

**LET'S BUILD BEAUTIFUL AND SUSTAINABLE PLACES OF LEARNING TOGETHER!**

#NewEuropeanBauhaus

**Do you consider education as one of the most important change agents of the future?**

**Are you working on a project to make learning experiences and knowledge sharing in your neighbourhood more beautiful, sustainable, and inclusive?**

**We want to help you make your project a success and an inspiration for others!**

Share your project and join a network of passionate individuals and organisations making a difference in all areas where people learn - from classrooms to streets, playgrounds to libraries, any place of education and knowledge - in Europe and beyond.

We invite YOU – experts, thinkers, doers, neighbours, ministers, students, educators or researchers – to join us and join forces in making waves for beautiful, sustainable, and inclusive spaces that shape our future ways of thinking and learning.

### Who can participate?

Individuals and organisations involved in education, training, informal learning or youth project(s), in Europe and beyond.

### Are you ...

... part of a neighbourhood collective with great ideas for new learning tools for a community centre, but lacking the necessary partners to turn them into a reality? A local government worker looking for like-minded sparring partners? A university seeking to implement transdisciplinary ways of working? A teacher struggling to implement their fantastic plans because of day-to-day constraints? A researcher looking for application areas to produce a proof of concept? An architect who understands how a beautiful, functional setting may improve learning and wants to utilize this knowledge in a future project? Willing to share your experiences of having recently refurbished your school?

### This call is for you!

Through this call we are looking for projects on the **transformation of places of learning** that connect a tangible place

### What are we looking for?

We are looking for on-going projects (started not longer than 2 years ago) or new transformative projects reflecting the values of the New European Bauhaus in the fields of education, training, youth and knowledge, aiming at the transformation of:

- a physical place of education and knowledge
- the ways of learning or gaining knowledge and/or the education and knowledge focus
- the relationship with the local community

with innovative pedagogical methods or new ways of knowledge creation and the local community. Think, for example, about a community garden where elderly people and school kids work together on sustainable farming practices. A university building that invites different faculties to work together on transdisciplinary societal issues with local citizens. Or, a digital platform that connects neighbours on a specific sustainability issue where new skills are key.

Projects can be small or large, short or long, locally or nationally initiated, as long as they connect in a transformation process a physical place, with ways and contents of learning and the local environment.

## Projects can already be in the making or starting

The projects should reflect the core values of the New European Bauhaus: making the living environment **beautiful, sustainable and inclusive**, while putting people at the centre and making no distinction between ages and types of knowledge.

### Why participate?

By participating in this call, and presenting your project, you will:

- make your project more visible and part of the New European Bauhaus initiative
- connect to a transnational network of like-minded projects promoters and potential partners from Europe and beyond
- get access to meetings and events intended to support your efforts with relevant practices and experiences
- get prepared for submitting your project to the 2023 edition of the New European Bauhaus Prizes with a focus on education

### What's in for you?

Connecting to the New European Bauhaus network will give ongoing projects the chance to accelerate – for example, by finding the right partners for implementation or upscaling, using improved visibility for buy in from your local government and best practice exchange with others or providing the proof of concept that gives needed recognition for potential investors

The call also makes it easier to participate in the New European Bauhaus prize in 2023 (with a focus on education and knowledge) and opens up a network to other ongoing and upcoming activities and

funding schemes around buildings and education.

By collecting the best solutions, proof of concepts and good practices for all our future learning environments, this call seeks to build a big collaborative network and to give visibility to the good practices out there. By doing so, we can become an acceleration point for beautiful, sustainable, and inclusive (life-long) ways of learning – in the classroom and outside of the classroom!

In regular on and offline networking sessions throughout 2022 you will get the opportunity to connect to others via topical challenges launched in the NEB Lab and its wide network. New inspiration, networking in person and showcasing your best practice can be done online, but also in the New European Bauhaus Festival in June, as well as in the dedicated special Education conference in autumn 2022.

### Are you interested?

[Share your project now!](#)

**Please do not forget to describe what you would be interested in gaining and what you would like to share.** Registrations are open until December 2022, to give the possibility to so as many initiatives as possible to join in.

### Do you have questions?

Inquiries on this call can be sent to:

[EC-New-European-Bauhaus@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EC-New-European-Bauhaus@ec.europa.eu)

## What happens after the submission of your application?

After the submission of your application you will get a confirmation that your project has been registered as part of the initiative.

As from April 2022, the applications received will be screened with a view to group similar concepts or ideas. Later, applications will be regularly reviewed and added to existing or included in new groups of topics.

This information will be published on the New European Bauhaus website in June.

As from May, the Commission will propose a set of opportunities to accelerate the projects through exchanges, discussions of practices, and connection with experts, including during specific sessions in the NEB Lab.

At the end of September/October, a dedicated event will be organised where we take stock of the progress that the concepts have made. There will also be an outlook to the prize and the different funding options that the Commission provides.



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beautiful | sustainable | together



## Background: Why Education in the New European Bauhaus

The New European Bauhaus is a creative and interdisciplinary initiative from the European Commission that connects the [European Green Deal](#) to our living spaces and experiences. It is based on three core values:

**Sustainable** - from climate goals, to circularity, zero pollution, and biodiversity

**Beautiful** - quality of experience and style, beyond functionality

**Together** - from valuing diversity, to securing accessibility and affordability

On 15 September 2021, the Commission adopted a so called 'Communication' document that presents the concept of the New European Bauhaus based on the findings from a wide inventory, a co-design process where over 2000 contributors gave input on the direction to take with the initiative. Education came out as an important overarching theme. Contributors stressed that education is the basis for any change, and that we need to educate children from the youngest age to live more sustainably and fairly. Via education and knowledge, we can bring people of different generations together - based on common values, on learning by doing and by connecting different realities. The respondents also stressed the new skills that are needed for this new reality. Architects and construction workers could be encouraged to work more with digital tools that could help to avoid material loss and sustainability and life-cycle thinking could become a core subject in training and practice.

Lastly, less formal ways of learning bring new groups of people together and help to create empathy, speed up knowledge sharing and mutual understanding of complex topics in local places – crucial elements to tackle e.g. systemic issues like sustainability to create a common movement on the ground towards a beautiful, sustainable and inclusive way of living.

This means that the overall objective is to encourage a transformation in the way we think, act and work in order to face the challenges of sustainability and digitalisation will pose on our societies. The findings of the co-design phase fit well with the broader plans of the European Commission: In the European Education Area Initiative, the commission has planned to help the European education system to make the transition towards a green and digital future after the Recovery, stressing that this should be an inclusive one. The special angle of the NEB is to make sure that this transition is directed towards our **living environment of the future**.

As the New European Bauhaus is part of the European Year of Youth, special attention will be given to youth – as end users of learning programs but also as idea starters – by dedicating a central place in the New European Bauhaus discussions and prize to young people.