Description of existing NEBA Hubs

Open call for cascade grants of NEBA Alliance

Open date for proposals: Friday, February 28, 2025, at 13:00 (Brussels Time)

Deadline: Monday, May 5, 2025 at 17:00 (Brussels Time)

NEBAP HUB

Founders: University of Primorska (Slovenia), Politechnika Lodzka (Poland), Holzbau Austria (Austria)

Further partnership sought in: Slovenia, Austria, Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine.

Ambition: Accelerating the transfer and adoption of climate change mitigation knowledge and capabilities to workers, businesses, policy makers, and the public by:

* offering off- and online trainings for the construction ecosystem in bio-based materials, digital technologies, and increased circularity in order to accelerate decarbonisation of homes and buildings in Europe and beyond;
* developing pilot trainings for trainers in online and in-person formats to prepare a stronger training force and reach more workers;
* organisation of meetings, seminars, discussions and other scientific and professional meetings on relevant topics with relevant stakeholders;
* enhancement to training by involving the stakeholders, professionals, craftpersons, producers, public bodies, companies, artists and local communities as well as academic and research staff and students;
* promoting a green, digital, and inclusive transition within the construction ecosystem through the use of bio-based materials.

NEBA North Hub

Founders: RISE (Sweden), Aalto (Finland), EKA (Estonia)

Further partnership sought in: Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Latvia, Lithuania, Iceland, Norway.

Ambition: Develop programmes and training for graduate students and for life-long learning to upskill and reskill the construction sector to achieve a carbon neutral building sector and transformation towards a beautiful, sustainable, and inclusive built environment by:

* supporting new training, education, research and innovation activities in sustainable and circular construction, architecture and urban planning and other sectors related to the built environment;
* exchanging experiences in managing and developing criteria and content for similar academic and professional trainings;
* joint initiatives such as seminars, lectures, study meetings, when necessary for a successful development of NEB Academy;
* engaging in joint NEB Academy initiatives for policy advocacy and consultations directed towards the European Commission and its bodies, national governments and other key actors

NEBA Central Hub

Founders: Bauhaus Earth (Germany), TU Berlin (Germany), University of Sustainability Eberswalde (Germany), TU Delft (Netherlands)

Further partnership sought in: Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg

Ambition: Develop training, capacity building and life-long learning programmes for urban professionals through inter- and transdisciplinary pedagogies, microcredentials, on-site/ embedded learning and other experimental formats. Our approach is to develop a systemic understanding of challenges and opportunities in transitions towards a regenerative, circular, climate positive and equitable built environments within planetary boundaries. We are targeting urban professionals from a central-west geographic region in Europe and countries beyond Europe, specifically in the Global South. Specific activities include:

* Conducting Europe-wide gaps and needs analyses to identify specific opportunities for NEBA in different European regions;
* Developing quality assessment criteria for a range of learning formats across the NEBA partner network in Europe;
* Piloting experimental learning formats including summers schools, webinars, microcredentials in close cooperation with universities, professional leagues and civil society initiatives;
* Assessing opportunities of NEBA to develop partnerships and training offerings to urban professionals in the Global South

NEBA South Hub

Founders: IAAC (Spain), Cesefor (Spain), Regione Liguria (Italy)

Further partnership searched in: Spain, Italy, Portugal, Greece, Malta, Cyprus, Morocco, Tunisia, Türkiye and Georgia.

Ambition: develop programmes and training for graduate students and for life learning for upskilling and reskilling the construction sector to achieve a carbon neutral building sector and transformation towards beautiful, sustainable, and inclusive built environment by:

* supporting new training, education, research and innovation activities in sustainable and circular construction, architecture and urban planning and other sectors related to the built environment;
* exchange of experiences in managing and developing criteria and content for similar academic and professional trainings;
* joint initiatives such as seminars, lectures, study meetings, when necessary for a successful development of NEB Academy;
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NEBA Outreach Hub

Founders: IW (Belgium), EAAE (Belgium), BOKU (Austria)

Ambition: Establish a primary contact point for outreach to and coordination with other European projects, networks, initiatives, and key stakeholders in research, education, industry, and policy. The networking and outreach actions aim to attain the largest possible group of candidates, raise awareness and develop business opportunities for both educators and companies, within Europe and beyond.

* Be an active contact point on the European level for sharing knowledge and expertise, and communicating, disseminating, and exploiting results;
* Collectively, oversee the mapping and screening of other initiatives to identify relevant potential partners and available relevant training content for the NEB Academy’s community of practice;
* Engage in joint initiatives of the NEBA Alliance for policy advocacy and consultations directed towards the European Commission and its bodies, national governments and other key actors;
* Initiate and reinforce partnerships and joint actions between the Outreach Hub and their members, notably to ensure further funding for the establishment of the NEB Academy.