooms and access to a shared kitchen. Please note that the building has no elevator.

Application deadline
1 December 2026 – 31 January 2027
Applications must be submitted via the online application form:
https://nc.adk.de/index.php/apps/forms/s/rebuilding2027

Announcement of results
Applicants will be notified of the results no later than 15 February 2027.

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