

New European Bauhaus: Updates and Opportunities ahead

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NEB Facility

The main work streams for the roadmap in destination 2 includes innovative materials, as No1, great, but why limit the themes to bio-based materials?

This work stream will not be limited to bio-based materials. It will look at all innovative materials and products that can contribute to making the built environment more circular and sustainable.

How does the "neighbourhood" definition used when talking about NEB applies to more rural territories, and will rurality be specifically addressed in some calls ?

We understand neighbourhoods as comprehensive residential systems in rural, peri-urban or urban areas with mixed functions. A neighbourhood typically includes functions such as kindergartens, primary schools, cultural facilities, community centres, youth centres, retirement homes, post offices, banks, stores, parks, and workplaces. Neighbourhoods are where people live, socialise and find services to meet a substantial part of their daily needs. In contrast to communities, which are social units, neighbourhood refers to a physical unit where one can address local-level problems through planning initiatives. For the purpose of the NEB Facility implementation, a neighbourhood will be understood as an area that either has a maximum of 25 km² or a maximum of 10,000 inhabitants. A neighbourhood should also be part of or represent the lowest level of a public administration or elected body such as a quarter, borough, or district.

What are your plans for coordinating with the Built4People Partnership regarding strategic roadmaps and funding? Will there be joint calls?

We are in touch with the colleagues who are following the B4P partnership to ensure complementarities and avoid overlaps. Joint calls are a possibility.

Will there be a focus on metropolitan or urban growth regions?

Although this theme might be touched upon, it will not be a focus of the NEB Facility.

Why focus on housing, is not the NEB a holistic project?

The NEB Facility is meant to bring a targeted, coherent, and strong policy answer to the transformation of European neighbourhoods with design for sustainability and inclusion. Neighbourhoods are windows for immediate action, big enough to encapsulate the

complexity of challenges at local level, yet small enough to allow for the faster implementation and evaluation of innovative, people-centred solutions.

This is why, while the scope of the New European Bauhaus remains broader, the Facility is largely focused on transforming the built environment and people's relationship with that environment through research and the deployment of innovative solutions.

When will the NEB Facility calls be launched?

The R&I and the roll-out components will have different timelines as they are dependent on the EU programme that is funding the different actions. The R&I component will follow Horizon Europe timeline. That means that the next calls will be published in Horizon Europe work programme 2025 in spring 2025. You will be able to find funding opportunities on [our website](#).

For future calls under the NEB Facility and the temporary ones in the Horizon Europe WP - what are the envisaged TRL ranges for future calls? In the current NEB Horizon calls they were quite high (7-8), can we expect this also in the future given NEBs roll out/implementation destination?

TRLs only apply to the R&I component of the NEB Facility under Horizon Europe. In the next Horizon Europe NEB Facility work programme we are trying to balance as much as possible the type of actions (research and innovation, innovation action, and coordination and support action) and the TRLs. There will thus be actions of various TRL expected.

Are EU-member municipalities eligible to apply with project ideas and/proposals (regarding municipality-owned buildings and open spaces) that meet the criteria of the NEB Facility?

In general, European municipalities are eligible. However, For each action, the eligibility criteria depend on the EU programme that is funding it and you will thus have to double check whether you comply with the eligibility criteria of the action you would like to apply to.

NEB Prizes 2025 and support for small municipalities

How much will be the voucher to develop projects for small municipalities?

Vouchers are estimated to range from 30.000 to 50.000, depending how many are awarded, but the exact amounts of the vouchers will be known at the official launch of the "boost for small municipalities". Stay tuned early January in the 2025 NEB prizes website: <https://prizes.new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/>.

When will the call for NEB Prizes 2025 come out?

The call for the NEB prizes will come out in 2025. To know more about the exact date, we need to wait until the second week of January. Check the prizes website early January for precise updates: <https://prizes.new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/>.

Is NEB Prizes call also open to associate countries to Horizon Europe?

NEB prizes are awarded to projects implemented in EU, Western Balkans and Ukraine.

Funding opportunities

I represent the European group which promotes the bio-based material, straw. Is there support to enable broader research for this within NEB?

