



**Art Residency Project in solidarity with
Ukrainian women artists
Portugal**

Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which began in late February 2022, millions of Ukrainians — primarily women and children — have fled their homes to seek refuge in neighbouring countries.

This has a devastating impact on their safety and physical and mental well-being. In addition, displaced and vulnerable women and children are more exposed to violence, abuse, and other traumatic events.

[A]SPACE is organizing an arts residency project in Portugal during February 2023 to host Ukrainian women artists and provide them with a safe place in the face of the ongoing war. This will be followed by an exhibition.



Main ideas behind the project:

SOLIDARITY & SAFETY

**CREATE ANOTHER DIMENSION OF
AWARENESS OF THE ONGOING
ATROCITIES THROUGH ART**

**SUPPORT FOR ARTISTIC CAREERS
TEMPORARILY COMPROMISED**

HEALING POWER OF NATURE

A solidarity initiative

[A]SPACE is taking action and, with this project, intends to contribute to humanitarian aid for the Ukrainian people by offering a free four-week arts residency to 4 Ukrainian women.

Partners

ARTISTS AT RISKS

We are honoured to collaborate with ARTISTS at RISK to support artists who align with the scope of the project and provide valuable assistance in setting up the perimeters of this initiative.

Perpetuum Mobile ry, which runs ARTISTS at RISK, is a non-profit organization active at the intersection of human rights and the arts (501c-3 equivalency). Since 2013, they have developed to become a worldwide network of artistic institutions, non-profits, municipalities, state institutions, and international organizations to assist, relocate and fund artists at risk of persecution or oppression or fleeing war or terror.

Before the war in Ukraine, they hosted artists in 26 locations in 19 countries globally. Since the beginning of the Russian invasion, over 500 hosting institutions have signed up to ARTISTS at RISK across Europe to relocate and support over 1 928 applicants from Ukraine.

QUINTA DAS RELVAS

We are proud to partner with Quinta das Relvas, a non-profit organization to provide the residency place, which includes accommodation, residency studio and a basic production kit. They are based in an 18th-century eco-farm in the village of Branca, Albergaria-a-Velha, Portugal. The farm has a rich natural and historical heritage where fauna and flora live peacefully together.

At the end of the residency period, an exhibition showing the results of the residency will be presented at the [A]SPACE gallery in Lisbon, as well as an online exhibition on the [A]SPACE website.

50% of the earnings from the sale of the exhibition will be donated to a charity that supports the Ukrainian people, with the remaining 50% going to the artists.

To learn more and apply for the residency – go to:

[\[A\]SPACE X ARTISTS AT RISK X QUINTA DAS RELVAS
RESIDENCY OPEN CALL](#)

"We can only give support through our knowledge, in our case, art, and its creation.

Giving sanctuary while creating a chance for an artist to express herself is an opportunity for personal healing and telling the world about the crimes happening in Ukraine through the eye of art."

— Jack Gustafsson, [A]SPACE

With the help of Alice Bonnot, Independent Curator and [A]SPACE's Art Advisor

