

A-Place is a project co-financed by the Creative Europe programme, dedicated to strengthening the bonds between people and places. A programme of placemaking activities will take place over the next four years in six European cities: Barcelona, Bologna, Brussels, Lisbon, Ljubljana, and Nicosia.

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A Place Linking places through
networked artistic practices



> What

A-Place is a platform for creation, debate and experimentation about the sense of belonging and identity which groups from multiple backgrounds and cultures hold within their social and physical environments. Through site-specific art, creative spatial practises and cultural projects, A-Place aims to engage a variety of stakeholders -residents, artists, architects, students, policy-makers- in a process of reflection through action about the meaning of and value of creating places.

> Why

Contemporary spatial production has rendered a plethora of non-places, that is, spaces, in which people feel unable to create meaningful links. Non-places can be seen as a result of globalisation, gentrification, alienation, migration and mass tourism. To counteract these trends, A-Place will engage artists and communities to actively reinvent notions of place latent in socio-physical environments. The creative spatial practices that will be implemented by the network aim to create meaningful places for better, more inclusive and supportive communities.

> How

A series of creative interventions, exhibitions and video art works will be realised over the duration of the programme, adopting site-specific research that examines the role of artistic practices as a catalyst to enhance and connect communities. The activities will be embedded in the communities, in an attempt to reveal the hidden meanings of places. The placemaking process carried out simultaneously in the partners' cities will involve multiple stakeholders, which will gradually generate a network across distinct disciplinary, cultural and geographic boundaries.

> Who

A-Place partnership consists of nine organizations from six European countries, with different profiles and backgrounds:

Four higher education institutions:

School of Architecture La Salle, Barcelona (Spain) (Project Coordinator); Faculty of Architecture, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia); KU Leuven, Department of Architecture (Belgium), one Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Portugal)

Three multidisciplinary groups focusing on arts and community engaged urban interventions:

Alive Architecture (Belgium), prostoRož (Slovenia), and Urban Gorillas (Cyprus)

Two cultural agencies specialised in film and video art:

Screen Projects (Barcelona), and City Space Architecture (Bologna).

> Opportunities to participate

Public, students, artists, academics and critiques; municipal authorities, cultural organizations, primary and secondary schools, and activist groups are invited to participate in the project activities. Open calls for art and architecture students and artists will be announced periodically, inviting them to participate in specific actions.

Look out for actions and possibilities to engage at A Place near you!

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