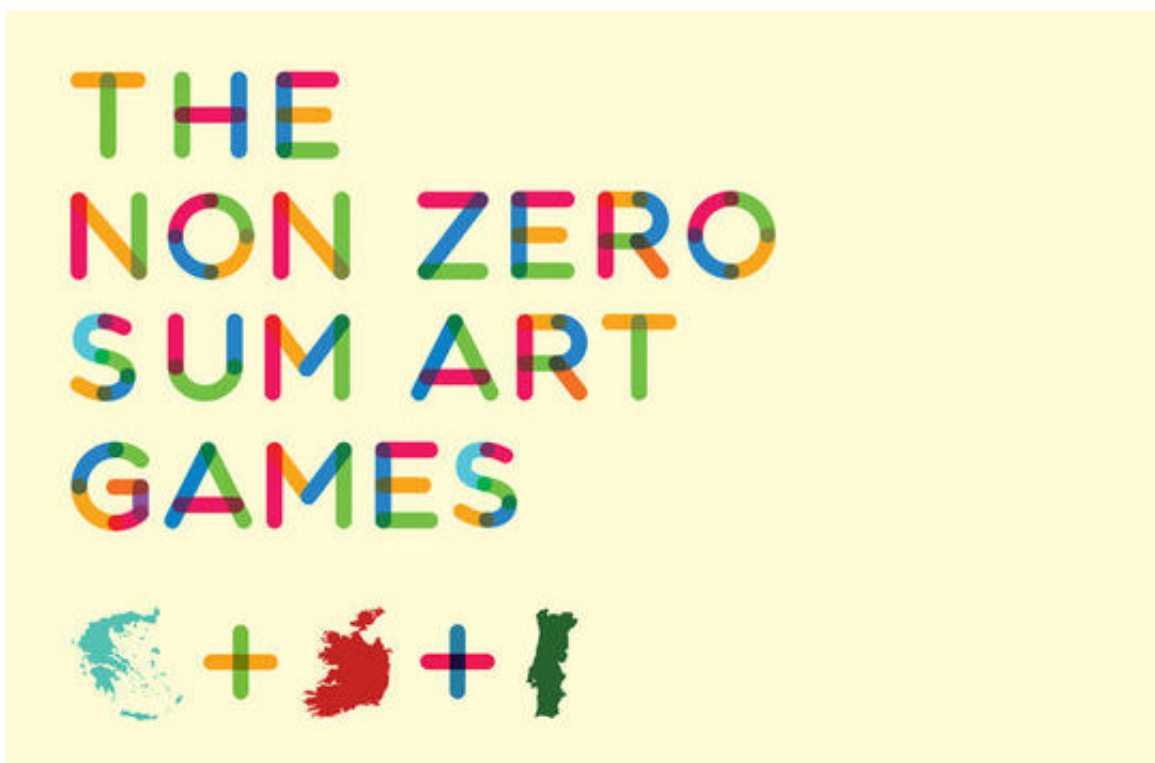




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The Non Zero Sum Art Games



An international art game / Between Dublin, Lisbon, Athens

metamatic:taf presents the *Non Zero Sum Art Games* which opens on Thursday 7 March and will run until 24 March 2013.

The *Non Zero Sum Art Games* is part of Culture Ireland's 'Culture Connects International Programme', marking Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Produced by MART and curated by Matthew Nevin and Ciara Scanlan.

A Non Zero Sum Game is, in game theory, a situation where one decision maker's gain (or loss) does not necessarily result in the other decision makers' loss (or gain) - a win-win game. They generally have both competitive and cooperative elements. Players engaged have some complementary interests and some interests that are completely opposed.

The *Non Zero Sum Art Games* is a program of exhibitions and performances focusing on the power that art and people have to transform the socio/political psyche of the public in 3 European cities; Dublin, Lisbon and Athens, all whom have recently been hit by financial crisis. Two groups of Irish artists will travel to Athens and Lisbon to work under financial and time restrictions, as well as rules imposed by the curators. The *Non Zero Sum Art Games* will open on March 7th with a live video link between all venues.

Athens

5 Irish artists land in Athens and have 5 days to create a piece of installation or sculpture artwork working under a set of Rules and Regulations*, opening as an exhibition on the 7th of March. The exhibition features works by Andrew Carson, Adam Gibney, Samantha McGahon, Matthew Nevin and Ciara Scanlan. They are collaborating with the Greek artists Stefanos Athanatos, George Gyzis, Christos Papisotiriou, Panos Profitis, Kyriakos Tsiftopoulos, Maria Tzanakou.

Lisbon

At the same time in Lisbon 5 performance artists are arriving on Sunday March 3rd, working in Plataforma Revolver from 4 to 7th of March, devising 5 performances, which will be performed at an opening event on March 7th. The event features performance works by Vanessa Daws, Francis Fay, Eleanor Lawler, Katherine Nolan and Aine Phillips.

Dublin

MART has rounded up the project by hosting an exhibition by 2 Portuguese and 2 Greek artists in Unit 4 Gallery, Dublin opening on March 7th. The exhibition features works by George Gyzis, Orlando Franco, São Trindade and Maria Tzanakou.

Rules include:

- Artists are playing against each other to win a game with no results
- Artists may not bring any materials or equipment with the exception of 1 Mobile Phone & 1 Laptop
- Artists will be given €100 to source materials / equipment in the host country
- Artists must work with at least one local artist / resident
- Artists will showcase their work on March 7th
- All artworks will be destroyed when show is complete

Be sure to follow the artist's journey via their blog:www.martgames.com

Opening: Thursday 07.03.2013, 20:30

Admission free

Exhibition duration: 07.03 - 24.03.2013

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12:00-21:00, Sun 12:00-19:00

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