



# New European Bauhaus

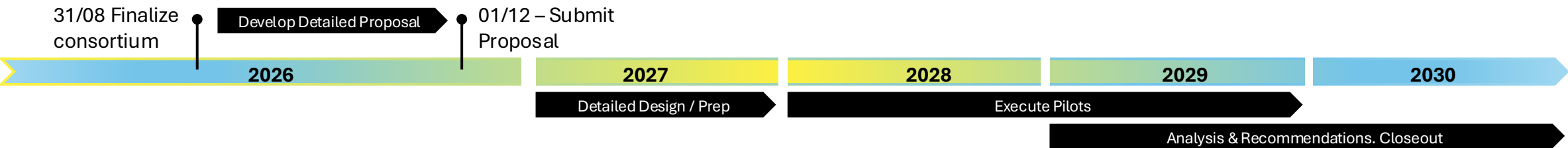
HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-BUSINESS-03: Approaches to reuse vacant, obsolete or underutilised spaces

We are a Finland based team looking to set up a multi-region team to deliver NEB project HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-BUSINESS-03



**PROJECT FOCUS:** A cross-European collaboration to develop, pilot and validate a systematic, participatory and NEB-aligned framework to promote the re-use of vacant, obsolete and underutilised spaces

WHO WE ARE	WHAT WE AIM TO ACHIEVE	PROGRESS TO DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Finland-based coordination team combining <b>architectural /built environment</b> and <b>project management expertise</b>, experienced in steering complex, multi-stakeholder initiatives in the built environment, and leveraging Finnish digitalisation skills.</li> <li><b>Strong interest from academic partners</b> for the analysis and recommendations workstream, including leading Finnish Universities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a <b>NEB-aligned approach and pilot</b> for identifying and reusing vacant, obsolete and underutilised properties and spaces across diverse neighbourhoods through digital platform-based connectivity</li> <li>Strengthen <b>participatory co-creation and co-governance</b>, bringing together residents, municipalities and owners.</li> <li>Produce a <b>transferable European model</b> that supports context-sensitive, socially and environmentally responsible reuse.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defined the <b>overall project structure</b> and the core concept and <b>confirmed tech partner</b> for mapping phase.</li> <li>Established the key <b>work packages</b>, including pilot delivery and the analysis &amp; recommendations stream, and begun securing institutions to lead them.</li> <li>Developing the initial <b>pilot framework, key outputs</b>, and aligning these with <b>high-level budget forecasts</b>.</li> </ul>



# We are seeking **Local Authorities** to promote pilot projects using the prescribed framework



## **WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**

- Local Authorities or Municipalities (LAU's) to **promote / market, facilitate and front-line** the pilot using the prescribed framework and digital system, across the lifecycle stages, 2027-2030
- The consortium LAU's will determine the location of the pilot neighbourhoods and consequently the preferred location of the consortium Academic Research Institutions. We are looking to represent the entire EU - North, East, South and West

A key responsibility for the LAU's is to ensure that the projects do not hinder the collaborative design process through which all stakeholders can create solutions for the sustainable and context-sensitive re-use of vacant, obsolete or underutilised spaces.

We are seeking **Academic Institutions** to perform analysis of our project and deliver recommendations



**WHAT WE'RE  
LOOKING FOR:**

- Academic institutions to deliver the **analysis & recommendations** across the lifecycle stages, 2027-2030

Specifically, *(based on primary pilot sourced quantitative and qualitative data):*

- **WORK PACKAGE 1:** Provide a contextual analysis of the type, reason for and location of, vacant, obsolete or underutilised spaces, within the participating regions
- **WORK PACKAGE 2:** Provide a contextual analysis of the functionality and effectiveness of the Map / Platform / Framework and its promotion of collaborative design processes to activate the re-use of vacant, obsolete or underutilized spaces
- **WORK PACKAGE 3:** Produce a practical guide and business model for architectural practices to use to help them promote or facilitate the sensitive re-use of vacant, obsolete or underutilised spaces

*Note: It is preferred that any academic partners be located within one of the in-scope regions (to be determined) to facilitate data collection, and for practical reasons – we are looking to represent North, East, South and West Europe*

# Are you interested in joining our team and helping to unlock new possibilities for places and communities across Europe?



## WHY THIS PROJECT MATTERS

- Europe is surrounded by spaces that have lost their purpose — vacant, obsolete and underutilised — and without a systematic, community-driven approach to reimagining them, we risk missing a rare chance to transform existing places into beautiful, inclusive and sustainable neighbourhoods.
- Our aim is to create and test a practical tech-based solution and framework that turns overlooked spaces into lasting social, environmental and economic value, giving communities renewed places to live, gather and thrive.

## WHY JOIN US?

- Shape a high-visibility European model for re-using vacant and underutilised spaces, with direct influence over methods, tools and pilot outcomes across four regions.
- Join a consortium that is well-structured and progressing, with a clear project architecture, defined work packages, a developing pilot framework and an indicative €4.5M delivery budget that enables meaningful partner roles.
- Work within a collaborative environment that combines architectural, strategic and analytical expertise, strong academic interest, and emerging technology pathways — giving partners both influence and support from day one.

## REACH OUT TO THE TEAM

- Express interest via the NEB Facility matchmaking site in joining as a **regional partner** to promote local pilots or **academic institution** to provide analysis / recommendations, or
- Contact the coordination team directly to express interest or request more details:
  - MAILBOX: [co-designgroup@mailbox.org](mailto:co-designgroup@mailbox.org)

## Meet the current team

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Tristan Hughes  
BA (hons), BArch, SAFA  
**Project Curation & Realisation**

Tristan has 20 years' experience leading complex design processes and coordinating international teams across architecture, interiors, urban planning and research. He oversees the project and pilot frameworks to ensure clear implementation and strong research and innovation outcomes.



Chris Webster  
**Project Manager,  
Coordination Team**

Chris has nearly 20 years' Programme Management Office and project management experience in regulated environments, plus five years in commercial real estate. He oversees finance, scheduling, consortium coordination and EU reporting to ensure disciplined delivery and clear governance.



crowdsorsa  
**Tech Partner,  
Pilot Mapping**

crowdsorsa is a mobile game that facilitates microtasks for environmental improvements. Citizens complete missions, like data collection or invasive species removal, earning money through participation. This approach helps gather information and accomplish tasks efficiently for cities and organizations.