

New European Bauhaus

What is the New European Bauhaus?

The New European Bauhaus (NEB) is a cross-cutting initiative in **Horizon Europe**, launched by the European Commission in 2021. **Horizon Europe NEB** calls are **open to UK entities**.

The **NEB Compass** encapsulates NEB's core aim. This is to **accelerate the transformation of neighbourhoods and place-making through sustainable and inclusive design**. The Compass highlights NEB's **three core values of sustainability, beauty and inclusion** and its **three working principles** of transdisciplinary research and innovation, participatory processes working with communities in their localities, and multilevel stakeholder engagement.

Under the **Second Strategic Plan for Horizon Europe (2025-2027)**, NEB contributes to three **Key Strategic Orientations**:

- **Green transition:** Horizon Europe R&I activities must support Europe to become the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050 and to tackle biodiversity loss and pollution.
- **Digital transition:** Investment in R&I in key digital technologies is crucial for improving Europe's competitiveness in the digital value chain.
- **A more resilient, competitive, inclusive and democratic Europe:** Europe's social rights and democratic values and principles need a strong foundation so they can be promoted globally. This includes civil security, a fair and environmentally friendly economic model, health and wellbeing and democratic participation.

NEB supports the European Commission's **Competitiveness Compass**, the **European Green Deal** and the **Clean Industrial Deal** as well as the **Circular Economy Action Plan** and the **European Affordable Housing Plan**. The NEB website describes the **policy ecosystem relevant to the NEB**.

On 17 December 2025 a Communication on the New European Bauhaus and a proposal for a Council Recommendation to EU Member States were adopted. These focus on strengthening the role of NEB as a driver of the clean transition and innovation. The **Communication** has three main objectives:

- **Enhancing circularity, sustainability and innovation in the built environment** by supporting the circular economy and bioeconomy, promoting research, scaling up innovative solutions and reinforcing community resilience to natural disasters;
- **Empowering citizens through participatory processes** to strengthen democratic, inclusive and resilient neighbourhoods
- **And harnessing the transformative power of education, arts and culture** to boost creativity and innovation for local transformation.

NEB aims to create **thriving inclusive neighbourhoods** through openness, dialogue and **co-design of the green transition with local communities**.

- It emphasizes design, culture, cultural heritage, **accessibility, and affordability**, respecting Europe's diversity and creating local buy-in and co-production of place-based and societal transformation. This includes local heritage and knowledge, adaptation, and health co-benefits..
- **Social sciences, humanities and the arts** are important in contributing to sought after outputs under NEB which may include e.g. increasing democratic participation and sense of belonging or securing affordable housing (depending on the precise call topic).
- NEB aims to contribute to **climate mitigation and adaptation** by **reducing carbon emissions and fostering circular and regenerative solutions** and **resilience/security** across the **built environment and places**, including rural, urban and peri-urban areas.
- NEB supports well-recognised sustainability and sustainable built environment approaches such as **planetary boundaries, Life Cycle Analysis, embodied carbon, bio-based**

materials, repurposing and renovation, space sufficiency, and modular sustainable manufacturing approaches.

- NEB supports community and green investment approaches and **net zero business models**.

The NEB Facility Roadmap 2025-2027

The **NEB Facility Roadmap 2025-2027** sets the direction for the NEB in 2025-2027 including multi-annual Horizon Europe and other financial support. It places NEB in context in the EU policy landscape and other parts of Horizon Europe, **including clusters 2, 5 and 6, the climate and natural resources-related Missions, the EIT and several Joint Undertakings**. (See p.22 of the NEB Facility Roadmap.)

Impact and outcomes for the NEB Facility include areas such as **strengthening local democracy, promoting circular construction, and leveraging innovative funding models**.

The three objectives of the NEB Facility are to:

- Transform **neighbourhoods** by developing innovative solutions while addressing socio-economic inequalities (including **affordable housing**.)
- Support innovation towards a **sustainable, circular, regenerative** construction ecosystem
- **Enable change** through research & innovation, enhancing **social cohesion and well-being**.

The **NEB Facility 2025-2027** combines two components as follows:

- **Research and Innovation** component, funded under Horizon Europe (Open to UK entities.)
- **Roll-out** component, funded by other EU programmes. (UK entities may NOT apply)

The **R&I component** under **Horizon Europe** is open to UK participants. Up to **€180 million** is available across two funding rounds in 2026-2027.

Horizon Europe NEB funding calls in Work Programme 2026-2027

The **NEB Work Programme 2026-2027** and the **General Annexes** are essential reading for any UK entity considering submitting a proposal to bid for Horizon Europe NEB funding. The former sets out call text for the **NEB Horizon Europe calls in 2026-2027 (two call cycles)** spanning Research and Innovation Actions (RIA), Innovation Actions (IA) and Coordinating and Support Actions (CSA) under the **three NEB destinations below**. The General Annexes set out key eligibility criteria for all NEB calls. The main changes from 2025 are that China may no longer participate in Destination 2 of NEB. Please be aware that the outcomes under NEB destinations are not the same as in 2025. See the updated **Glossary** in Work Programme 2026-2027 which updates several terms including "beauty".

