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BAUHAUS4EU is a European University Alliance funded under the Erasmus+ “European Universities” initiative. It 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**. 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 BAUHAUS4EU European University Alliance invites academic staff from all partner institutions to submit proposals for **Regional Living Labs (RLLs)**. RLLs are open innovation ecosystems aligned with the **New European Bauhaus (NEB) vision and core values**. They connect universities, students, local communities, and regional stakeholders to collaboratively design, test, and implement sustainable and inclusive project ideas addressing place-based challenges.

Objective of the call:

Regional Living Labs operate as **experimental learning environments**, encouraging interdisciplinary teaching formats and collaboration across faculties to engage students from diverse academic backgrounds. Learning activities are **embedded in real regional contexts** and developed in close interaction with local actors, social environments, and community knowledge. Ideally, RLLs may focus on the revitalisation, reuse, and transformation of unused or vacant built and unbuilt spaces in both **urban and rural contexts**.

Each full 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. Applications must be submitted exclusively through the LimeSurvey online application form.

Interdisciplinary approach:

Our understanding of interdisciplinarity builds on four interrelated dimensions:

1. Interdisciplinary relevance of the topic

The selected topic should be accessible and meaningful to students from different faculties and degree programmes. Proposals should demonstrate the added value generated through the collaboration of diverse disciplinary perspectives in addressing the chosen challenge.

2. Interdisciplinary teaching team

Courses are encouraged to be developed and delivered by lecturers from different disciplinary backgrounds, contributing complementary expertise and methodological approaches to a shared course design.

3. Interdisciplinary student group

The course should address students from different faculties or study programmes. The concept should explain how diverse forms of disciplinary knowledge are activated, integrated, and further developed within collaborative learning settings.

4. Interdisciplinary didactic design

The pedagogical concept should take into account heterogeneous prior knowledge and competencies. Proposals should outline how a common foundation of knowledge is established and how disciplinary differences are productively integrated into the learning process.

Not all four dimensions need to be equally pronounced in every course. Applicants are invited to clarify which dimensions are prioritised and how these are meaningfully connected within their course design.

Eligible applicants:

Eligible applicants are teaching staff from partner universities within the BAUHAUS4EU consortium, working with an interdisciplinary approach. More information on the interdisciplinary approach can be found in the paragraph above. At least two teaching staff should be involved, preferably bringing together members from different disciplinary backgrounds, contributing complementary expertise and methodological approaches.

ECTS and academic recognition:

Regional Living Labs 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).

Application admissibility conditions:

To be considered eligible, applications must meet the following admissibility conditions:

- The RLL should align with at least one [New European Bauhaus Compass](#) value/working principle and demonstrate value in both the learning process and its outcomes.
- The RLL should be implemented over two consecutive semesters, allowing for different professors to be involved across semesters.
- The RLL should address real-life territorial challenges and be developed in close collaboration with regional partners.
- The RLL must feature strong involvement of local communities and territorial stakeholders, and the RLL must adopt interdisciplinary and collaborative formats that bring together multiple academic disciplines.
- Applicants are encouraged to specify how RLLs may connect with the revitalisation, reuse, and transformation of unused or vacant built and unbuilt spaces in the territory, in both urban and rural contexts.

Funding framework of the Regional Living Labs:

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.

Expected support for the application teams:

To assist application teams in preparing their proposals, the following support measures are offered:

- Online information session for interested applicants, March 27, 12:00-13:00 CET. **Interested applicants must register for the online information session ([please register here](#))**. Participation is strongly encouraged, and all registered applicants will receive the information materials shared during the session, as well as additional application guidance from their affiliated partner university.
- Guidance and advice for the preparation of applications will be provided by each partner university for their respective applicants.
- Facilitation of connections with regional partners and identified unused/vacant spaces for revitalization will be provided by each partner university for their respective applicants.

Support provided for the selected teaching staff:

Selected teaching staff will be supported by the BAUHAUS4EU Alliance in the development and implementation of the Regional Living Labs through the following activities/services:

- Pedagogical support on interdisciplinary course development.
- A community of practice of BAUHAUS4EU members.
- Three online workshops (kick-off, mid-term, and closing) with selected regional partners of the alliance, on the involvement of local communities, place-based design of labs, and communication with local and regional stakeholders.

Timeline:

The following timeline provides an indicative overview of the call and implementation process:

- **04/03/2026:** Official launch of the first joint call for the BAUHAUS4EU Regional Living Labs. Applications must be submitted exclusively through the LimeSurvey online application form.
- **27/03/2026:** Online information session for interested applicants. Registration is required to receive the connection link ([please register here](#)).
- **03/06/2026:** Deadline for submission of applications
- **Mid-June 2026:**
 - RLL selection committee meeting
 - Publication of results, including selected and non-selected projects

Contacts and support:

For questions, partner search or guidance, please contact the BAUHAUS4EU contact at your university using the contact details provided in the tab below. Please indicate "Regional Living Labs 2026" in the subject line of your email.

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