

Hello,

My name is Dominykas Sidorovas and I spend August 2022 in Krems AIR residency. This month in Krems was really easy, fast and rich in ideas.

Project.

My project in residency was to walk around and to collect things for my paintings and other artworks. I was in the role of some kind of scientist from another planet. I felt like a scientist. A quasi-scientist.

I was walking around or cycling and I was looking for some artefacts which could be the signs of local people. I have been in the town, near the river, in the mountains. And it turns out that Austria is really clean country. Although it was really hard to find some interesting artefacts in the streets, I was discovering river and more natural objects which is more unusual for me like branches and stones. And of course, flea markets and thrift shops around was really nice place to meet local people who has things to share and to sell.

So, in the end of the month, I have quite interesting collection of artefacts. Have lots of writing, lots of photos, sketches and I started the zine "Naturamorta: scientific report" which I will finish at home – back in my *space home base*.

Everyday life.

The location of the residency is amazing. I was enjoying the place all the time. The river, the landscape – everything. Galleries and the museums around!

Place where I live was also really comfortable. For me as a painter it wasn't the best place to work, but in this case, I was forced to work differently and I was enjoying it. I found lots of different ways to look in to my research and work. For me it was opportunity of the different point of view.

Although I've missed the oven in the kitchen. I know that it is small issue and there is a lot nice places to eat in the town, but it would be nice to have oven baked dinner in residency's terraces.

Everything.

Despite small communicational misunderstandings everything was really amazing. I've met interesting people, colleagues' artists and curators. I have a plan to come back. I hope it will work.

Thank You AIR-team for the opportunity and everything

Best,
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