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In 2014 I suppose it was autumn I applied for the Air-Artist in Residence program. I was waiting for this residence almost a year. And now finally I am here. I am so glad that I have got the opportunity to participate at the artist in residency program in Krems. To tell you the truth I don't want to come back home. Unfortunately, in my opinion one month of residency program is too short or at least it was too short for me. I recommend to make two months residency then artist could have time not just for working with the new projects but also do the studio visiting. As if I had just one month and Sabine introduced me with an amazing artist Ida Divinzenz, I decided to do lots of studio visiting in Vienna instead of going to the galleries or museums because for me it was more important to meet artist in their studios, discuss about their works and ideas. I have to say that studio visiting changed and still changing my artistic point of view. I found out that artists in Vienna are more relaxed, simple and helpful in any case, they are sharing the ideas and possibilities (concerning to the competitions, exhibitions) than in Lithuania, which is really great. I have never had so many studio visiting in my life. So my recommendation for the future artists in Air-Artist in Residence program is to offer the possibility to do studio visiting in Vienna. It is helpful not just for making new contacts but also for getting new inspirations and ideas.

I should say that I really enjoyed staying here at the Air-Artist in Residence. The day when I arrived I met Sabine and Katharina who were so polite and helpful all the time during my stay. Thank you for them a lot. Also huge thank you for Verena Gamper who is one of the curators of exhibition at St. Pölten where I am going to exhibit my work in November. It is needless to say, that during the residency here I have got new ideas for my future projects. I did a research on some historical objects in Vienna, also I started working in a new field - nature theme.

So at the end, I didn't miss anything at the residency, just time. Studio apartment is so great, and inspiring too especially when you have a possibility

once to stay in a studio which has a view to the prison and at the end a romantic panorama view to the city of Krems.

And once more...I am so sad leaving the residency and all people I have met here. Hope I will have one more possibility at least after some years to come back here, otherwise I will visit all of you in November.

