

Connect NEB & Co-create NEB

Open Call 2027

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1. Eligibility

Does the applicant need to be legally based in the territory where the project will be implemented?

No, the legal entity's legal address does not need to be in the same territory where the project will be implemented. An entity may propose activities in another territory, provided it can clearly demonstrate a meaningful and established connection to that territory. This may include previous work carried out in the region, existing partnerships with local community groups, or other forms of engagement, demonstrating a relevant understanding of the local context and community needs.

Is there a minimum annual turnover or operating budget required to apply?

No minimum annual turnover is required. You do not need to meet a specific minimum budget or turnover threshold to apply. Financial capacity verification until 500.000 EUR is not automatically pursued, only in case of doubts regarding financial capacity.

However, applicants must have stable and sufficient financial and operational resources to implement the project and provide the required co-funding.

Applicants will be asked to confirm that they have carried out a financial-capacity self-check, and additional information may be requested if there are concerns regarding an organisation's capacity to deliver the project.

What types of entities can apply?

As defined in the Regulation (EU) 2021/695, 'Legal entity' refers to a natural person or an entity created and recognised by law as a legal person. All applicants must have legal personality and be able to exercise rights and assume obligations in their own name and on their own behalf. A VAT number is not required to receive funding.

Can applicant entities from different countries participate in the same Co-create NEB consortium?

Yes, the entities within a Co-create consortium can be from the same or different regions or countries, as long as all consortium members are eligible under the Call rules - all consortium members must be legal entities established in an EU Member State and/or a

Third Country associated with Horizon Europe (Countries associated with Pillar 3 'Innovative Europe' are eligible, while countries associated with Pillar 2 'Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness', are not eligible for this call).

However, the consortium must demonstrate a strong connection with and the capacity to work on the area(s) where the project will take place.

Does the nationality of the partners in the consortium affect the project evaluation or scoring?

No, as long as all consortium members are eligible under the Call rules, the composition of the consortium in terms of partners' countries will not affect the project's score, whether partners come from the same or different countries

2. Compatibility between calls

Can the same organisation submit more than one proposal or participate in several applications?

Yes, but an organisation can be the lead partner in only one proposal across the Connect and Co-create NEB programmes. If the same organisation submits proposals to both Connect NEB and Co-create NEB as lead partner, only the Co-create NEB proposal will be evaluated. The Connect proposal will then be deemed ineligible. However, an organisation may still participate as a partner in other project proposals.

Are Connect NEB and Co-create NEB compatible with other New European Bauhaus Facility calls?

Yes, the Connect and Co-create NEB Calls are compatible with other New European Bauhaus Facility calls.

3. Does my project fit the call?

How do I know if my proposal fits one of the Calls?

To understand which call a proposal fits into, applicants should keep in mind the key objective of each call. While Connect NEB focuses on improving the lives of communities through the deployment of co-design activities, solutions prototyping and/or collaborative governance models, Co-create NEB focuses on the transformation of public spaces through citizen participation (please refer to the definition of public space in the Call Manual and in Section 8 of this document).

To assess whether a proposal fits one of the calls, applicants should also consider the targets (KPIs) the proposal is expected to achieve, and the final deliverables they need to provide at the end of the project.

You may also look at previous Connect and Co-create NEB cohorts to understand the type of projects that have been supported under each. For this information, see section 9 of this document.

For any specific questions about what will be evaluated and the weighting assigned to each evaluation criteria, please consult the Call Manual (Section 6.2, Evaluation of Proposals). Applicants can also check the questions they are required to answer in the application form templates available in the Call Webpage, or directly on the NetSuite platform through which the applications must be submitted.

For Co-create NEB applications, how should I choose the thematic area?

Applicants must select one **primary thematic area** for their proposal: **Urban Mobility, Food or Climate**. Three proposals will be selected in each thematic area.

Where relevant, applicants may also select a **second thematic area** that their proposal relates to. All three thematic areas are given equal weight in the evaluation process, so applicants should choose the area that best reflects the main focus of their proposal.

Examples of topics covered under each thematic area can be found in Section 3.1.2 of the Call Manual. However, proposals are not limited to these examples: other topics may also be considered, provided they are relevant to one of the three thematic areas and meet the required quality criteria.

Can this Call fund a smaller phase of a larger project that extends beyond the funded period?

Yes. The funded activities must be achievable and completed within the project period, but they can form the first stage or a smaller stage of a larger initiative.

4. Project results and required outputs: KPIs and Deliverables

KPIs are the targets your project is expected to achieve (See section 3.3.5. Key Performance Indicators in the Call Manual)

Deliverables are the concrete evidence you need to provide by the end of the project (See section 3.3.4. Deliverables in the Call Manual)

What activities count towards KPI EITHE08.1? Does the KPI activity need to be a formal training course or teach a specific content?

