

## TINY SPACES, DEEP CONNECTIONS PROJECT KICKS OFF WITH SLOW TRAVEL FROM GERMANY TO GREECE

### The trans-European project explores how tiny spaces and slow travel become part of the artistic process and networking

It has been acknowledged that the movement and networking of artists and culture creators is a vital boost to European cohesion and revitalize both regional and international economies in the creative industries. This creates a juxtaposition, as climate change continues to rage on. Slow travel is a necessity, but that is time-consuming, and currently offers little alternative for the creative process of the artist.

**Tiny Spaces, Deep Connections** (TiSp) looks into this dilemma, researching into a network of residencies that allows the artist to work while on the move. With organising participants from Germany (Inwole), Greece (Communitism) and Finland (TaikaBox), and twelve residency participants from Europe, the project realizes that the conventional artist residency model needs evolving, establishing artist residencies within unconventional, sometimes literally tiny spaces, both within the partner localities and en route between them. The project supports artists throughout the slow travel arrangement and the entire creative process in and with tiny spaces.

**Natalia Irina Roman** from Inwole sees slow travel as a catalyst for new modes of artistic creation: "Slow travel offers an opportunity for artists to immerse themselves in the subtle details of their environment, fostering a deeper connection to place and time. This deliberate pace opens up new perspectives and inspires fresh, innovative approaches to creating art, allowing the journey itself to become an integral part of the creative process. I have been exploring the art potentials of the railway context myself as an artist, curator and researcher since 2017 and we will support the participating artists with our know-how along the way."

Twelve artists are selected through two common open calls from EU countries and Ukraine, who travel by train (and ferries) to their residences part of TiSp, while stopping on the way and connecting with organizations part of the Trans Europe Halles network. During the TiSp residencies, the invited artists connect and work with local artists and makers from the local communities of Inwole, Communitism and TaikaBox, making art in various mediums, eg. performance, video, installation or participative art, to name a few. The sustainability perspective favours ecologic materials and focusing on recycling and up-cycling of materials. In each locality the artists are connected with the residents by curated workshops, talks, and open studio sessions that promote cultural exchange.

TaikaBox's **John Collingswood** reminds of the importance of residencies: "Artist residencies benefit both the visiting artist and the host, but we feel that more could be done to support the longer term development of the artist. However, that said model needs rethinking for the 21st century, making it more sustainable, both environmentally and socially."

Communitism's **Efrosyni Tsiritaki** observes there is a need to slow down and create at a human pace. "Sometimes it feels we are caught up in a highspeed chase of content creation and art production that is in danger of losing authenticity and connection to place and people. The European routes that will be activated through TiSp will hopefully shed light to existing universalities and simultaneously highlight thought provoking issues of diversity and identity."

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## **QUICK INFO**

**Tiny Spaces, Deep Connections** is a project co-funded by Creative Europe, running from October 2024 to September 2026. The lead partner and coordinator of the project is Verein zur Förderung innovativer Wohn- und Lebensformen e.V. (Inwole, Germany), with co-partners TaikaBox (TB, Finland), and Communitism (COMM, Greece).

Artist residency calls will be announced through tinyspaces.eu and partner websites / newsletters.

### **Partner websites:**

inwole.de  
communitism.space  
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