There are **nine single-stage NEB Horizon Europe funding calls covered under the NEB Horizon Europe Work Programme in 2026 and again in 2027**. Each year the **calls open 5 May and close 1 December**. Most calls adhere to **Lump Sum Funding** terms and conditions. Those calls are identified below under **Destinations 1-3** with an asterisk.

Destination 1 - Connecting the green transformation, social inclusion and local democracy (the **human dimension** of NEB) focuses on inhabitants, social inclusion and local democracy as key pillars. It seeks to reduce inequalities and strengthen social cohesion. It aims to foster a sense of belonging in communities and increase quality of life, and competitiveness (including through the green transition.). Calls under this destination are:

- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-01** - Addressing homelessness through housing led approaches aligned with the New European Bauhaus (IA)* (2 projects c. EUR 6.3 each)
- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-02** - Innovative approaches for the spatial design of neighbourhoods (IA)* (2 projects, c. EUR 5m each)

- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-03** - Understanding inhabitants' experiences of neighbourhoods to support their health and well being (RIA)* (3 projects, c. EUR 5m each)
- **HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-PARTICIPATION-01** - The transformative potential of co-governance in the green transition of neighbourhoods (IA) (2 projects, c. EUR 5.38m each) (Financial Support to Third Parties is available in this call.)
- **HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-PARTICIPATION-02** - Intergenerational neighbourhoods and communities aligned with the New European Bauhaus (IA)* (2 projects, c. EUR 5.25m each.)
- **HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-PARTICIPATION-03** - Novel combinations of knowledge and research methods to address social issues and advance a fair green transition of neighbourhoods (RIA)* (4 projects, c. EUR 3.5m each)

Destination 2 - Circular and regenerative approaches for the built environment (the **physical dimension** of NEB) focuses on making NBHs more sustainable, circular and regenerative but also inclusive, accessible affordable and beautiful, turning them into resilient places where nature and biodiversity can thrive, contributing to better health and well-being. It focuses on the entire life cycle of buildings, and the circular and bioeconomy. Calls under this destination are:

- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-REGEN-01** - Sustainable, inclusive, affordable and beautiful solutions for thermal comfort in buildings (IA)* (3 projects, c. EUR 4m each)
- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-REGEN-02** - Advancing sustainable maintenance and repair measures for existing buildings (IA)* (2 projects, c. EUR 5m each)
- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-REGEN-03** - Innovative solutions for the sustainable and beautiful use of vertical space (IA)* (3 projects, c. EUR 5m each)
- **HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-REGEN-01** - Combining conventional and innovative construction materials, products and techniques for sustainable and beautiful buildings (RIA)* (3 projects, c. EUR 4m each)
- **HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-REGEN-02** - Sustainable, beautiful and healthy construction and renovation sites (RIA)* (2 projects, c. EUR 4m each)
- **HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-REGEN-03** - Revitalising neighbourhoods around existing railway and motorway corridors (IA) (2 projects, c. EUR 5.5m each) (Financial Support to Third Parties is available in this call.)

Destination 3 - Innovative funding and new business models for the transformation of neighbourhoods - (the **economic and financing dimensions** of NEB) focuses on innovative funding and new BMs providing the necessary framework and incentives to rethink how solutions and projects are designed, planned, executed and invested in for the structural and systemic transformation of NBHs in line with NEB values and working principles. Calls under this destination are:

- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-BUSINESS-01** - Structurally addressing homelessness through integrated social infrastructure and services in neighbourhoods (IA)* (3 projects, c. EUR 3.5m each)
- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-BUSINESS-02** - Addressing capital market dynamics towards increased investment in New European Bauhaus projects in neighbourhoods (RIA)* (2 projects, c. EUR 3.5m each)
- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-BUSINESS-03**: Approaches to reuse vacant, obsolete or underutilised spaces (RIA)* (2 projects, c. EUR 4.5m each)
- **HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-BUSINESS-01**: Mass customisation of offsite manufactured modular construction components to transform the existing built environment (IA)* (2 projects, c. EUR 5m each)

- **HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-BUSINESS-02:** Innovative models for collective community investment and ownership (RIA)* (3 projects, c. EUR 3.5m)
- **HORIZON-NEB-2027-01-BUSINESS-03:** Anticipating neighbourhoods of the future in line with the New European Bauhaus (RIA)* (2 projects, c. EUR 3.5m)

There is also a single-stage 2027 joint call with the “**Soil Deal for Europe**” **EU Mission** in the NEB Work Programme for 2026-2027 **opening 5 May 2027, deadline 15 Sep 2027**. Please refer also to the **Missions Work Programme 2026-2027** and the missions eligibility and scope criteria carefully as this call includes extra missions parameters not usual to regular NEB Work Programme calls:

- **HORIZON-NEB-2027-02-NEB-SOIL-01:** Reducing soil sealing through sustainable urban and territorial design in the New European Bauhaus. (IA). This offers c.€7.5m per project for 2 projects.

