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Introduction

The BAUHAUS4EU Certificate of European Experience is an alliance level recognition instrument designed to acknowledge meaningful transnational, interdisciplinary, and values driven learning experiences undertaken within the BAUHAUS4EU European University Alliance. The aim of the certificate is to recognise sustained engagement and commitment through participation in a variety of activities aligned with the values and strategic objectives of the Alliance.

This policy document defines the purpose, scope, eligibility criteria, activity categories, validation procedures, and governance principles for the certificate. It ensures transparency, consistency, and alignment with the Grant Agreement, which mandates that partners jointly define the criteria, scope, and content of the certificate and identify eligible courses and activities across the alliance.

Purpose of the Certificate

The certificate recognises individuals who have actively engaged in a transformative European learning experience that embodies the values of the New European Bauhaus—sustainability, aesthetics, and inclusion—and contributes to the development of European competencies and identity. It serves as a complementary recognition instrument and does not replace formal degrees, ECTS credits, or institutional qualifications.

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Scope and Target Group

The certificate is open to:

- Students, PhD-students and Alumni
- Academic and administrative staff
- Members of regional partners
- Other participants in structured BAUHAUS4EU activities

The certificate aims to:

- encourage flexible and personalised European learning pathways,
- promote engagement across multiple BAUHAUS4EU action areas,
- strengthen a shared European and alliance identity,
- support the visibility and recognition of European competencies.

1. Definition of “European Experience”

An European Experience is any structured learning, teaching, research, mobility, or collaborative activity conducted within the BAUHAUS4EU Alliance that:

- involves transnational participation or cooperation between at least two partner institutions,
- contributes to a shared European identity and intercultural understanding,
- reflects the values of the New European Bauhaus (sustainability, aesthetics, inclusion),
- supports the development of European competencies and/or engagement with European thematic content (e.g., RIS3, regional innovation, future skills).

This definition ensures that the certificate recognises meaningful, cross-border engagement rather than isolated local activities.

2. Definition of “European Competencies”

European Competencies are knowledge, skills, and attitudes enabling individuals to act effectively in European, intercultural, and transnational contexts.

Within BAUHAUS4EU, this may encompass some of the following.

- intercultural and interdisciplinary collaboration,
- sustainability literacy (aligned with New European Bauhaus and Green Competencies),
- digital and collaborative skills (aligned with Digital Competencies and Future Skills),
- civic and European awareness,
- creativity, design thinking, and problem-solving in transnational settings,
- understanding of regional innovation ecosystems and RIS3 priorities.

3. Unified List of Eligible Activities

Eligible activities are described below and further detailed in Table 1.

To be considered for the BAUHAUS4EU Certificate of European Experience, an activity must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Organised within the BAUHAUS4EU framework;
- Officially published on the BAUHAUS4EU website or validated by the responsible WP;
- Documented through alliance-level records or official confirmations;
- Any activity with the BAUHAUS4EU logo, published on the website, or explicitly validated by an activity organizer will count toward the certificate.
- Completed Joint degree programmes within BAUHAUS4EU framework (*automatically qualify for the certificate*, see below p. 5).

Table 1: Categories and activities eligible for BAUHAUS4EU certificate:

Category	Examples of activities
Academic elements	Course (credited or non-credited), European BAUHAUS Courses, Erasmus+ mobility, Blended Intensive Program (BIP), Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), Student-led Courses, Regional Living Labs
Research- or challenge-based learning	Participation in summer school, conference, workshop, colloquium, hackathon. Regional Living Labs, European BAUHAUS Courses, Student-Led Courses
Professional training	Internship, staff exchange, training activity, workshops.
BAUHAUS4EU experience	Creative collaboration, conferences, active participation in work packages, staff week, innovation and entrepreneurship activities, BAUHAUS4EU Forum, engagement in PhD, Academic, Administrative, Student, or Regional Councils

4. Rules for Category Assignment

To ensure clarity of activities and their categories (Table 1):

- Each activity can only be assigned to one category, suggested by the applicant and determined by the issuing organization.
- Activities cannot be counted twice across categories.

5. Eligibility Model

Applicants must complete:
- at least three eligible activities,
- from at least two different categories.

Note: Completed Joint degree programmes within BAUHAUS4EU framework automatically qualify for the certificate. (see p.3 above).

Individuals may obtain multiple certificates over time, provided each is based on a new set of eligible activities.

6. Documentation Requirements

The applicant is required to submit relevant documentation - any proof of relevant experience (ToRs/ certificates/ statemets/ confirmations/ etc).

For transparency and external value, official confirmations should be attached, including: activity title, organiser, date, learning outcomes (if applicable), ECTS or workload (if applicable).

Note: These requirements may be revised and updated during the annual review, depending on platform functionality

Reflective statements may be provided on an optional basis and, where submitted, may be used as feedback on the webpage as part of the dissemination process.

The applicants submit:
- personal information filled in an application form;
- list of completed activities, including proof of relevant experience (ToR/certificates/statements/confirmations/etc.);
- A short reflective statement (*optional*) describing the applicant's experience within the BAUHAUS4EU framework (3–5 sentences)

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7. Validation Workflow

Step 1 — Applicant submission to their home university
Applicant submits the listed documents in 6.
Step 2 — Institutional Validation and Eligibility Check
Designated unit verifies participation through alliance records or submitted documents. Validates identity and activity completion.
Step 3 — Certificate Issuance
Certificate is generated using the alliance template and BAUHAUS4EU seal/stamp.
Signed by the President or Vice President of the home institution.

8. Certificate Content

The certificate shall use the official BAUHAUS4EU Alliance template.

Header

- BAUHAUS4EU logo and visual identity
- European Union funding acknowledgement, where applicable

Title
BAUHAUS4EU CERTIFICATE OF EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE

Certificate text

"This certificate is awarded to: [Recipient's Name]

Date of birth: [DD/MM/YYYY]

Text: The recipient has successfully completed the required activities as part of the BAUHAUS4EU Alliance.

Text: The BAUHAUS4EU Certificate of European Experience is awarded to individuals who have successfully completed activities within the alliance's framework of European competencies. It certifies that the recipient has actively engaged in intercultural experiences related to research and innovation strategies for smart specialisation (RIS3) and the development of Future Skills, as part of the BAUHAUS4EU European University Alliance."

Place and date of issue:

Name of the coordinator:

Signature:

Footer:

- QR code linking to the Terms and Conditions of the BAUHAUS4EU Certificate
- BAUHAUS4EU partner logos

Attachments: Attachments listing individual activities, supported by ToRs and/or certificates, provided at the time of application.

Attachments significantly increase transparency and external usefulness

9. Terms and conditions for included activities:

- Each activity can be counted toward only one certificate and cannot be reused for another.
- Overlapping activities (e.g., conferences) are assigned to only one category that best reflects their primary purpose.
- New activities in the unified list of eligible activities (see above table 1) are added through WP validation and Steering Committee approval.

10. Governance and Review

The policy is jointly governed by:
- the BAUHAUS4EU Work Package Group,
- the BAUHAUS4EU Steering Committee.

The policy is reviewed annually to ensure alignment with alliance developments, new activities, and evolving European priorities.