The KPI **EITHE08.1** covers education and training activities delivered as part of the funded project. The activity does not need to be an existing EIT course, and applicants do not need to choose from a predefined EIT training catalogue

This does not necessarily need to be a formal training course: it may, for example, be a workshop or another structured learning activity. Eligible activities may include co-creation workshops, participatory processes, professional development courses or other structured education and training activities.

The minimum target is 25 successful participants. Reporting will include the activity title, learning outcomes and competencies, the number of enrolled and successful participants, and signed and dated participant lists (a template will be provided).

The Call Manual does not prescribe a specific topic or format, and it does not establish a minimum duration for the training. The topic and duration should be aligned with the intended learning outcomes and sufficient to assess participants' learning or competencies. (the Manual does not prescribe a standard competency assessment method).

For Co-create NEB proposals involving the transformation of a public space, if applicants opt for the deliverable “DEL 2_A: Public Space Improvement”, does the

physical implementation need to be completed within the 10-month project duration?

Yes. If a proposal includes “DEL 2_A: Public Space Improvement” as one of its final deliverables, there needs to be evidence of a physical transformation of the space by the end of the project. This can take the form of a tactical intervention or be part of a wider transformation that will continue in the months following the project.

5. Funding, budget and co-funding

What types of costs can be included in the budget (EIT funding and co-funding)?

The Connect NEB and Co-create NEB programmes are based on a **lump sum** funding model, meaning that the mechanism to calculate and disburse payments is based on the successful implementation of the project and the achievement of the agreed KPIs and mandatory deliverables, rather than on the verification of actual expenditure.

Budget estimates should be based on eligible, reasonable and necessary costs in line with the applicable expenditure principles. Applicants will be asked to provide a justification of the proposed budget in the relevant question on the application form, without the need to provide a detailed breakdown of specific amounts.

If selected, applicants will need to keep appropriate and sufficient evidence to prove all the costs and the implementation according to the approved project. We encourage applicants to consult Annex 2 of the Call Manual on Lump Sum Funding, which explains the main principles that apply under this funding model. You can also consult the [“Eligibility of Expenditures”](#) document as a reference for the types of costs that may be incurred during the project.

What types of co-funding can count beyond cash? Can personnel costs or staff working hours be included?

Yes. For their internal planning, applicants may consider co-funding beyond cash contributions, such as personnel costs/staff time, venue costs, equipment, or other resources needed for project implementation. As mentioned in the previous question, applicants will be asked to provide a justification of the proposed budget in the relevant

question on the application form, without the need to provide a detailed breakdown of specific amounts.

Applicants can consult the “[Eligibility of Expenditures](#)” document as a reference for the types of costs that may be incurred during the project.

How does the payment schedule work? Do beneficiaries need to finance part of the project before receiving the final payment?

The payment scheme is composed of two payments: after signing the Financial Support Agreement (FSA), a first pre-financing payment is made to cover the project's initial steps (50% of the EIT support), while the remaining 50% is paid upon submission and approval of the final report, consisting of the KPIs, Deliverables and Final Report submission.

Does every Co-create NEB consortium partner need to have a project budget?

Yes, each Co-create NEB partner must have an allocated budget, either from EIT funding or from their own resources (co-funding).

Can different Co-create NEB partners contribute different amounts of co-funding?

Yes, each partner can contribute a different amount of co-funding. At a project level, co-funding must be 15% of the total budget (8,700 EUR). Please note that all partners must have a budget allocated, either from EIT funding and/or co-funding. To help Co-create NEB applicants with their budget section in the application, applicants might use a [supporting Excel file](#).

6. Co-create NEB Consortium requirements

What type of public authority needs to be involved in a Co-create NEB consortium? Does it have to be a city?

A Co-create NEB consortium must include a public authority partner (e.g.: a local council, a parish, or district-level public authority.) The area does not need to be a city; villages,

parishes, and other district-level administrations are also eligible. There is no minimum or maximum population requirement.

What documentation is required from the city, region or affiliated entity participating in a Co-create NEB consortium?

For partners that are public authorities, the consortium does not need to submit any additional documentation regarding that entity.

If no public authority is part of the consortium, partners that are affiliated entities must provide evidence demonstrating their legal affiliation with a local or regional authority. This can be done by submitting either an official document proving the affiliation or a Declaration of Affiliation signed by the affiliated entity's legal representative. A Declaration of Affiliation template can be found [here](#).

As stated in the Call manual: *"In the case no city or region is involved in the project, the entity affiliated with a city or region must upload, together with the application form, either the legal registration/official document that proves the legal affiliation with said city/region or a declaration of affiliation signed by the legal representative of the affiliated entity that proves the legal affiliation with said city/region."*

What should be the role of the public authority or affiliated entity in the proposal?

The public authority or affiliated entity should fulfil the role agreed by the consortium, in the same way as any other partner. Given their nature and expertise, they can provide a public policy and general public interest perspective on the proposal, its implementation, its medium- and long-term impact on the community, and, where applicable, support the project by enabling and/or facilitating interventions in public space.

