

NEB Mentors 2026

Factsheet

Are you a design or business strategy expert that wants to support NEB impact through mentorship? Then the [NEB Mentors Open Call 2026](#) is right for you!

Who can apply?

Professionals, entrepreneurs and investors with **10+ years of experience and expertise** in at least one of the New European Bauhaus challenge areas:

- Reconnecting with nature
- Regaining a sense of belonging
- Prioritising the people and places that need it most
- Fostering long-term, circular thinking

We welcome two complementary profiles:

- **Design Mentors** – creative, human-centred designers addressing social and environmental impact through design.
- **Business Mentors** – strategic, impact-oriented entrepreneurs guiding ventures toward market viability and responsible growth.

All mentors must be **fluent in English** and **legally able to work and invoice within the EU or associated Horizon Europe countries**.

Timeline

Call opens	23 February 2026
Info session	n/a
Application deadline	11 May 2025, 17:00 CET
Evaluation period	March-May 2026
Final selection	25 May 2026

The EIT Community NEB is funded by the [European Institute of Innovation & Technology](#) and supports on-the-ground projects that embody the core [New European Bauhaus](#) values of sustainability, inclusivity and beauty.

Your role as a mentor

Mentorship assignments may take place within one of the following programs:

- [Catalyse NEB](#) - refining value proposition, go-to-market strategy, and investor pitch of **startups** addressing societal challenges;
- [Grow NEB](#) - prototyping, validating and testing **early-stage** social impact solutions with end-users;
- [Enhance NEB](#) - scaling up of **citizen engagement initiatives** (inter)nationally.

NEB Mentors are expected to carry out a variety of tasks, including:

- Help mentees clarify their Individual Development Plan
- Facilitate 1-on-1 sessions
- Participate in (de)briefing meetings and mentorship evaluations

How to apply:

- Read the [Call Manual](#) for all information
- Go to the [online application form](#) Submit
- by **May 11, 2026, 17:00 CET**

Resources

- [Official Call Manual](#)
- www.neb.eitcommunity.eu
- [EIT Community NEB on LinkedIn](#)

About EIT Community NEB

What is the New European Bauhaus?

The [New European Bauhaus \(NEB\)](#) is an EU initiative connecting the [European Green Deal](#) to our everyday lives and living spaces.

It calls on all Europeans to imagine and build together a future that is:

- **Sustainable** – in harmony with nature and the planet.
- **Inclusive** – celebrating diversity, ensuring access and participation for all.
- **Beautiful** – improving quality of experience, aesthetics, and belonging.

In short: NEB is where **creativity meets sustainability**, and where **innovation serves communities**.

Why NEB?

Because innovation alone isn't enough. The NEB framework helps you ensure your idea is not only **technically sound** but also **socially meaningful**, **aesthetically inspiring**, and **environmentally responsible**.

About the EIT Community NEB

The EIT Community NEB brings the vision of NEB to life through **hands-on support for local projects**.

The EIT Community New European Bauhaus (NEB) is a joint initiative by several Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) of the [European Institute of Innovation and Technology \(EIT\)](#): [EIT Urban Mobility](#), [Climate-KIC](#), and [EIT Food](#).

As part of the [EIT Community](#) – Europe's largest innovation ecosystem – it spans sectors like climate, culture and creativity, digital, food, mobility, and manufacturing. Together, we explore and scale new ways of living, putting people's needs first and backing solutions through startups, citizen engagement, and capacity-building programs.