

AADK Spain

Who are we

AADK Spain is an artist-run platform that develops spaces for research and contemporary creation. With a focus set on experimental processes, its primary interest is to explore the notions of body, territory, and space.

The platform advocates the decentralization of culture and the access to contemporary art in non-urban areas. It addresses local issues as means to understand global problems.

Currently based in Centro Negra (Blanca, Murcia) it holds several programs among which its Artistic Residencies stand out:

Con sede en Centro Negra (Murcia, España) la plataforma desarrolla diversos programas entre los que se destaca su Programa de Residencias Artísticas: a space for work, research and dialogue deeply rooted on its context, where exchange and collaboration are encouraged.

As a team, we believe that all artists we host are an active part of our platform. Therefore, we foster networks with other cultural and artistic enterprises, helping to promote their mobility at national and international circuits.



MAIN GUIDELINES

Process and experimentation
Collective creation
Context / Communities
Body / territory / space

Philosophy

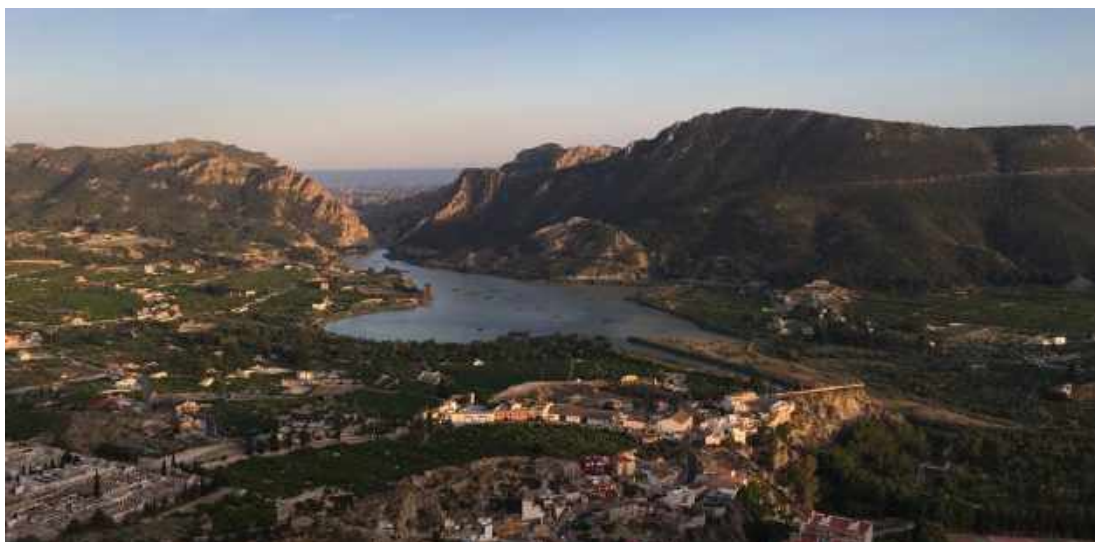
- AADK Spain is an independent project, run by artists and managed by horizontal dynamics.
- It advocates the decentralization of culture and the access to contemporary art in non-urban areas.
- It sets up a space for transdisciplinary research, with focus on knowledge exchange and creative collaboration.
- It boosts the value of creative processes over the need for finished art pieces.
- It researches new artistic practices with the aim of expanding the borders of creative disciplines and exploring transversal pedagogies.
- It is an organic and absorptive platform, that can be transformed and resignified through all its participants.
- It promotes the work of the artists who have taken part in the project, understanding them as an active part of itself.

Photo: Beatriz Guijón



Community & Coexistence

Blanca is a small rural town of 6,000 inhabitants. There, our Artistic Residency Program is developed, as well as a series of activities and initiatives that involve local, national and international participants. Those who are part of AADK Spain, and those who visit us become actors in a temporary and shared community. On it, everyone must commit to giving their best in pursuit of a harmonious coexistence in a small town. We invite you to take on this challenge as a possibility to be in contact with the creative processes of other participants.



Location & Context

AADK Spain develops its Artistic Residency Program and main activities in Centro Negra, in the town of Blanca, which is part of the Ricote Valley. Blanca is located in the heart of the Valley, on the banks of the Segura River. Its foundation dates from the thirteenth century -with Arab origins- and it was initially known as "Negra", it is believed that due to the dark color of the soil on a mountain nearby. Blanca is surrounded by a mountain range and an extensive area of pine forests. The intense green of the Valley contrasts with its surroundings, which describe a dystopian landscape of vast semi-desert areas. The closest city is Murcia, capital of the province, which is 40 km away.





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