







Regional Living Labs (RLLs): Open call information session

27/03/2026 - 12:00-13:00






Welcome to this information session about the Regional Living Labs call!

Before we start:

-  Please keep your microphone muted when you are not speaking
-  Want to ask a question?
-  Write it in the chat
-  Or raise your hand if you would like to speak
-  This webinar is being recorded
-  The replay and presentation will be available on the BAUHAUS4EU website

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Agenda:

-  Introduction to BAUHAUS4EU
-  Overview of the New European Bauhaus (NEB)
-  Presentation of the joint call for Regional Living Labs 2026
-  Examples of Regional Living Labs from Bauhaus-Universität Weimar
-  Q&A session

What is BAUHAUS4EU?

BAUHAUS4EU is a **European University Alliance** funded under the Erasmus+ “European Universities” initiative.

10 member universities
67 associated partners
10,000 academic staff
124,000 students



Our mission

BAUHAUS4EU brings together partner institutions across Europe to develop a **shared campus** and to advance **innovative, challenge-based** and **interdisciplinary education** inspired by the values of the New European Bauhaus (NEB).

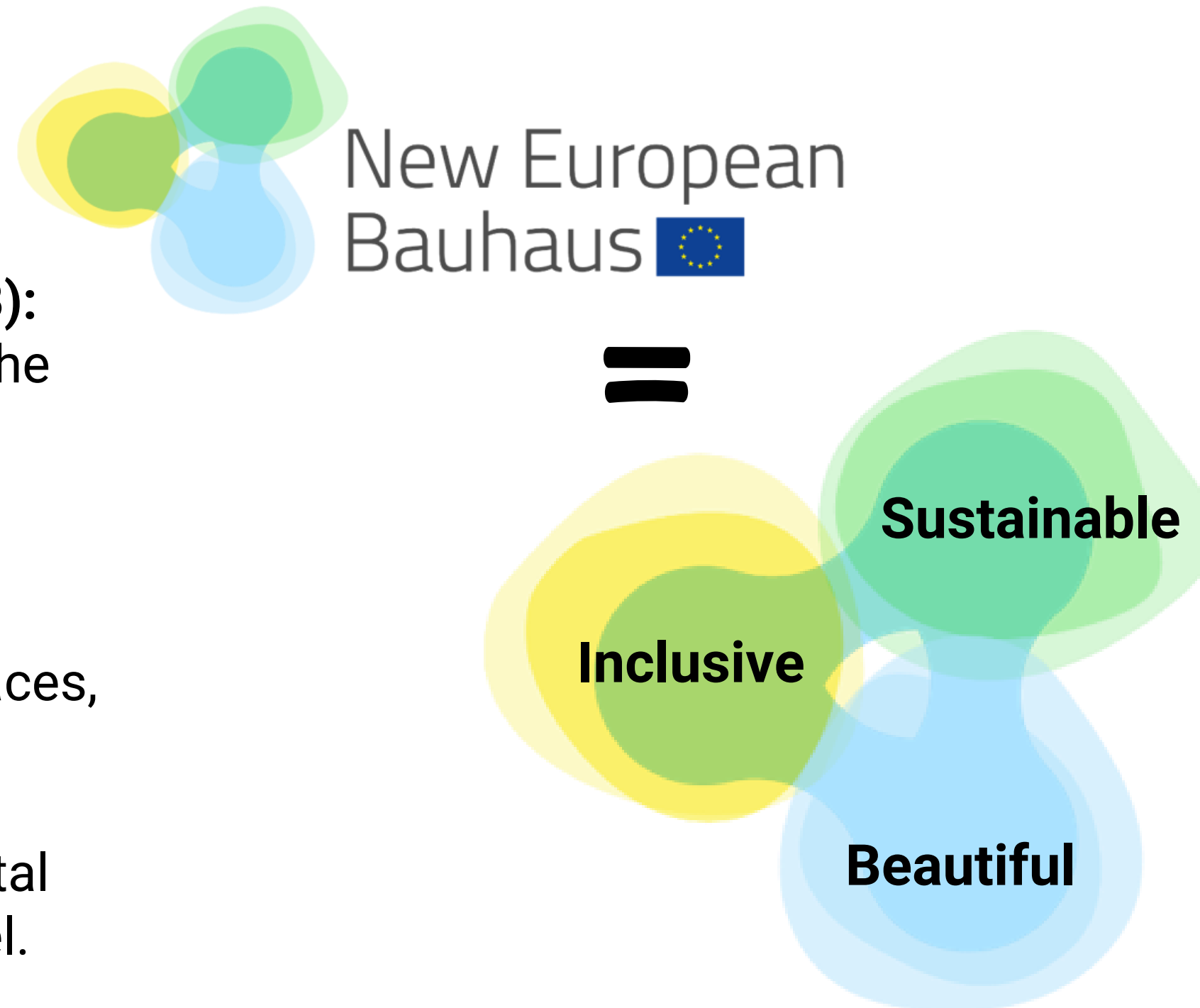
Through **joint teaching formats, mobility opportunities** and collaboration with **regional ecosystems**, BAUHAUS4EU aims to empower students and staff to contribute to a sustainable, inclusive and beautiful future.

