Da: Joly <jbj@akademie-solitude.de>
Oggetto: Re: A proposal from Viafarini
Data: 31 maggio 2008 7:48:42 GMT-07:00

A: Monica Thurner | Viafarini <m.thurner@viafarini.org>

yes, it is best if you keep me posted!

Kind regards

Jean-Baptiste Joly

Am 30.05.2008 um 12:44 schrieb Monica Thurner I Viafarini:

## Dear Mr Joly,

I am glad to hear that you are open to cooperation. Surely we should try to meet, even though I do not see a close opportunity for us to come Stuttgart. Do you think you will come to Italy in the next future? In the meantime, I will keep you up-to-date about more concrete developments of our project.

## Best regards,

Monica Thurner

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Il giorno 29/mag/08, alle ore 17:12, Joly ha scritto:

Thank you, dear Mrs Thurner, for your kind mail.

Why not a cooperation? But first we should know each other a little, visit the places etc... Solitude is quite often asked to participate in residence exchange programs, we can't accept them all, but we are always open for discussions. If you are looking for a partner in Eastern Europe, have a look on the Solitude-Webside at our eastern european network, with which we cooperate. NIce people in different cities, in Warsaw, Sofia, Bucharest, Budapest, Novi Sad.

If you have time to visit us in Solitude, you are very welcome. We also could find a moment where we can host you in one of our studios.

Kind regards

Jean-Baptiste Joly

Am 29.05.2008 um 15:48 schrieb Monica Thurner I Viafarini:

Dear Jean-Baptiste Joly,

I am writing you on behalf of Patrizia Brusarosco, director of Viafarini, who was suggested by Maria Pia Quarzo Cerina to contact you.

<u>Viafarini</u>, non profit organization for contemporary art founded in 1991, is an exhibition space open for experimentation, offers documentation services on visual arts and runs a residency program for artists and curators.

With the aim to enlarge and improve our recently born <u>VIR Viafarini-in-residence</u> program, we would like to build up a network of collaborations.

We are considering to develop an extensive artist/curator residency exchange program, that we would submit to the ECF grant scheme for cultural organisations. As you probably know the ECF European Cultural Foundation promotes cultural cooperation in Europe. This funding line supports artistic projects that show vision in illuminating the issues of diversity in

Europe. They finance up to 80% of the total of the project's budget.

Our proposal is to establish an exchange program that would possibly involve four countries, including Italy: each of the partner residencies would host an artist or curator from the three partner countries. The aim is to set up a "quadrilateral" within Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean area. We are therefore planning to propose and involve the following countries/partner institutions:

- Italy, VIR Viafarini-in-residence
- Germany, Akademie Schloss Solitude
- Turkey, Platform Garantì
- Eastern Europe

We are herewith inquiring whether you would be interested to schedule an exchange program for 2009? If this sounds too much for you, Viafarini would be also interested in single bilateral exchanges with three partner institutions, i.e. three Italian artists/curators would be hosted by the three partner institutions, and one German, one Turkish and one Eastern European artist/curator would be hosted by VIR in Milan.

As the application deadline for the ECF grant schemes is 1st September, we kindly ask you to let us know as soon as possible if your organization could be interested in participating.

Also, we are open to suggestions about the organization from Eastern Europe that we could involve in the project.

Looking forward to your feedback, I send you my best regards,

Monica Thurner

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