As a bio-based material, straw indeed falls under potential themes that might be researched. You will be able to find funding opportunities on our website (https://new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/funding/currently-open-and-forthcoming-calls_en). The next research calls for proposals will be published in spring 2025 in the Horizon Europe work programme 2025.

Is there a possibility for individuals or a group of people, especially the student of urban planning, to get funding? I mean the people who do not represent an official and registered organisation but want to have some initiative in making their neighbourhoods better place #NEB

This kind of support is available in the [European Solidarity Corps \(ESC\) programme](#) in the action called Solidarity project.

A Solidarity Project is a non-profit solidarity activity initiated, developed and implemented by young people themselves for a period from 2 to 12 months. It gives a group of minimum five young persons the chance to express solidarity by taking responsibility and committing themselves to bring positive change in their local community. The project should have a clearly identified topic which the group of young people wish to explore together, and which is to be translated into the concrete daily activities of the project and involve all the members of the group. Solidarity Projects should address key challenges within the communities, where relevant including those identified jointly in the border regions and it should also present European added value. Participation in a solidarity project is an important non-formal learning experience through which young people can boost their personal, educational, social and civic development.

European Solidarity Corps recognises New European Bauhaus as one of the EU initiatives that the activities financed by programme [ESC] are highly encouraged to contribute.

Find more information about the European Solidarity Corps call for proposals 2025 [here](#).

I'm planning a sustainability event in a square in our neighbourhood in our city, to increase the identification with the place and to turn this beautiful historic piazza from a parking into a nice square again. Since I'm new to NEB: How could I reach NEB fundings?

As a cross-cutting initiative, the New European Bauhaus has been financed by various EU programmes, notably Horizon Europe, Cohesion policy and the LIFE programme.

As of December 2024, over EUR 500 million have been committed to the New European Bauhaus. In addition, the NEB principles have been used in numerous calls for proposals on various EU policies financed by EU budget in different programmes.

The European Commission manages NEB calls published in EU programmes that are centrally managed (e.g. Horizon Europe, LIFE programme, Single Market Programme, Erasmus+, Creative Europe, etc.). You can find a list of open and forthcoming calls, which is regularly updated, on [our website](#).

Additionally, EU Member States might decide to publish funding opportunities under shared management funds (e.g. cohesion policy) or national, regional or local funding instruments. As a European Commission we do not have an overview of all funding instruments available on national and local levels, therefore you are invited to contact a [National Contact Point in your respective country](#).

NEB Community

What does it mean that “NEB Prize winners become official members of the NEB Community”? There seems to be an ambiguity between NEB been an open community and some of it levels being gate kept. Can you please clarify?

Any entity can become a NEB Community member by applying for a status of a NEB Partner or a NEB Friend. Distinction between the statuses is a consequence for gradual widening of the NEB Community, which started as limited to non-profit and non-political organisations. Since April 2022, for-profit entities and public authorities can join the community as NEB Friends.

These are not the only types of members in the community. Automatic invitation to NEB Community status has been granted to NEB National Contact Points, members of the High-Level Roundtable, NEB Prize winners and finalists and project financed through NEB dedicated calls.

The NEB started a Community to be able to work on common challenges together in [NEB Labs](#). Every entity can become part of the Community and there are no levels or gates in the NEB Community. Every NEB Community member has access to the same information, platform, and support as everyone else. The reasons for granting an automatic membership into the community is that awarded projects and initiatives (e.g. NEB Prizes competitions, calls for projects across centralised EU programmes) are recognised as contributing to the implementation of NEB Initiative, which is the main criteria when applying for membership. National Contact Points are a key link between European and national levels and support for

NEB Community members in EU Member States and as such invaluable part of the community.

More information:

- Partners and Friends explained: https://new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/community-core-new-european-bauhaus/partners-and-friends-explained_en
- Become a NEB Partner: https://new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/call-partners_en
- Become a NEB Friend: https://new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/call-friends_en
- NEB Prizes: https://new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/funding/neb-prizes_en
- National Contact Points: https://new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/about/national-contact-points_en
- High-level Roundtable: https://new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/about/high-level-roundtable_en

Inspiring conference! I'm a researcher in administrative law at the University of Torino (Italy). How can we put our legal expertise on the table for the ones who need the most to develop projects and cooperations?