As an optional support mechanism, a cohort of municipal partners is organised each year, allowing interested public partners to exchange experiences and share the challenges faced by their organisations.

Are there specific requirements regarding the role of each Co-create NEB partner?

Each partner should have a clear role in the project, taking into account the consortium's internal organisation, the project's needs, and each partner's capacity and resources. This is an internal decision to be made by the consortium.

Each partner's role must be presented in question 'Team capacity' in the application form.

Does the size of the consortia affect the evaluation of the proposal?

No. The evaluation will focus on the quality of the proposal and the team's capacity to implement it, so the number of partners doesn't influence the evaluation of the proposal, provided that the consortium has a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 partners.

7. Public space definition

Does a Co-create NEB intervention have to take place on publicly owned land?

The Call Manual defines public space as:

“Any space (e.g. streets, parks, town squares) that is open and accessible to everyone. This refers primarily to publicly owned spaces, but in some cases may also include privately owned ones. Such spaces are typically designed for the benefit of the community and may be used for social interaction, economic exchange, or cultural activities.”

Therefore, the space does not have to be publicly owned, but it needs to ensure open access to the public.

8. Application process

Is any supporting document required as part of the application?

Connect NEB

No supporting docs are required. Note that Letters of Support will not be taken into account in the evaluation phase.

Co-create NEB

In order to be eligible, proposals that do not include a public authority, must ensure that an affiliated entity with a public authority is part the consortium, and a Declaration of

Affiliation must be submitted as an annex to the application form in NetSuite. This document can be either:

- the legal registration or official document proving the legal affiliation with a public authority;
or
- A Declaration of Affiliation signed by the legal representative of the affiliated entity, confirming the legal affiliation with the relevant public authority.

A Declaration of Affiliation template can be found [here](#). This is the only supporting document that may need to be annexed to the proposal, where applicable to the consortium. Any additional documents submitted will not be considered by the evaluators.

Should the application be created and submitted through the account of the Legal Representative or the Primary Contact / Coordinator of the organisation?

The application can be created by whichever person has access to NetSuite, it does not matter which role they have.

Do all consortium partners need to register and create their own accounts in NetSuite before being added to the application?

Yes, all partners need to be registered to NetSuite before being added to the Application Form. Partners must also have a PIC number.

Is there any application fee or payment required as part of the application process?

No fee is required.

Is there any additional registration or information that needs to be completed by the consortium partners (except PIC number) before the application can be submitted?

No, the consortium partners only need to complete the PIC number and the PIF in NetSuite.

Will applicants receive a confirmation email when submitting their proposals?

Yes. After the lead partner submits the proposal in NetSuite, they will receive a confirmation email confirming that the proposal has been successfully submitted.

Are any supporting documents required upon successful selection?

Yes. Once selected, teams will go through an onboarding process. As part of this process, each team partner will need to provide a Certificate of Legal Representative (LRO) - Official document confirming who can legally represent the organisation -, a Registration Certificate - Official extract from a national register (e.g. Companies House for private entities, Law or Decree establishing a public entity), and a VAT Certificate - Official VAT (Value Added Tax) registration document issued by the tax authority. Where applicable, partners may also be required to provide the following financial documents: Latest financial statements (balance sheet + profit & loss) and Audit report (when the entity is subject to audit).

Please note that these documents will only be requested if the proposal is selected and **will not be required during the application process.**

9. Previous projects and future calls

How can I learn more about previous Connect NEB and Co-create NEB projects?

As a representative overview of the previous Connect NEB and Co-create NEB cohorts, applicants can learn more about the projects through the [presentation of the 2025 cohort of projects](#) and the [EIT Community NEB 2025 Impact Report](#) (the Impact Report covers all programmes within the EIT Community NEB and not only Connect NEB and Co-create NEB). Applicants are also encouraged to visit the [EIT Community NEB website](#) and [LinkedIn page](#), where some of these projects are presented in more detail.

Please note that the previous projects refer to earlier calls which, although similar to the current calls, may have differed in terms of deliverables and other programme elements. Therefore, previous projects should be considered as examples and references, rather than as an indication of the exact requirements of the current calls.

Which EIT Community NEB calls are expected to launch in 2027?

At this stage, we do not yet have any future timelines that are officially confirmed. However, based on our current planning and using this year's programme cycle as a reference, we are working towards the following indicative schedule:

Q2 2027: Ignite NEB

Q3 2027: Connect NEB & Co-create NEB

Q3 2027: Enhance NEB

Q4 2027: Catalyse NEB

Please note that these dates are subject to confirmation, funding availability and final programme planning, so they should not yet be considered official launch dates. We will publish confirmed opportunities and timelines through the EIT Community NEB website and communication channels as soon as they are available.