

Converging Territories Territoires Convergenents

“Architects in residence” at the Venice Biennale

A fresh look at the urban challenges of Paris, Prague and Dublin

For the first time architects are given the chance to become “architects in residence” for a six-month period, concretely in the cities of Prague, Paris and Dublin. By awarding a free space and time to three teams of renowned architects they will bring the outsider’s refreshing and original approach to a number of urban challenges of these cities.

The European Forum for Architectural Policies (EFAP) is organizing this highly original pilot project called **Converging Territories**. It seeks to bring external analysis to the challenges of specific projects in European cities, while at the same time enhancing the mobility of architects in Europe.

The originality of the Converging Territories project, which has received support from the European Commission, is that it is neither a competition nor a commission, but rather **a living laboratory** dedicated to reflection and exchange in a foreign environment. The residences do not solely aim at producing a study in itself, but will rather include it in an ongoing dialogue with local interlocutors, professionals and artists.

The results of the architects’ works in progress will be on show at the MORION, calle del Morion Castello at the Venice Biennale 27-29 August. A press conference will be animated by Hans Ibelings, publisher of A10, the Dutch magazine on new European architecture. There will be a chance to meet European Commission representatives, policy-makers, as well as the three teams of

architects and the respective visiting critics that are attached to each team.

Dublin project: Shadowland
Wish Architects (France)
Critic: Petar Zaklanovic

Paris project: At the crossroads
feld72 (Austria)
Critic: Elia Zenghelis

Prague project: Inner Limits
Elastik & MAT Studio (Netherlands)
Critics: Freyrie & Pestalozza

The Converging Territories press conference will be on Friday 27 August, 18 hrs at the MORION.

The **Morion center** has a special role to its neighbourhood since it has been redone by the local inhabitants in the framework of a European Workshop. The Morion will also host the **Wonderland** project, a network to exchange experiences, information and knowledge for young Europe oriented architecture practices, and the **GAU:DI** project (Governance, Architecture, Urbanism: Democracy & Interaction). All together this makes the Morion the ideal place to visit **Europe in Venice** and get a better understanding of the social and experimental dimension of EU polices in this area.

*Please note that you will receive a **formal invitation** with supplementary information and visuals in the days prior to the press event.*

For more information and future updates on Converging Territories, please see www.efap-fepa.eu

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