The best way to get in contact with organisations working on NEB or that want to strengthen their capacity to start developing projects and cooperations in the field of NEB is to join the NEB Community. University of Turin is already a member of the community, which means you are able to join our community platform to start conversations there. Please send us a message using the [contact form](#) on our website regarding your access.

Another potential avenue to explore is to contact New European Bauhaus National Contact Point in Italy and discuss possible collaborations in the Italian context with them. NEB National Contact Points contacts are listed [here](#).

Tools and resources

What is the difference between the NEB Investment Guidelines and the check list and self-assessment method?

The [New European Bauhaus Investment Guidelines](#) support investors in making better informed decisions by offering them an overview of how and why NEB can add value to them and their shareholders and stakeholders.

The [NEB checklist](#) evaluates the alignment with the NEB core values and working principles in just a few, easy steps. It is designed for buildings or open spaces with total investment costs below EUR 100,000, with the objective to help ensure these projects reflect NEB in design and execution. In comparison to the Checklist, the [NEB Self- Assessment Method](#) is a more comprehensive tool to evaluate complex projects. It uses a structured set of key performance indicators (KPIs) and measurable criteria to help users assess and improve projects of existing and new buildings, as well as living spaces.

Why is protecting biodiversity not included in the sustainability KPIs of the NEB Self-Assessment Method tool?

The issue of Biodiversity is addressed in the Beauty pillar, under the KPI B.8: 'Providing spatial coherence in planning and design', and specifically under 'Green Urban Areas' ([B.8.3, pag.289](#)). Among other things, the indicator also assesses whether a project is improved through dedicated solutions, such as promotion of spatial interventions that incorporate elements of the landscape, its vegetation and patterns, integration of existing natural features, and inclusion of new natural features in a multifunctional network that supports site quality and biodiversity.

More specifically, the biodiversity enhancement (BE) metric assesses the effectiveness of biodiversity enhancement efforts within a project, aiming to quantify the introduction or promotion of native plants species, as well as to measure the increase in abundance or population size of native species.

Could you precise in which case we should use the NEB Self-Assessment Method and when to use the NEB Checklist? Or, in the case of buildings, should we systematically assess them with both tools?

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Thank you for explaining very much in detail how the NEB values look in a city and building field. Could you specify more about the cultural sector and how projects can align with the NEB values?

The New European Bauhaus supports projects that perceive art and culture as powerful catalysts for social change. Projects emerging from the cultural and creative sectors can relate closely with beauty, or quality of experience, one of the three pillars of the initiative— not only aesthetic, but something that creates meaning, memories, ties, and a sense of belonging to a community or a place. The tools and methodologies used by artists, designers, and more generally actors of the cultural sector, are also key to enhance the active participation of project beneficiaries (i.e. future inhabitants, users) and facilitate trans disciplinary to shape a more sustainable, more inclusive society. We recommend that you look into the [NEB Compass](#), where you can find examples of cultural projects and how they align with the NEB values and principles. We also cooperate closely with the Directorate for Education, Youth, Sports and Culture at the European Commission, responsible for managing Creative Europe, the EU Programme that supports cultural diversity, artistic expression and creative industries. Keep an eye on the [funding page of our website](#), you can find NEB contributing calls under the programme.

Miscellaneous

#NEB I am trying to spread the word on NEB in Croatia. I understand we have REGEA, but they focus on energy and prof. Čerina on education. What are the options to have NEB more present in Croatia for projects that exist in Croatia and are aligned to NEB values but are not aware of the NEB?

Croatia changed the host of NEB National Contact Point from REGEA to Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction and State Assets in September 2024. In the recently organised NEB Facility consultation meeting, the representative of the ministry emphasised the ambition to further advance the implementation of NEB in Croatia and invited Croatian community members and other stakeholders to join forces in these activities. Please contact the NCP at medjunarodna@mpgi.hr to explore with them opportunities to strengthen NEB presence in Croatia.