The partner universities are committed to deepening their **transnational cooperation** through joint **educational offers** and to **fostering a European identity** rooted in the principle of **unity in diversity**.

What is the New European Bauhaus (NEB)?

BAUHAUS4EU builds on the New European Bauhaus (NEB):

- It is a political and financial initiative aimed at making the ecological transition in built environments and beyond pleasant, attractive and accessible to all.
- It promotes not only sustainable, but also inclusive and aesthetic solutions, while respecting the diversity of places, traditions and cultures in Europe and beyond.
- The initiative demonstrates the benefits of environmental transition through tangible experiences at the local level.



BAUHAUS4EU launched three calls!



OPEN CALL

Regional Living Labs (RLLs)

March 4th – June 3rd



OPEN CALL

European BAUHAUS Courses (EBCs)

March 4th – June 3rd

**Online information session
March 30, 2026 from 12h-13h**



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Student-led Interdisciplinary Courses (SLCs)

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Let's talk about Regional Living Labs!



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What are Regional Living Labs (RLLs)?

- 🌐 **Open innovation ecosystems** aligned with the New European Bauhaus (NEB) vision and values
- 🤝 Connect **universities, students, local communities, and regional stakeholders** to co-design and implement sustainable, inclusive projects
- 🎓 **Experimental learning environments** promoting interdisciplinary teaching and collaboration across faculties
- 📍 **Place-based learning:** activities are embedded in real regional contexts and developed with local actors, communities, and social environments

Interdisciplinary approach

Our understanding of interdisciplinarity builds on four interrelated dimensions (at least one dimension mandatory for a RLL project):

1. Interdisciplinary relevance of the topic

A topic that engages multiple disciplines and benefits from diverse perspectives.

2. Interdisciplinary teaching team

Lecturers from different fields collaborate and combine complementary expertise.

3. Interdisciplinary student group

Students from different academic backgrounds learn and work together.

4. Interdisciplinary didactic design

Teaching methods that integrate diverse knowledge, skills and backgrounds.

Objective, ECTS and financial support

📍 Objective

Each partner university of the BAUHAUS4EU consortium will establish **one RLL per call**, implemented over two consecutive semesters. In total, **10 RLLs will be supported** for the year 2026-2027.






🎓 ECTS recognition

RLLs must be **credit-bearing learning offers** recognised at the participating partner institutions. Each application should include a proposed number of **ECTS** appropriate for the learning methods outlined (at least 2 ECTS).

💰 Financial support




Each Regional Living Lab may receive **funding of up to €10,000** to support its development and implementation, covering eligible costs such as consumables, materials, as well as interventions of guest lecturers. The funding period runs from **September 2026 to July 2027**.

Application admissibility conditions




-  **Alignment with the New European Bauhaus (NEB):** align with at least one NEB value or working principle and demonstrate impact in both learning and outcomes.
-  **Two-semester implementation:** project running over two consecutive semesters, allowing different professors to contribute.
-  **Real-life territorial challenges:** concrete local challenges in close collaboration with regional partners.
-  **Community and interdisciplinary collaboration:** strong involvement of local communities and stakeholders, with interdisciplinary and collaborative formats.
-  **Revitalisation of spaces:** applicants are encouraged to explore the reuse or transformation of unused or vacant spaces in urban or rural areas.

