



## **Open Call: Zoop Connections! 10-day-residency at De Ceuvel, Amsterdam**

***Are you a German or Germany-based artist working on regenerative practices and multispecies cohabitation in the urban context?***

The [Goethe-Institut Niederlande](#) and [Zoöp De Ceuvel](#) invite artists and artistic researchers to participate in the *Zoöp Connections* residency program in **Amsterdam** from **June 19 to 29, 2025**. This initiative is part of a larger transnational effort organized by [EUNIC Netherlands](#) (European Union National Institutes for Culture) and coordinated by [DutchCulture](#) and [Nieuwe Instituut Rotterdam](#), in collaboration with the [Zoöconomic Institute](#). The aim of this project is to explore and amplify the role of multispecies ecosystems in urban environments by fostering regenerative connections between humans and non-human life.

### **What is a Zoöp ?**

The word Zoöp (the Greek word for life) is short for Zoöperation. This term refers to a form of an organisation and learning process that incorporates non-human perspectives into decision making concerning regenerative practice. In a Zoöp, the interests of the ecosystems in which the organisation participates are actively represented in the decision making. A Zoöp is committed to learn to contribute to the health of these ecosystems. Zoöp Connections is an invitation to reimagine how we relate to ecosystems and build regenerative partnerships that transcend cultural and species boundaries. (More: [— Zoop](#))

The residency, where the artist will reside and work closely with **De Ceuvel**, is designed to encourage artistic exploration and critical engagement with ecological and cultural transformation. De Ceuvel, an experimental urban space and living lab for sustainability, aims to develop new perspectives on integrating non-human life into

urban discourse and design. Through this short artistic research residency, we hope the resident will gain new insights into their practice and contribute to both De Ceuvel's work and broader cultural practices, helping to integrate non-human voices into cultural discourse and urban transformation processes. The residency will culminate in a moment of exchange and presentation during De Ceuvel's birthday celebration on June 28th.



### Residency Details:

- Duration: June 19 – 29, 2029
- Location: [De Ceuvel](#), Amsterdam
- Accommodation: a simple sleeping place in one of the shared [House boats](#) at incubator De Ceuvel in Amsterdam Noord. Use of a small kitchen and fridge, tea/coffee. Possibility to join the communal lunches for free.
- Workspace: there is both a workspace (desk) at one of the houseboats available as the use of the collective maker space at De Ceuvel
- Compensation: a flat rate of €400 for expenses
- Reimbursement of travel expenses (train) to and from Amsterdam

### Application Requirements:

We are looking for a visual artist, designer or architect with a research element in their work and a focus on regenerative practices and multispecies cohabitation in the urban context. This open call is open only to artists from or practicing in Germany.

- A letter of motivation in which the following questions are answered:
  - To what extent does the residency tie in with my previous artistic work and could develop it further?

- o Reading all the above, what is my research question for the residency?
- o What would I like to work on during the residency and what is my hoped-for end result? (For example: a text, a workshop, a work of art and/or a further development of my current project, etc.)
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Artistic portfolio

To apply, please submit your application materials to [viola.karsten@goethe.de](mailto:viola.karsten@goethe.de) by **30.03.2025**.

*More information about the project can be found [here](#) or reach out to [Viola Karsten](#), cultural program manager at the Goethe-Institut Niederlande.*

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