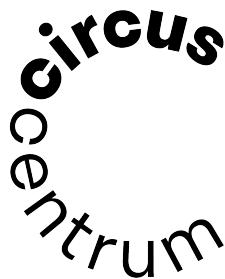




## Binded Bodies – a collaboration between Basque Country and Flanders

In BINDED BODIES, 6 partners across Flanders and the Basque Country join forces to create professional links between the two regions. The international cooperation project is based on three pillars: supporting creation in another region, facilitating possible synergies and exchanging knowledge. The project was created within the framework of cultural cooperation between Flanders and the Basque country *and implemented with the support of the Flemish Government and the Basque government.*

**Artekale** and **Circuscentrum** as sectorial associations of each territory are in charge of promoting and dynamizing the call.



## Partnership

**ARTEKALE**, the Basque street arts association focusses on promoting and disseminating street arts and positioning the Basque Country internationally. It brings together 62 companies, 13 festivals and 3 distributors. They are based in Txotena, a cultural centre in Bilbao's upper district of Otxarkoag. It houses not only Artekale, but also other cultural entities such as the International Marionette Festival and other local associations that organise social and cultural activities in the district. <http://www.artekale.org/en/>

**ZIRKOZAURRE** (residency partner) is a creative factory, school, company and much more. This project on the island of Zorrozaurre, in Bilbao, is the epicentre of circus practice and its dissemination in the region. Zirkozaurre organizes a festival in December, hosts master classes, workshops, regular classes and hundreds of circus activities throughout the year. <https://www.zirkozaurre.com/>

**KORRALA SORMEN GUNEA** is a center for performing arts created by the company GANSO&Cía, located in an old warehouse in Bizkaia. Its purpose is to accommodate creative or formative scenic, musical or multidisciplinary processes. It offers open-plan 150m2 with wooden floors, lots of natural light, 6m high, surrounded by nature, possibility of cooking and accommodation. <http://www.ganso.info/en/espectaculo/korralla/>

**CIRCUSCENTRUM** is the sector organisation for the Flemish circus sector. Circuscentrum invests in professionalisation and sustainable growth of the circus arts, both through active service provision for the sector and through the further development of knowledge about and within the sector.  
<https://www.circuscentrum.be/en/>

ELL CIRCO D'ELL FUEGO (residency partner) is a haven in Antwerp for circus entrepreneur that brings children, young people and adults into contact with circus. In doing so, ECDF is committed to development, entrepreneurship and discovery. <https://ecdf.be/en/>

CIRKLABO (residency partner) situated in Leuven, is a laboratory where circus art in all its forms is explored. Artists are given the physical and mental space to experiment, create and produce. Non-production-oriented experimentation, exchange and practice reflection are the basic pillars. <https://www.cirklabo.be/en>

## **Binded Bodies residency programme · STEUN/EUSKARRI**

Together with Zirkozaurre and Korrala along the Basque side and Cirklabo and Ell Circo D'ell Fuego along Flanders, the partnership engages in setting up a cross-border and cross-regional residency exchange that provides space for up to two Flemish companies based in Flanders or Brussels Capital Region and two Basque companies/artists to work and create in a new region while building a new professional network. Residencies in the framework of Binded Bodies project are focused

- on non-textual performances
- on artistic practice where the body is central
- on artistic practices that have affinity with street arts and/or circus arts

The main goal of Binded Bodies residency programme is to provide space to create, experiment and do research. The residency duration is for a maximum of 7 days (travel days included). With this call we can support up to 6 people. The Binded Bodies collaboration is a partnership combining funding from both regions. It provides financial support for the residency (accommodation/support) and transport costs. Because of the combined funding the financial support for Flemish and Basque companies slightly differs.

