

TRANSISTOR

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In 2001 the German-Dutch project TRANSISTOR heralded a revision and reorientation in the conception of place. TRANSISTOR organized all its activities on a joint German-Dutch basis, encompassing four interconnected fields of endeavor: a fellowship program, an exhibition program at Schloss Ringenberg and in institutions on both sides of the border, workshops with artists and curators, as well as the integration of the public through art tours, discussions, art education activities, and workshops for children and youth.

Project partners were the ArtEZ Institute of the Arts and the Museum voor Moderne Kunst in Arnhem and the Museum Het Valkhof in Nijmegen. These were joined by further temporary partners in the course of the project up to 2004, among them the Folkwang Museum in Essen, the Kunstverein in Kassel, Filmstiftung NRW, the Paraplufabriek in Nijmegen and the Fashion Institute in Arnhem. In addition to public funding for the project from both Germany and the Netherlands, welcome support was provided from the outset by the private Dutch foundation Dullertsstichting Hey Konijnfonds.

The springboard for the project was a German-Dutch fellowship program that offered placements each year for four artists from the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia and four from the Netherlands. The fellows presented their work in group exhibitions at the castle as well as at partner museums through the program [Transistor EXPORT](#). Accompanying the fellowship program were intensive studio discussions of the artists' work, visits from invited experts and excursions.

In thematic terms, TRANSISTOR conceived the borderline between the two neighboring countries as an occasion for interrogating the idea of boundaries in both the topographical and the cultural or artistic sense. In working meetings and workshops extending over several days, the artists explored and tested the viability of both existing and new forms of communication and collaboration, across borders as well as between different creative fields.