

# NEW EUROPEAN BAUHAUS & UKRAINE

## What is the New European Bauhaus?

The [New European Bauhaus](#) (NEB) is an **environmental, economic, and cultural project** launched by the President of the European Commission in 2020. The NEB puts the focus on community building and bottom-up approaches to implement the European Green Deal by promoting **beautiful, sustainable, and inclusive places, products, and services**. It is an attractive, creative, and human-centered driving force that brings the European Green Deal to life with a special focus on the built environment.

Only two years after its launch, the NEB has grown into a **movement** with an **active and growing community** of more than **1000 members** from a wide variety of sectors (e.g., education, construction, fashion) operating across all EU Member States and beyond.

## ACTIONS FOR UKRAINE

Since the start of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, the NEB community has shown readiness to support Ukrainians; always with the approach to combine, as much as possible, emergency actions with longer-term needs in the country.

All NEB actions in Ukraine are closely coordinated with colleagues from the Ukraine taskforce, the Directorate-General in charge of European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR), the EU Delegation to Ukraine and the Covenant of Mayors East. The NEB also works very closely with several Ukrainian partners like the NGOs Ro3kvit, ReThink and the Architects' Council of Europe.

### Emergency Accommodation for Ukrainian Refugees

The NEB actions in Ukraine started with a first tangible project in April 2022. Two members of the NEB High Level Round Table (Advisory board to President Ursula von der Leyen), the Polish architect Hubert Trammer and the Japanese architect Shigeru Ban, coordinated with organisations in Poland, Germany, Slovakia and Ukraine to implement the [Paper Partition System](#), a simple yet efficient solution to increase privacy in shelters that temporarily hosted Ukrainian refugees. This action illustrates the strength of the NEB Community and its capacity for rapid deployment. The architects continue to work with several Ukrainian cities on the needs of refugees in the country.

### Reconstruction in a Spirit of Circularity

Since the NEB's objective is to bring useful help on the ground, working towards tangible improvements for the citizens in Ukraine, the NEB team commissioned a set of studies to a group of Ukrainian and international experts to identify needs, challenges and opportunities regarding Ukraine's **housing urgency** [see [Report A](#)], **circular reconstruction** [see [Report B](#)], and **capacity building** for Ukrainian municipalities. All following work is and will be based on these reports.



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## Capacity-Building for Ukrainian Public Authorities and Designers

As a first pilot project, the NEB set up a **series of online webinars** around **the sustainable and inclusive reconstruction of Ukraine** that will start in March. They are based on the findings of the experts and organised by and with the Ukrainian NGOs Ro3kvit, ReThink, and the Architects' Council of Europe.

The mid and long-term objectives are to **provide tangible and practical help** for rebuilding in local communities while **improving competences and expertise** of Ukrainian actors. The webinars are targeted and tailored for Ukrainian municipalities that can apply [here](#) (see QR code) from now onwards to participate in the capacity building.

The introductory module will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> March at 16:00 (EET) and can be followed live by all interested stakeholders [here](#) (see QR code).

The courses will cover the following topics:

- [Introduction to Capacity Building for Reconstruction](#)

The Introductory module will set the political frame of the capacity building, which aims for sustainable and inclusive reconstruction. It will give participants an overview of the three courses that will follow so they can assess whether the webinars would be of interest for their municipality.

- [Module 1 – Getting organised for reconstruction](#)

Module 1 will introduce possible **models of cooperation** between different actors in Hromada's reconstruction and ways to **ensure the inclusiveness of the process**. In particular, it will explore best practices for resources assessment and distribution, participatory tools, and funding possibilities.

- [Module 2 – Circularity and Energy Efficiency](#)

Module 2 will highlight opportunities for **sustainable and inclusive reconstruction** in Ukraine. It will present ways to include the principles of circularity in the post-war Hromada's development strategy, exploring solutions for smart distributed grids, autonomous energy, or chemical/physical recovery of materials.

- [Module 3 – Housing Redevelopment and Maintenance](#)

Module 3 will examine the **problem of housing inaccessibility** and the general condition of housing provision in Ukraine. It will **explore different models of housing** and the possible **roles of municipalities in housing management**, as well as the relationship between housing and other sectors such as social security or urban planning.

### Future actions: NEB contributing calls in Support of Ukraine

As announced by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen during her [visit to Kyiv](#) on 2 February, the EU funding programme [LIFE](#) for environmental projects, will launch three calls that embrace the NEB approach and will focus on supporting Ukrainian cities' actions with sustainable and inclusive reconstruction, including building capacity in waste and water management.

After the first capacity building pilot, the NEB team will analyse further needs and develop further actions to prepare and support a sustainable and inclusive reconstruction in Ukraine.



Actions for Ukraine



Online webinars