Support for the applicants

Alliance-wide support:

-  Webinar and Q&A session
-  Presentation and replay available
-  Facilitated connections with European partners

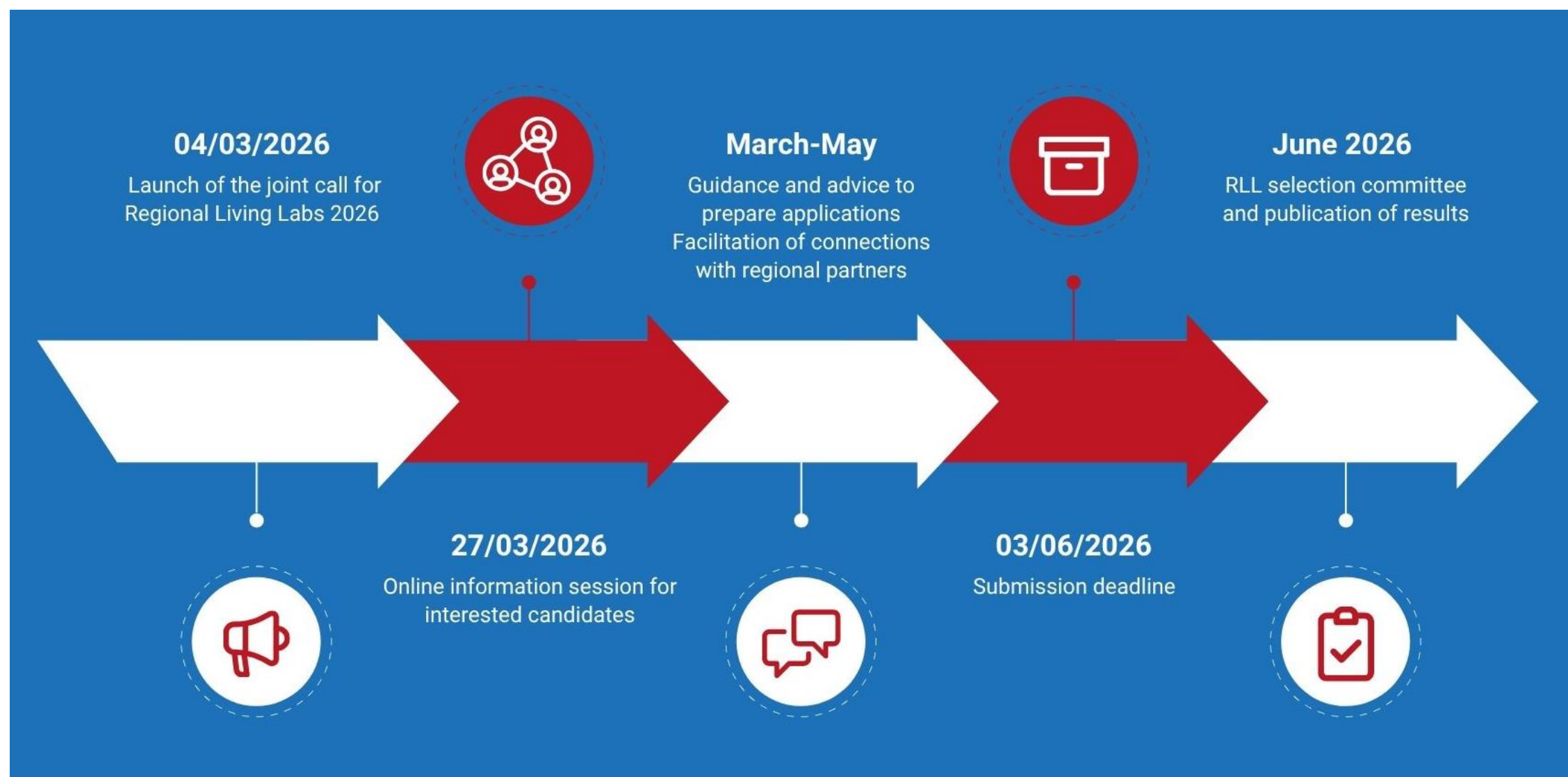
University-level support:

-  Dedicated contact person at each university
-  Matchmaking sessions to help build partnerships with regional stakeholders and and identified unused or vacant spaces for revitalisation
-  One-to-one meetings for tailored support

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Timeline for the Regional Living Labs open call 2026



- Applications must be submitted in English via the [LimeSurvey online application form](#)
- Deadline: 📅 **3 June 2026**

