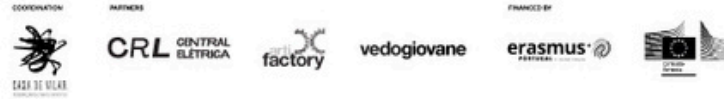
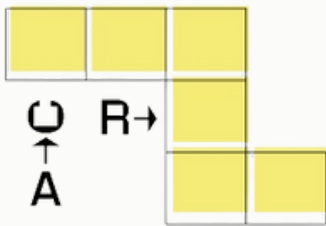


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NEWSLETTER #2

The Erasmus+ project “Artistic Residencies - individual and collective non-formal learning” aims to establish a European Network of Artistic Residencies (RA) to facilitate the development, dissemination, and promotion of artistic work across different countries.



The second meeting of the partnership took place in the Island of Elba organised by the Vedogiovane Società Cooperativa Sociale impresa sociale in collaboration with Elba del Vicino

Rio Marina and Elba Island: A Home for Artists

For eight years now, the town of Rio Marina on the beautiful island of Elba invites artists to immerse themselves in its breathtaking landscapes, vibrant community, and inspiring nature. This residency is open to a wide range of creatives—visual artists, painters, sculptors, musicians, dancers, filmmakers, and more.

At the end of the week-long residency, participants will share their journey and work through a small event. This does not have to be a polished performance or exhibition but can simply showcase the progress or concept developed during your stay.

- Residencies run from March 30 to December 14, with applications open until June 10. Whether you're starting a new project or completing a masterpiece, this experience is designed to provide creative freedom and leave a meaningful trace.



ACTION #02 Artistic Residencies

Why?

Artistic residencies play a crucial role in the professional and creative development of artists. But why? Why Do We Need a Residency? This is what the partners replied according to the motivations and aspirations of each organization for hosting a residency program. :



Vedogiovane Società Cooperativa Sociale

We need a residency to cultivate a sense of “community” and “beauty, rooted in our history of **minin**” and enriched by social and cultural animation. A residency enables us to **build bridges** –between people, disciplines, and ideas–fostering meaningful exchanges and connections.

Casa de Vilar

A residency provides an opportunity to support artists, nurture collaboration, and **drive development and integration**. It allows us to offer a **safe space** where ideas can flourish, talents can grow, and innovative approaches to **multidisciplinary** creation can emerge.

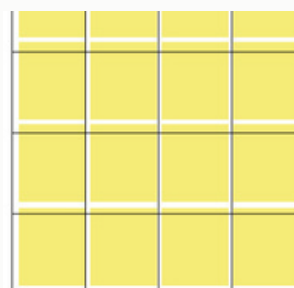
Circolando / CRL Central Elétrica

We envision a residency as a space for artistic exploration, **an alternative to institutional residency programs**. It provides the platform to engage in dialogue with new themes and creative processes, foster public commitment in a municipal space, and **connect with the local, national, and international** community.

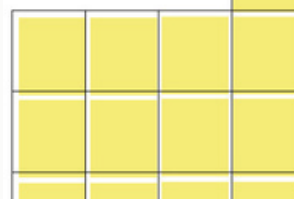
Artifactory

For us, a residency means **a chance to meet, interact, and rediscover** the community. It’s a space to improvise, promote collaboration, and spark inspiration. **Residencies create opportunities**—a space where artists and communities can exchange, give, and take, weaving new narratives together.

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The Ideal Artist for Each Space

Who would be the Ideal Artist for Each partner ?

Circolando / CRL Central Elétrica

- Culturally provocative, sparking questions and conversations
- Open to dialogue and alternative creative circuits
- Committed to engaging with innovative and experimental processes

Vedogiovane Società Cooperativa Sociale

- Skilled in dialogue and social engagement
- Artistically competent with a simple and captivating style
- Interested in working with minors or small groups
- Able to propose engaging projects for individuals or communities

Casa de Vilar

- In the early artistic phase of their career
- Coherent in their artistic narrative, both in writing and speech
- Multidisciplinary, with a preference for artists over 40 exploring new approaches.

Artifactory

- Exceptional artistic quality
- Strong personality, cooperative and flexible
- Project originality with a unique cultural perspective
- Engaged in long-term projects or initiatives with sustainable impact



Elba del Vicino



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Spotlight on Elba del Vicino Project

Bringing Art and Community Together on Elba Island

by Michele Marmo, Coordinator of the Elba del Vicino Project

Hello, my name is Michele Marmo, and I have the privilege of coordinating the Elba del Vicino project, a unique hostel on the beautiful island of Elba. Beyond offering accommodations, our project provides an array of opportunities to connect young people with the local community. Central to our mission is the concept of artistic residencies, which serve as a bridge between artistic expression and community engagement. These residencies allow for meaningful research and creative exploration while fostering a deeper connection with the people who call this island home.

The Artistic Residency Formula

Our program invites artists to spend one week in Rio Marina, on the island of Elba. During their stay, we provide hospitality, food, lodging, creative spaces, and the tools necessary for their work. In return, we ask them to conduct research on a theme that we propose and share their findings in accessible and engaging ways.



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This could take the form of workshops, community laboratories, or other artistic expressions that resonate with the local population. Since 2017, we have hosted over 100 artistic residencies. Each residency becomes an opportunity to reimagine our world through the eyes of artists, who use unconventional and intuitive languages to explore the pressing themes of our time.

