Neapolitan Dialogues VI One Visual Artist Residency in Naples, 2026 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Neapolitan Dialogues VI (from now N.D.) is a project designed to foster horizontal connections across the Southern Mediterranean area by promoting residency exchanges for visual artists. N.D. is conceived and curated by Dr. Vittorio Urbani, with the assistance of Fabio Schiattarella and coordinated by Prof. Caterina Foà. The project is produced by *Nuova Icona APS* (Venice) together with *Fondazione Morra* ETS (Naples), in collaboration with the following institutions in Lisbon (in alphabetical order): *Galeria Diferença, Hangar – Centro de Investigação Artística, Italian Cultural Institute in Lisbon, Municipio de Lisboa, Polo Cultural Gaivotas/Boavista*.

This sixth edition of **Neapolitan Dialogues** take place in the frame of an exchange of residencies among the cities of Naples, Istanbul, and Lisbon. It will take place in April 2026 and is open to applications from visual artists who have been residing in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area for at least five years. There are no restrictions regarding artistic medium, nationality, age, or gender.

The residency in Naples is **non-prescriptive**: the artists are free to use the time as they wish and is under no obligation to produce new work, prepare an exhibition, or deliver public talks. The program is intended as a period of rest, reflection, and research—an opportunity for new ideas to emerge or for existing projects to evolve.

Residency details

- **Period:** April 1–30, 2026
- Location: @ Fondazione Morra, Naples, Italy
- Accommodation: Double bedroom with private bathroom and shared kitchen
- Facilities: Internet available; access to printmaking or other craft resources may be discussed according to the artist's needs
- **Support:** Curator Dr. Urbani will assist the resident artists and accompany them to cultural events, gallery openings, and museums
- Not included: Per diem, travel and transportation costs

Additional grant opportunity

Artists may apply separately for funding through the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, which offers support for study and research trips to Italy (up to €1,500 for a minimum 10-day stay). We recommend monitoring the Ministry's website and submitting the application promptly when the program opens in April 2026. Link to information

Application requirements

- A motivation statement (why you wish to undertake a residency in Naples)
- A portfolio description of up to 10 works
- A short CV
 - $^{\circ}$ Fiscal residency certificate that proves living in Lisbon Metropolitan Area for at least 5 years

Applications must be written **in both Portuguese and English**, printed on A4 format, and addressed to:

Galeria Diferença Attn. Vittorio Urbani Rua São Filipe Neri, 42 - Cave 1250-012 Lisbon

Important dates

- **Deadline for applications:** November 30, 2025 (applications must be at destination by this date)
- **Notification of results:** By January 31, 2026 (only the selected candidate will be contacted)
- Collection of materials: Submitted materials will be available for personal collection at *Galeria Diferença* until February 28, 2026 otherwise disposed of.
- **Residency period:** April 1–30, 2026.

For information only (<u>not for submitting applications</u>), an email address will be available from October 10, 2025: **neapolitandialogues.lisboa@gmail.com**