Support for the selected teaching staff

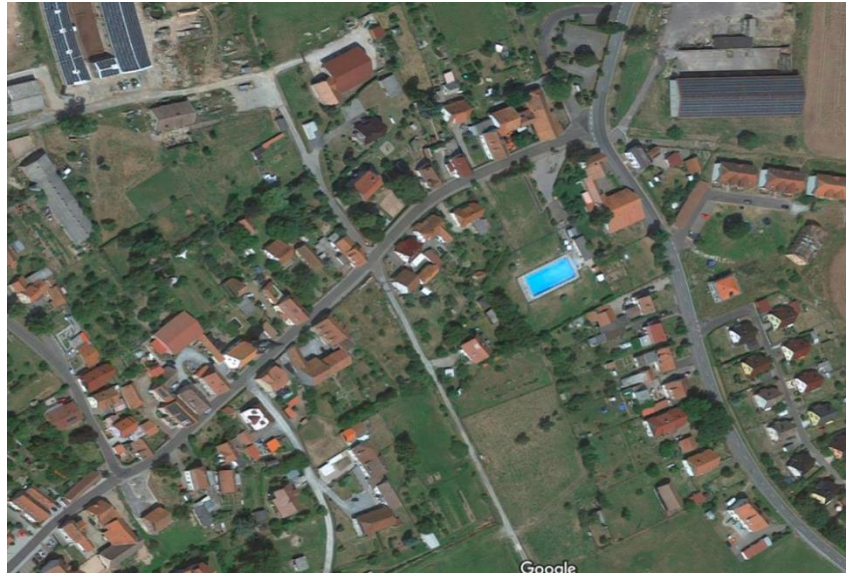
Selected teaching staff will receive support from the BAUHAUS4EU Alliance to develop and implement the Regional Living Labs through:

-  Pedagogical training on interdisciplinary course development
-  Community of practice connecting BAUHAUS4EU members
-  Three workshops (kick-off, mid-term, closing) with associated partners on:
 - engagement with local communities
 - place-based design of living labs
 - communication with local and regional stakeholders

Examples of Regional Living Labs from Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

Dr. Tonia Schmitz, Secretary General BAUHAUS4EU

Public Swimming Bath in Rippershausen, rural area in Thuringia (2022 - 2023)



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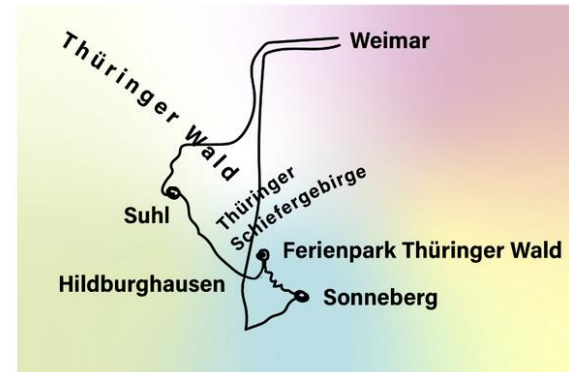
Haus Bräutigam in the “Schwarzatal”, rural area in Thuringia (2023 - 2024)



“RiTT: Transforming Spaces”, rural area in Thuringia (2024 - 2025)



RiTT
Räume in
Transformation
Thüringen



**Infrastruktur der Ankunft:
Migration im Thüringer
Wald**

Das Planungsprojekt widmet sich dem Thema Migration im Thüringer Wald. An Kommunen im Thüringer Wald möchten wir beispielhaft erkunden, wie sich die Ankunft von Migrant*innen und insbesondere Geflüchteten in ländlichen, schrumpfenden Räumen gestaltet und gestalten lässt.



**Transformation durch Ko-
operation? Suhl und
Zella-Mehlis im neuen
Oberzentrum Südthürin-
gen**

Im Süden Thüringens entsteht etwas Großes. Nach Plänen der Landesplanung sollen kleinere Städte rund um Suhl bald als Oberzentrum Südthüringen fungieren. Dies ist aber in der Region nicht unumstritten. Im Kontext von Schrumpfung und Strukturwandel stellen sich nicht nur Fragen der zukünftigen Verteilung knapper Mittel, sondern auch der Mitgestaltung und Partizipation mit besonderer Brisanz.



**betten + berge. Erbe &
Zukunft des Tourismus
im Thüringer Wald**

In diesem Studienprojekt der Professur Denkmalpflege & Baugeschichte möchten wir Ursachen und Auswirkungen der touristischen Entwicklung auf Stadt- und Regionalentwicklung im Thüringer Wald im Kontext der Auseinandersetzung um Denkmalpflege und Nachkriegsmoderne sowie der räumlichen Tourismusforschung betrachten

