

Procedure file

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Key players			
European Parliament	Joint Committee Responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<p>ITRE Industry, Research and Energy</p> <p>Culture and Education</p>	<p> EHLER Christian</p> <p> ROS SEMPERE Marcos</p> <p>Shadow rapporteur</p> <p> ZOVKO Željana</p> <p> TOIA Patrizia</p> <p> LØKKEGAARD Morten</p> <p> MIHAYLOVA Iskra</p> <p> CUFFE Ciarán</p> <p> RIBA I GINER Diana</p> <p> DA RE Gianantonio</p> <p> LIZZI Elena</p> <p> MELBÄRDE Dace</p> <p> BARRENA ARZA Pernando</p> <p> ERNST Cornelia</p>	<p>13/01/2022</p> <p>13/01/2022</p>
	<p>CULT Industry, Research and Energy</p> <p>Culture and Education</p>		

	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	 OLBRYCHT Jan	16/12/2021
	EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	 MANDERS Antonius	25/10/2021
	TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	REGI Regional Development (Associated committee)		27/09/2021
		 MICHELS Martina	
European Commission	Commission DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	Commissioner BRETON Thierry	

Key events			
16/12/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/12/2021	Referral to associated committees announced in Parliament		
16/12/2021	Referral to joint committee announced in Parliament		
12/07/2022	Vote in committee		
19/07/2022	Committee report tabled for plenary	A9-0213/2022	Summary
13/09/2022	Debate in Parliament		
14/09/2022	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/09/2022	Decision by Parliament	T9-0319/2022	Summary

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Committee opinion	BUDG	PE703.237	17/03/2022	EP

Committee opinion	EMPL	PE704.689	15/06/2022	EP	
Committee opinion	REGI	PE719.934	20/06/2022	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A9-0213/2022	19/07/2022	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0319/2022	14/09/2022	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2022)642	05/01/2023	EC	

The New European Bauhaus

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and the Committee on Culture and Education adopted an own-initiative report presented by Christian EHLER (EPP, DE) and Marcos ROS SEMPERE (S&D, ES) on the new European Bauhaus.

Members recalled that the original Bauhaus movement marked a profound change in design, architecture and the arts, which left important legacies for the democratisation of culture, led to fundamental innovations and promoted genuine cultural and social change in a progressive artistic and educational environment in the aftermath of the First World War, while at the same time having a positive impact on everyday life.

Main objectives

Members support the European Bauhaus Project (NEB), which aspires to create a pan-European cultural movement contributing to a smarter, more sustainable, inclusive and enjoyable living environment and promoting the development of knowledge at local and global level. The project should focus primarily on:

- improving the quality of life by creating healthy and affordable living spaces, rethinking the status quo and transforming spaces, buildings, cities, rural areas and territories, including in less developed, peri-urban, rural, remote or cross-border areas and regions;
- improving cohabitation and public spaces, in the interest of social cohesion and democratic life, by providing solutions to the problems of spatial segregation and the long-term exclusion of certain social groups and by protecting the environment when planning and constructing buildings and their surrounding spaces.

The new European Bauhaus could help to reshape the ways policies are conceived and shape the spatial and design environment of the future, with a view to a more sustainable, inclusive and aesthetic Europe. These ambitions can only be realised through well-designed, long-term projects.

Governance and criteria for the New European Bauhaus

The report encouraged Member States to implement the NBE in their national policies and called on the Commission to: (i) provide an integrated governance model for the NEB, based on citizens' participation and ownership, (ii) provide timely information on how to participate in the NBE, including through technical assistance for interested stakeholders and good practice.

