

Seeking a finance partner for a Horizon Europe / New European Bauhaus consortium

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

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Consortium

We are building a consortium for a Horizon Europe / New European Bauhaus call on the reuse of vacant, obsolete and underutilised spaces. The aim is to develop a **systematic, context-sensitive approach** to turning empty or underused buildings and sites into spaces that serve local community needs on socially, culturally, environmentally and economically level and across urban, peri-urban and rural settings.

The consortium is already strong on the **spatial, technical and social** sides, combining expertise in mapping and analysing underuse, systematic reuse and adaptive-reuse methods, circular land use, community co-creation, participatory governance, and social-artistic practice, with live pilot environments in several countries.

The partner we are looking for: financial expertise

The element we are still missing is **financial expertise**, and it is central to this particular call, which sits within the “Innovative funding and new business models” strand. The call asks for more than a good reuse concept: it wants the **financial mechanisms that make reuse viable and repeatable** rather than one-off or purely temporary. We are looking for a partner with expertise in areas such as:

- sustainable funding and financing mechanisms for adaptive reuse;
- alternative and long-term investment models, including collective or community-based investment and ownership;
- the business case and cost-benefit logic of reconversion, and multi-dimensional returns (social, cultural, environmental, economic);
- affordability, and how to avoid financial models that price out existing communities.

Our angle: we care a great deal about reuse that *strengthens communities rather than displacing them*, and the financial model is decisive in that. We are looking for a partner who shares that ambition and can help design transparent, replicable funding pathways for different EU contexts.

Also welcome: validation sites

The call requires testing the approach in **at least three neighbourhoods across different countries** (urban, peri-urban, rural). We also welcome partners with relevant cases that could serve as validation environments.

Interested?

We would be glad to share the call text and our concept, and to explore fit in a short conversation, informally and without commitment.

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