Our contemporary democracies – depressingly inadequate, yet unsurpassed forms of regime – are under threat, due to their own failures to construct social equality, sustainability, and peace. Populist agitators cultivate hatred and reintroduce scapegoating and open discrimination to mainstream politics. These increasing tensions in the political climate make necessary new forms of alliances and organizations that invent and implement improved solutions for co-existence.

It has been a longstanding concern of many artistic researchers to participate in collective efforts to document and analyse the status quo and to trigger a renewed inquiry into social change. In doing so, they aim at challenging the dominant narratives of political realities and shift the perceptions (or rather, ignorance) of the societal arrangements and hierarchies that we have become all too accustomed to.

**TIMESCHEDULE**

**March 13th**

13:30 | Introduction by Işın Önlö and Herwig Turk

13:40 | Asli Kislal (AT) | diverCITYLAB: it is time to have a piece of the Pie

14:35 | Oliver Ressler (AT) |
Everything’s coming together while everything’s falling apart

15:10 | Public discussion

15:35 | Break

16:10 | Janez Janša (SL) | NAME Readymade

17:10 | Zeyno Pekünlü (TU) | At the edge of all possibles

17:55 | Public discussion