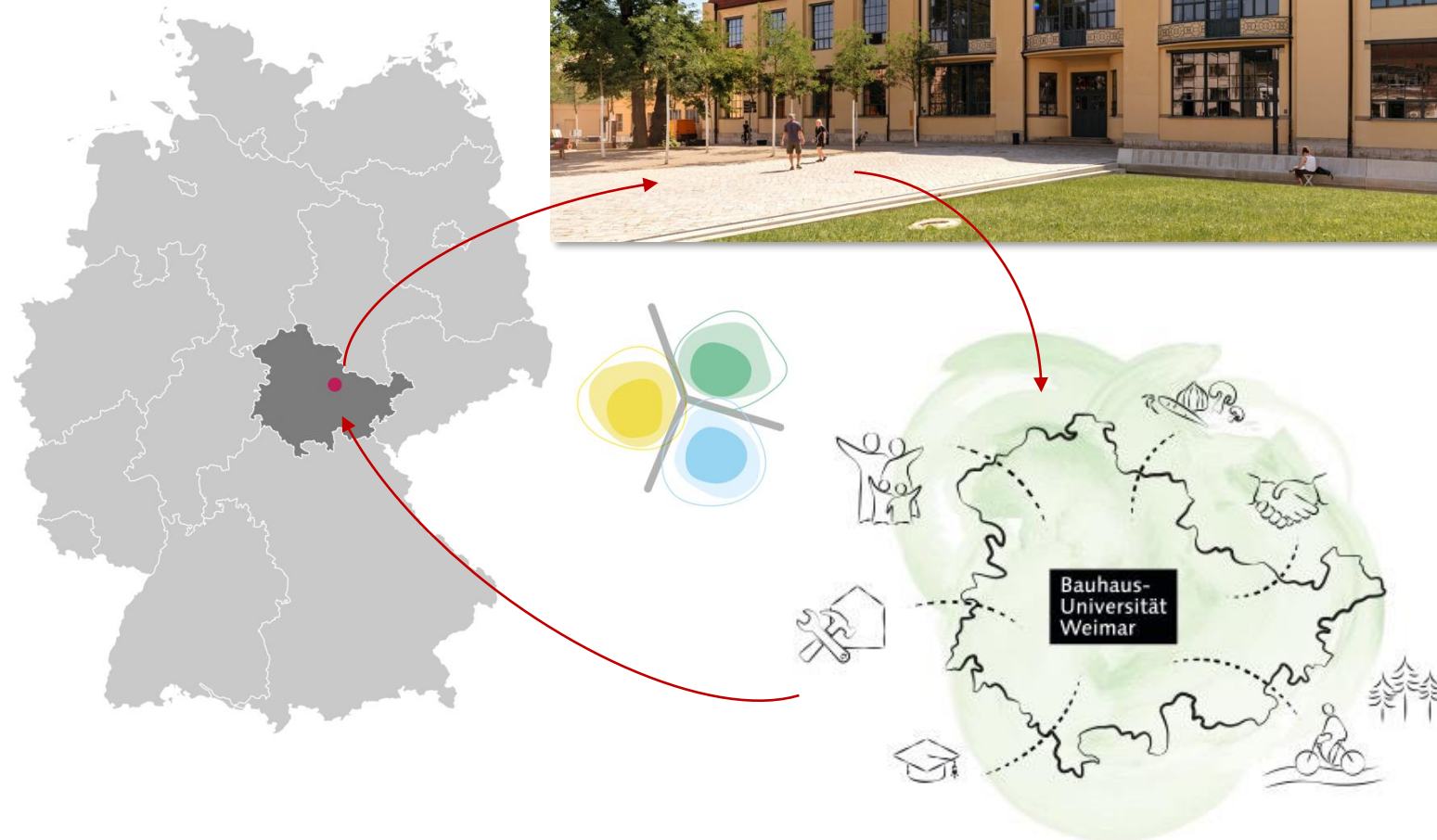


**Regionale Wertschöpfungs-
ketten und sozial-
ökologische Transformati-
on im Thüringer Wald**

Das Studienprojekt wird eine Bestandsaufnahme der regionalen Wirtschaft im Thüringer Wald vornehmen und Informationen über den Grad ihrer Verflechtung und regionale Wertschöpfungsketten zusammentragen. Parallel dazu soll es eine Verständigung über normative und analytische Konzepte der sozialökologischen Transformation leisten und Kriterien ableiten, die zur Bewertung der Regionalentwicklung herangezogen werden können.



Ambition and Potential



Regional Living Labs:

- Contribute to securing a **skilled workforce** in the region and train **change agents**
- Improve **transfer** of knowledge from and to **society**, foster **citizen engagement**
- Enable local and regional **societal change** towards a more **sustainable, inclusive** and **beautiful** future



Question & Answer session

Thank you for your
participation!