Our guiding slogan, "If an artist were your neighbor, would you be happier?" captures our belief that artists, with their ability to navigate reality in innovative and non-rational ways, can illuminate new paths and perspectives for all of us.

Community-Centered Engagement

The involvement of the local community is a cornerstone of our project. Residents participate in various ways, such as:

- **Workshops and Laboratories:** Interactive sessions where community members learn new skills and engage with artistic processes.
- **Interviews:** Opportunities for locals to share their stories, which often become integral to the artists' work.
- **Final Presentations:** A culminating event where artists showcase their creations, bringing together the community to celebrate the collaboration.

These experiences are not only enriching for the artists but also inspire and empower the local community by making art accessible and participatory.

A Vision for the Future

The Elba del Vicino project demonstrates how art can transcend barriers, build bridges, and create shared experiences. By fostering connections between artists and the community, we've created a dynamic space where creativity flourishes and where residents and visitors alike find joy and inspiration.

So, if an artist were your neighbor, would you be happier? On Elba Island, we've found the answer to be a resounding yes.

Artistic Reflections on Elba Island

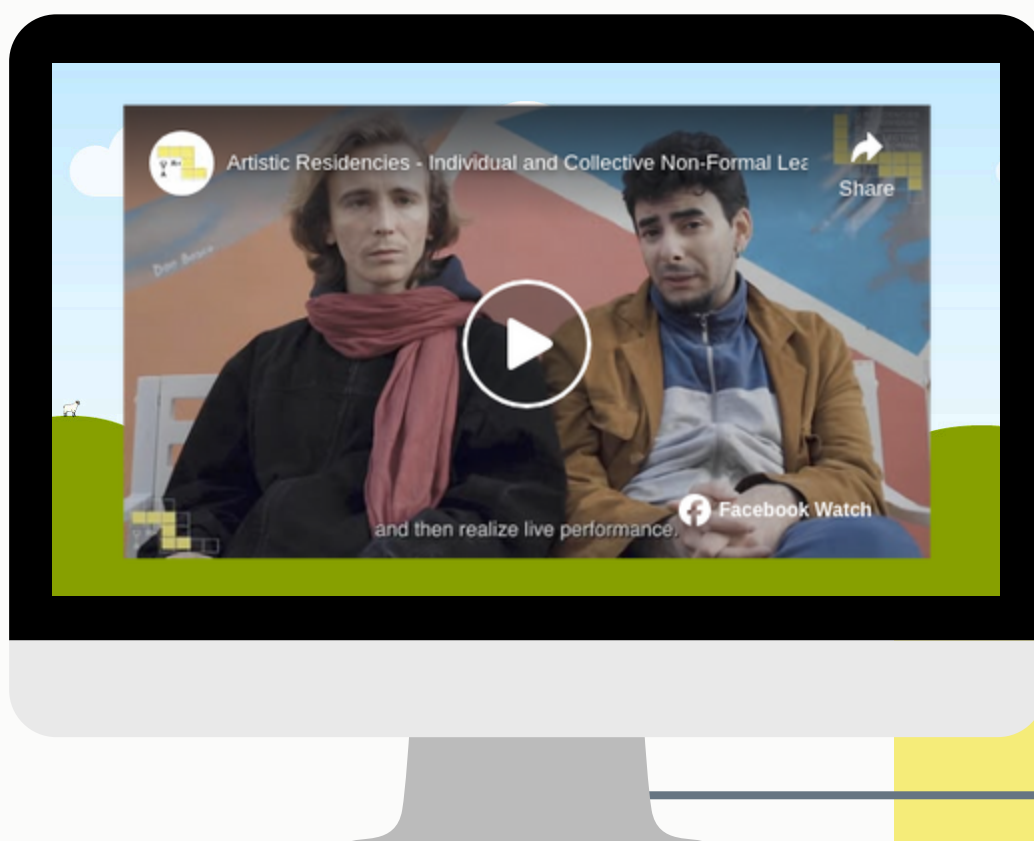
by Simone Miglietta & Flavio Bianchini, resident artists

We are Simone Miglietta and Flavio Bianchini, theater practitioners currently residing on the beautiful island of Elba to finalize our latest production, Pier's Shirt. This project originated from our collaboration with Marilù Mastrogiovanni, whose investigative work on the dramaturgy of Camise Pierte served as a foundation for the performance. The show examines the sexualization of Salento's coastline and the role of Sacra Corona Unita in the seaside economy, reflecting on the transformative impact of tourism and the exclusion of local communities.

Our residency on Elba has been a chance to draw parallels between Salento and this Mediterranean island. We conducted workshops and interviews with the local population, seeking to understand their relationships with visitors and how the island transforms across seasons. These conversations enriched our understanding of the region and shaped our creative process.

This time has also allowed us to reflect deeply, collaborate closely, and refine our production techniques. We've found inspiration in Elba's unique culture and warm community, including the kindness of individuals like Leonardo and Paola, whose stories and hospitality have left a lasting impression.

Residencies like this one remind us of the power of art to connect, explore, and transform. Our time here has been both productive and profoundly moving, revealing another dimension of the Mediterranean beyond the familiar Salento coast.



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