



Next working session

Join us tomorrow for an online session on NEB and Ukraine

Dear community member,

The session will start at 14:00 CEST and will have the following agenda:

- 14:00 - 14:10 Welcome and introduction to the session
- 14:10 - 14:25 Presentation of commission-led activities and its three thematic axes: (1) Temporary housing, (2) Circular housing and (3) Capacity building and Education by Ruth Reichstein (IDEA)
- 14:25 - 14:45 Discussion on the thematic axes
- 14:45 - 14:55 Presentation of a Climate Care Academy by Mária Beňačková Rišková (High Level Round Table)
- 15:05 - 15:15 Introduction to the working session by Vera Winthagen (NEB Unit)
- 15:15 - 15:55 Working groups: Mapping NEB community's interest and resources
- 15:55 - 16:00 Closing of the session

We look forward to meeting you for the last time before the summer break.

Connection information:

Join from the meeting link:

<https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf-en/j.php?MTID=m4f703b146c9c92e0581649cb454f4aac>

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Community updates

Call for 70 CrAFt Cities

CrAFt – Creating Actionable Futures is an EU-funded coordination and support action for New European Bauhaus transformations towards climate-neutral, beautiful and inclusive cities.

The CrAFt project will place the transition to climate neutrality at the heart of urban stakeholders. Running until 2025, it supports the implementation of the Mission on Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities, the NetZeroCities platform and New European Bauhaus based on knowledge from CrAFt's 3 Sandbox Cities (Bologna, Prague, and Amsterdam) and 70 Reference Cities. More information about the project.

Call for 70 CrAFt Cities

The project is looking for cities that want to **test and share models** of transformation with them, receive implementation **support** and become **role models** for cities across Europe. The CrAFt city cohort will include a geographically balanced mixture of cities selected from among the mission cities, cities that applied under the mission, cities involved in NEB demonstrator projects and other NEB initiatives, and additional cities of high interest. They particularly encourage **small and medium-sized cities** (different min. size requirements apply for different countries - please check Annex to the call for details) to **apply**.

In the context of this call, the term "city" is used to refer to a geographical subnational jurisdiction ("local administrative unit") such as a town or a city that is governed by a local government as the legal entity of public administration.

The deadline for proposals is **9 September 2022**. For **further details** about support for CrAFt cities, what is expected from participating cities and the application process, please refer to the call's invitation letter.

Please consider forwarding the call to your local authority and partner city(ies) you have contact with. Participating cities are expected to collaborate with groups of stakeholders, depending on what they will plan to

focus on. This can also be an opportunity to develop initiatives, actions or projects with your local authority.

Call for proposals (LIFE) - Circular Economy and Quality of Life - Standard Action Projects (SAP)

This is a call for proposals for EU action grants in the field of Circular Economy and Quality of Life under the Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE).

The LIFE Programme is the EU's funding environment and climate action. On 21 May 2022 it turned thirty.

The aim of the call is to facilitate the transition toward a sustainable, circular, toxic-free, energy-efficient/climate-resilient economy and toward a toxic-free environment as well as to protect, restore and improve the quality of the environment. The specific objective is to cover 7 topics, one of them being New European Bauhaus.

In particular, the **following project proposals** that contribute to the implementation of the New European Bauhaus initiative will be given priority for LIFE support:

- Proposals focussed on a holistic reduction (considering aspects such as life cycle approach and green procurement) of environmental impacts of new buildings;
- Proposals on circular districts involving creation of circular value chains to boost urban economies whilst producing urban and territorial regeneration.
- Proposals for maintaining or restoring biodiversity that contribute to the implementation of the New European Bauhaus initiative. This may include, for example, demonstrating biodiversity friendly practise for the energetic isolation of buildings, innovative architectural approaches for wildlife-friendly buildings, etc.

Deadline for application is 4 October 2022 17:00 Brussels time.

Find more information about the call, project application form and contacts for further inquiries on Funding and tender opportunities portal.

Eleventh session of World Urban Forum successfully concluded

World Urban Forum took place in Katowice, Poland at the end of June. Under the title Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future, it brought together 17.000 participants from 155 countries who provided greater insights and clarity on the future of cities based on existing trends, challenges and opportunities, as well as suggested ways cities can be better prepared to address future pandemics and a wide range of other shocks.

EU's vision for future cities is set out in the New Leipzig Charter and also follows the principles of the New Urban Agenda to which it added 3 voluntary commitments:

- First, to **extend cooperation** on sustainable urban development with cities in EU partner countries.
- Second, to support 100 European cities as **hubs of experimentation and innovation** for green, digital and inclusive transformations.
- Third, through the **New European Bauhaus**, to support models and experimentation in making cities not just sustainable, but also more beautiful and inclusive: sustainability with style!

The culmination of five days of debate and discussion is the Declared Actions of the Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum. Dozens of commitments have already been made, but city planners, mayors, governments, civil society and community groups can submit their actions on the Urban Agenda Platform until 31 July 2022.

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