

The program VIR Viafarini-in-residence is organized in Milano, Italy, since 2008 by Associazione Viafarini APS, registered non profit founded in 1991, aiming at the promotion of artistic research. The program is recognized as of cultural relevance by Lombardy Region.

VIR Viafarini-in-residence is organized into three time frames of three months each:
January - March; May - July ; September - December

The program is also open to receive applications whose length may vary.

The residence is located in via Carlo Farini 35 (Isola district), 3 independent apartments equipped with individual kitchens are made available for international guests.

Isola district, defined by New York Times as one of the cultural epicenter of Milan, with the iconic Vertical Forest by Stefano Boeri is very close to Brera district with its Pinacoteca, Academy, Poldi Pezzoli Museum and Castello Sforzesco.

From Viafarini the guest can easily reach other museums in Venice, Rome, Turin and Florence.

VIR Viafarini-in-residence is a shared studio program, conceived as a platform for artistic production and research, based on knowledge sharing among participant artists. All participants are invited to share space of life and space of work, so as to foster peer-to-peer learning among artists and art professionals. Italian and international artists are selected through permanent Open Call, in dialogue with leading Italian Art Academies and thanks to exchange agreements between Viafarini and other international residency platforms.

Since 2008 the program has hosted more than 250 artists, curators and practitioners from more than 40 countries, such as: Colombia, Albania, Uruguay, Denmark, Norway, China, Netherlands, Brazil, Argentina, Romania, USA, Iran, Russia, Ukraine, France, Germany, Finland, Mexico, Georgia, Armenia, United Arab Emirates, Senegal, Israel, UK, Spain, Bulgaria, Japan, South Korea, Poland, Lebanon, India, Australia, Switzerland, Belgium, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Sweden, Montenegro, Greece, Ireland, Cameroon, Republic of Congo, Canada.

Throughout the years Viafarini collaborated with institutions: Akademie Schloss Solitude (Stoccarda), EAC Espacio de Arte Contemporáneo (Montevideo, Uruguay), Ukrainian Institute (Kiev), FUTURA Project (Praga), Bayt AlMamzar (Dubai), PROGR Zentrum für Kulturproduktion (Bern), Kooshk Residency (Teheran), HIAP Helsinki International Residency Program (Helsinki), WIELS (Bruxelles), SOMA (Città del Messico), Residency Unlimited (New York), Gasworks (Londra), Rijksakademie van beeldende kunsten (Amsterdam), CCA Ujazdowski Castle (Varsavia), Künstlerhaus Bethanien (Berlino), Delfina Foundation (Londra), Les Laboratoires d'Aubervilliers (Parigi), Friche La Belle de Mai (Marsiglia), Winzavod (Mosca), Ria Kiburia Foundation (Tbilisi).

Activities:

- _ artists are invited to present their ongoing research and project proposal at the beginning of the residency so as to introduce themselves to the rest of the resident artists and to curators and creative professionals of Viafarini network;
- _ the project of the artists are communicated and promoted through Viafarini network in order to receive studio visits by Milanese and Italian art professionals;
- _ the work of resident artists is also communicated through Viafarini social media;
- _ the team provides curatorial support and organizes cultural visits to nearby cultural centers, creative hubs and workshops;
- _ at the end of each residency period a final Open Studio event is organized in both venues, allowing visitors to enjoy the works of the artists as well as the research findings. Every Open Studio event is documented through photo and archived in the organization website - www.viafarini.org

Viafarini has been supporting artist research through exhibition, educational and residency programs since 1991. It runs a documentation center and a shared studio program.

Since 2021, with its new hub **Viafarini.work**, is part of a network of social and cultural initiatives based in South of Prada neighborhood, a multicultural urban context that is undergoing a major regeneration process coordinated by Milan City Council.

<https://www.viafarini.org>

VIR Studio and apartments

