



Foro NESI (New Economy and Social Innovation Forum) is a Spanish non-profit foundation working to place people and the planet at the centre of the economy and territories. Through our **Life-Centred Cities** area, we promote urban proximity, territorial balance and collaborative innovation to improve citizens' quality of life while advancing environmental sustainability.

We work at the intersection of urban planning, housing, social innovation, citizen participation and public policy, connecting public administrations, civil society, academia and businesses to co-create more inclusive, resilient and sustainable territories.

Collaboration interests

We are looking to join **New European Bauhaus (NEB)** consortia as a partner contributing expertise in stakeholder engagement, co-creation, ecosystem building, citizen participation and policy innovation.

We see the strongest strategic alignment with the following calls:

- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-02** – *Innovative approaches for the spatial design of neighbourhoods*
- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-03** – *Understanding inhabitants' experiences of neighbourhoods to support their health and well-being*
- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-01** – *Housing-led approaches to homelessness*
- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-BUSINESS-01** – *Coordinated social infrastructure and services for neighbourhoods*
- **HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-BUSINESS-03** – *Approaches to reuse vacant, obsolete or underutilised spaces*

Nevertheless, given the transversal nature of our expertise, we are also open to participating in other NEB topics where our capabilities can contribute to the consortium's objectives.

What we can offer to the consortium

Foro NESI can contribute by taking the following roles:

- Leading stakeholder engagement and ecosystem-building activities.
- Designing and facilitating co-creation workshops and participatory processes.
- Coordinating citizen engagement and community participation activities.
- Building and managing multi-stakeholder alliances.
- Supporting communication, dissemination and exploitation activities.
- Contributing to policy recommendations, governance models and replication strategies.

Our core capabilities

Foro NESI helps transform cities and territories through collaborative innovation:

Facilitation and co-creation: We design and facilitate multi-stakeholder workshops and co-creation processes to develop innovative solutions and shared action plans.

Examples: Multi-stakeholder participatory processes on housing, urban transformation and territorial development.

Stakeholder engagement and ecosystem building: We identify, map and activate relevant stakeholders, strengthening collaboration across sectors and building long-term partnerships around shared challenges.

Example: [Urban regeneration map \(Madrid\)](#).

Alliance building: We create and coordinate strategic alliances that accelerate systemic change by bringing together organisations with complementary expertise.

Example: [VIVA](#), an alliance towards a more people and planet- centred housing model.

Policy innovation: We design participatory processes that transform collective knowledge into practical recommendations for public administrations and decision-makers, using systems thinking and collaborative governance approaches.

Examples: [Decalogue for local elections](#): towards 15min Cities, a result of a collaborative process with more than 40 organizations.

Communication and citizen engagement: We design communication campaigns, public events and participatory experiences that raise awareness and encourage citizens to actively contribute to urban transformation.

Examples: [Proximity week](#), coordinating more than 200 local activities across Madrid and Málaga or [NESI Forum](#), Spain's leading gathering for the New Economy ecosystem or [local urban walks](#).

Research and knowledge generation: We produce evidence-based reports and analyses that support the transition towards life-centred territories and provide strategic insights for policymakers and practitioners.

Examples: "[15min Cities and 45min territories guide](#)", [Territorial economic imbalances](#).

Contact

We would be delighted to explore collaboration opportunities and discuss how Foro NESI can contribute to your consortium.

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