In addition, prospective applicants may wish to refer to other NEB R&I opportunities under the **Missions Work Programme 2026-2027**, supported by the **Adaptation** and **Cities Missions** and the New European Bauhaus. Please read the eligibility and scope criteria carefully as they include extra parameters not usual to regular NEB Work Programme 2026-2027 calls:

HORIZON-MISS-2026-04-CIT-NEB-B4P-CCRI-03: Introducing circular economy models in the construction sector, from buildings to city scale.(IA). This is a single-stage call of c.€9.5m per project for up to 5 projects **opening 4 Feb 2026, deadline 8 Oct 2026**.

HORIZON-MISS-2027-07-CLIMA-CIT-NEB-01: Urban nature: supporting restoration of urban ecosystems, along urban transport networks and in the built environment. (IA). This is a single-stage call of c.€10m per project for up to 4 projects **opening 9 Feb 2027, deadline 22 Sep 2027**.

Horizon Europe Funding rates

Research and Innovation Actions typically fund multi-actor collaborative research and innovation projects of **lower Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs)** with a funding rate of 100% of eligible direct costs.

Innovation Actions typically fund limited R&D activities with a key focus on innovation including new or improved products, processes or services at **higher TRLs** at a funding rate of 100% for non-profit legal entities and 70% eligible direct costs for for-profits.

Coordinating and Support Actions typically fund working groups, networking and communication (of results) at 100% eligible direct costs.

NEB funding calls in 2026 and 2027 – eligibility

All call opportunities in the NEB 2026-2027 Work Programme are collaborative and must involve **at least 3 independent legal entities from EU Member States or Associated Countries**, noting that at least one must be from a Member State. The UK can participate as an Associated Country, as can other countries *only associated to pillar two* in Horizon Europe e.g. Canada and New Zealand.

Any legal entity in the UK that qualifies under the call can bid including academia, companies, communities, and local authorities. Please note that some topics have specific eligibility criteria, listed under eligibility and admissibility conditions. Applicants are advised to check the work programme for details relating to their topics of interest.

UK participants may **only apply to NEB calls** with the **“HORIZON-NEB” identifier** in the call title and **must not apply to other NEB calls** as they are ineligible. Visit the **NEB open calls page**.

NEB Next Steps - European Commission

A **New European Bauhaus hub for results and impacts**, **NEB Junction** has been established to co-create an initial methodology, platform and tools for the collection, management and valorisation of the knowledge generated by the NEB projects, the NEB Community and other relevant NEB actions.

A NEB Advisory Hub will improve access to funding for smaller players, while a new NEB Investment Accelerator will attract and facilitate private, public and blended finance. NEB Key Performance Indicators, and a NEB label to crowd in investments have been floated by the Commission

The NEB Prizes are set to include a global strand.

The NEB website summarises [next steps](#).

NEB Next Steps - assistance for UK-based participants

For further general enquiries UK participants and prospective participants may contact the UK National Contact Point for NEB at NCP-bauhaus@ukro.ac.uk.

NEB guidelines and tools for NEB project design and consortia building

NEB tools available on the [NEB website](#) including the [NEB toolbox](#), [NEB Investment Guidelines](#), [NEB Self-Assessment Handbook](#) and [interactive project design tool](#).

The [NEB Community](#), an online space for NEB-interested actors to connect has over 2000 members. A [NEB Dashboard](#) displays a map of self-registered NEB projects.

The [NEB Chapters](#) are local nodes able to join up local stakeholders to activate NEB activity. They are a middle layer between top down NEB R&I calls and bottom-up consortia formation, aimed at decentralising and delegating coordination roles in the community and strengthening a multilevel governance approach. A minimum of 2 members of the NEB Community are required to set up a local chapter which could be at a city or country level.

The [NEB Festival](#) takes place on 9-13 June 2026 in Brussels, with satellite events in other countries.

Construction skills: The NEB Academy & Alliance

The [NEB Academy](#) (NEBA) addresses re-skilling and up-skilling for sustainable construction. The [NEBA Alliance](#) of education and training partners establishes regional and sectoral expertise, a matchmaker platform for learners and trainers, and a directory for NEBA certified training.

More information

- [Horizon Europe website](#)
- [EU funding and tenders portal](#)
- [NEB Open Calls page \(UK entities can only apply for Horizon Europe NEB calls\)](#)
- [NEB Work Programme 2026-2027](#) and [General Annexes](#)
- [Calendar of NEB Events](#)
- [NEB Prizes](#)
- [ERC mapping report on the NEB](#)
- [Past NEB funding calls](#)
- [2025 NEB Work Programme](#)
- European Commission [NEB 2025 Info Days](#)
- UK NEB [webinar](#) – 2025 calls
- [Factsheet on the EC Communication on NEB in December 2025](#)

Horizon Europe's legal basis:

- [Regulation establishing Horizon Europe](#)
- [Decision establishing the Specific Programme of Horizon Europe](#)
- [Second Strategic Plan for Horizon Europe \(2025-2027\)](#)

UK resources

- [UKRO Portal](#)
- [UK National Contact Point \(NCP\) support service](#)