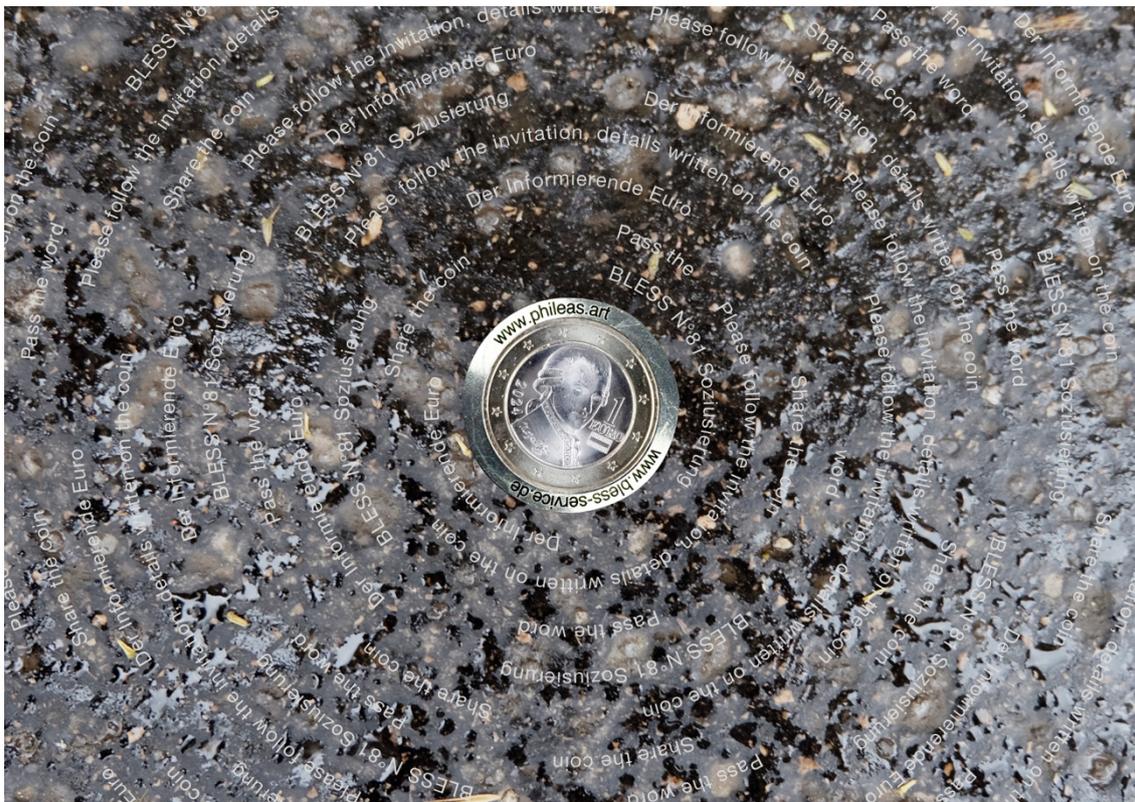


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BLESS N°81 Sozisierung



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Phileas, Opernring 17, 1010 Vienna

16 May – 13 September 2025

Opening: Thursday, 15 May 2025, 7 pm

From 16 May 2025, Phileas – The Austrian Office for Contemporary Art presents a site-specific intervention by the duo BLESS. Ines Kaag and Desiree Heiss, who describe themselves as situational designers, have been working together on transdisciplinary projects since 1997, merging fashion, art, design, architecture, business and social practice. Their interventions typically respond to specific locations and situations, as they create products that not only furnish and comment on our daily lives but also offer alternative options to rethink our approach to life and work, both mentally and physically.

The situational design developed for Phileas engages with the organization's role as a mediator and reimagines the space as a place for encounter and exchange. Through interventions in the office environment and its furnishings, the concept of proximity is taken literally. It explores how much closeness is possible without overstepping the boundaries of personal comfort. The title refers to the *Sozius*—the passenger seated behind the driver—who looks over the driver's shoulder and occupies a nuanced position between observation and participation, between being a spectator and a fellow traveller.

In 2022, Phileas supported the project *A Year with... BLESS N°72 BLESSlet* at KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin.

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