The report insisted that the criteria for the selection and evaluation of projects under the new European Bauhaus should be clearly defined. In particular, these projects should meet the following criteria: (i) support the implementation of major policies such as the Green Deal and the Digital Decade, as well as environmental, industrial, social and cultural policies; (ii) be fully in line with the New European Bauhaus guiding principles of sustainability, inclusiveness and aesthetics; (iii) contribute to the creation of new jobs and business opportunities; (iv) promote accessibility and affordability; (v) promote citizen participation; (vi) involve the cultural and creative sectors, including cultural creators; and (vii) be aligned to indicators associated with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Funding

Deploing the lack of clarity regarding the funding of the NEB from 2023 onwards, Members called for an amendment to the Horizon Europe regulation in the context of the mid-term review of the current multiannual financial framework to create a new European Bauhaus programme with EUR 500 million. The Commission is invited to come forward as soon as possible with a proposal to make the NEB a new stand-alone EU programme, before the adoption of the next MFF, without burdening the funding of other under-funded programmes, in particular Creative Europe, Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps. Member States are encouraged to allocate sufficient funds in line with the principles of the NEB, through their recovery and resilience plans and the European Structural and Investment Funds.

Development and priority areas

Members consider that the NEB should:

- promote more sustainable, socially inclusive and innovative ways of living based on new, holistic models of planning, constructing and inhabiting our built environment, with the meaningful involvement of residents in decision-making processes;
- provide an opportunity to envision a well-designed green regeneration of public spaces with the aim of achieving decarbonisation objectives, to retrofit and repurpose obsolete buildings, to transform old industrial areas into new green urban and public spaces, and to build the relevant infrastructure to facilitate physical activity, knowledge and cultural exchanges;
- promote 15-minute cities to make all essential services and amenities accessible to citizens within walking distance and to provide innovative solutions for the development of sustainable urban areas, including sustainable mobility solutions;
- showcase affordable, socially inclusive and energy efficient buildings, and contribute to a modal shift towards public and collective transport and less polluting means of transport;
- support initiatives for the construction and renovation of affordable, quality and energy-efficient social housing;

- promote energy security and efficiency by encouraging investment and supporting low-tech, zero-emission and energy-efficient solutions and materials;

- facilitate the digital transition by improving connectivity to mitigate the digital divide.

The report stressed the importance of supporting entrepreneurs, start-ups, talent and skills through business development services and training, thus contributing to the Green Deal for Europe by highlighting efforts to develop high-impact solutions for improved sustainability and quality of life.

Implementation

The report called on the Commission and Member States to connect the NEB with the renovation wave strategy. Members support the creation, in partnership with relevant stakeholders, of an NEB label based on clear criteria applied in a systematic, comprehensive and inclusive way, which determines the value of projects in terms of sustainability and from an economic, environmental and social perspective.

The Commission and the Member States are invited to encourage the direct involvement of local and regional authorities in the design and implementation of projects.

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The European Parliament adopted by 466 votes to 83, with 55 abstentions, a resolution on the new European Bauhaus.

The EU has been responding to the challenges of environmental degradation, climate change and the increasing scarcity of natural resources, which require far-reaching and ambitious political action to implement the European Green Deal, which is driving the quest for renewal and innovation within planetary boundaries. As the soul of the European Green Deal, the new European Bauhaus (NEB) aims to address Europe's spatial and environmental needs in a transdisciplinary, sustainable, inclusive and aesthetic way.

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The Commission is called on to further broaden the reach of the NEB by involving associated and partner countries outside the EU to take part in the initiative, including by means of a permanent dialogue on the NEB. Parliament acknowledged that the NEB has the potential to contribute to the post-war restoration of cities, societies and the economy, in particular in the context of the ongoing war in Ukraine.

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The Commission is called on to create a public, digital and easily accessible database of NEB projects and actions to make the results of the initiative more visible, to further develop the NEB based on best practices, including within the cultural sector, and to strengthen knowledge sharing, research and development.

Transparency				
ROS SEMPERE Marcos	Rapporteur	CULT	31/01/2023	ARUP
ROS SEMPERE Marcos	Rapporteur	CULT	14/12/2022	UN-Habitat
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CUFFE Ciarán	Shadow rapporteur	ITRE	10/05/2022	Arup
CUFFE Ciarán	Shadow rapporteur	ITRE	25/04/2022	European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)
CUFFE Ciarán	Shadow rapporteur	ITRE	20/04/2022	Architects Council of Europe
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ROS SEMPERE Marcos	Rapporteur	CULT	09/03/2022	Forum Européen pour la Sécurité Urbaine
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