For Flemish companies:

- Transport costs: reimbursement up to 500 € per person
- Fee: 90 € per day (for a maximum of 5 days)
- Accommodation: the accommodation is offered by the receiving organisation Zirkozaurre and Korrala Sormen Gunea

For Basque companies:

- Per project: a grant of 1.000€ (travel cost and per diem)
- Accommodation: CIRKLABO and Ell Circo D'ell Fuego will assist artists in finding and arranging accommodation in Leuven and Antwerp

## **Residencies for Basque artists/companies**

### **CIRKLABO**

Available residency period:

- 10-31 August 2023
- 16-22 October 2023

- 9-17 November 2023

Residency support: Cirklabo is a decentralized circus creation space. Together with the artists we try to find the right location, artistic guidance and specific support for each project. CIRKLABO is well linked to other cultural educational and civic structures in the city of Leuven who could contribute to the creation. In the educational field we are linked to the local circus school Cirkus In Beweging and collaborate with the University KULeuven. For multidisciplinary projects we often collaborate with Cas-Co (visual arts) STUK (Dance) and Fabuleus (youth projects). CIRKLABO is part of the City theater 30CC and the of the City of Leuven. For our residents we offer: a working space that fits the needs of the project, accommodation (guest family or apartment), artistic, technical or productional input from our local scene or from our partners in the city of Leuven. A network of circus, and cultural players in Leuven, Flanders and Belgium

Available space: <https://www.30cc.be/assets/10139>

## **ELL CIRCO D'ELL FUEGO**

Available residency period:

- 14 august – 20 august 2023
- 4 september – 9 september 2023
- 29 october – 2 november 2023

Residency support:

Ell Circo D'ell Fuego is a haven for circus entrepreneurs. We put maximum effort into discovery, development and entrepreneurship. We do so with special attention to the diverse society in which we operate.

ECDF is partnered with the city of Antwerp in: the occupation of the main circus training and creation hall, the organization of the annual MAD festival and MAD Convention, in the TARMAC project where we reach out to children who live in difficult domestic situations. Ecdf also receives support from the Flemish government for the organization of the MAD event and the activity of our hybrid educational center. Ell Circo D'ell Fuego is a catalyst organization in the north of Antwerp where we are partnered with many local organizations, as well as cultural and social.

For the residents we offer: a working space that answers your needs, accommodation in Antwerp, technical, creative or artistic development support, feedback from the Flemish/Antwerp circus network or from other interesting cultural, local organizations

Available space: This is our main hall that we can fully reserve for the residency: <https://ecdf.be/en/i-want-to-create-circus/training-space/>

Aerial rig 8m height, 12m on 12m floor with Vinyl mat, music installation, several rigging points and concrete blocks to rig material. If the needs are different we can cooperate with some partner organizations to find a suitable residency space.

Oud Badhuis: 22m deep on 11m wide on 8m high. Rigging not possible

CC Luchtbal: 10m deep on 8m wide on 5,50m high. Rigging not possible

## Residencies for Flemish artists/companies

### ZIRKOZAURRE

Available residency period:

- 17-31 July 2023
- 1-31 August 2023
- 1-15 September 2023
- 1-22 December
- 2024: availabilities from January to September 2024

Residency support: As a residency space ZIRKOZAURRE offers accommodation and the possibility (depending on the project and to be discussed with the company) of presenting a “Work in Progress”. Also we can provide information on festivals where they can apply.

Available space: <https://www.zirkozaurre.com/residencias-artisticas/>

### KORRALA

Available residency period:

- 11-30 September 2023
- 1 -30 September 2024

Residency support: As a residency space KORRALA offers accommodation and the possibility (depending on the project and to be discussed with the company) of presenting a “Work in Progress”. Also we can provide information on festivals where they can apply.

Available space: <http://www.ganso.info/en/espectaculo/korralla/>

## OPEN CALL FOR BINDED BODIES RESIDENCY PROGRAMME

The BINDED BODIES partnership launches an open call for artists to participate in the residency programme.

- Deadline for application is 31th of May 2023
- To the application form: <https://forms.gle/tn3sivy7b3FeHGTH7>
- Selection procedure: a selection commission composed of the Binded Bodies partnership will read the applications and will evaluate the application in line with the focus of the Binded Bodies residency programme.
- Communication of selection results: Week 5th of June 2023