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The [Venice Biennale](#) has released a list of 13 Collateral Events that will take place alongside the 16th International Architecture Exhibition, *FREESPACE*, curated by [Yvonne Farrell](#) and [Shelley McNamara](#) and chaired by Paolo Baratta. Previews of the main event begin May 24th and 25th, with the exhibition open to the public from May 26th to November 25th, 2018.

The collateral events, each promoted by a non-profit sponsor, will take place across the city in an attempt to enrich the diversity of voices that characterize the Biennale.

### **Borghi of Italy – NO(F)EARTHQUAKE**

The new exhibition project *Borghi of Italy – NO(F)EARTHQUAKE* is dedicated to seismic preparedness, to securing the artistic and architectural heritage of our country as well as the revitalization of the architecturally symbolic places: Italian villages. The *Freespace* concept being launched by the 2018 Architecture Biennale curators is one linked to the idea of a 'free and safe' space, in which those who use or live in spaces – especially residents – can feel 'free': free from the fear of earthquakes and free to return and live in the most characteristic of Italian places which in this historic moment are at risk of being completely abandoned in favour of the new urban centres – new *civitas* – typically built far from their places of origin and realized in forms that are completely detached from their historic contexts. *Borghi of Italy* also presents the European Council of Art's "BorgoAlive!" project, which is aimed at the sustainable revitalisation of a village and its surroundings, in which the preservation and restoration of a symbolic village building becomes the means for the reuse and regeneration of a historical centre that has been damaged and/or abandoned. This, in turn, becomes an opportunity to enhance the artistic and cultural resources of smaller urban centers and their hinterlands as well as an opportunity to kick-start economic and social growth, the development of local tourism and the repopulating of Italian villages.

Venue: InParadiso Gallery, Giardini della Biennale, Castello, 1260

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