

## Press Release

### **The Festival of the New European Bauhaus 2026, Brussels, 9-13 June: Shaping spaces with and for citizens**

This June, the **Festival of the New European Bauhaus** will bring communities, creators, innovators and changemakers to Brussels to explore how better homes, neighbourhoods and shared spaces can improve everyday life. Over five days, participants will discover approaches and solutions that are sustainable, inclusive and grounded in local realities.

Under the 2026 theme “**Life. Spaces. Buildings.**”, discussions will focus on democratic engagement and affordable housing – showing how communities can work together to design more sustainable, inclusive and resilient homes and neighbourhoods.

Open to all, the Festival will be made up of a **high-level conference** (Forum), an **exhibition** of projects and prototypes (Fair), as well as **cultural performances** (Fest), hands-on workshops and guided tours of redeveloped neighbourhoods.

The Festival in the Parc du Cinquantaire in Brussels will take place in parallel with **satellite events organised across Europe and beyond**, in this way connecting local experiences with European and global perspectives.

#### **Festival highlights**

- At the Forum, EU leaders including **European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen** and **European Council President António Costa** will join **experts** from international organisations, governments and academia, **renowned thinkers** like **Johan Rockström** and **Carlo Ratti**, as well as **practitioners from architecture, design, science, and civil society**. Together, they will explore how democracy, sustainability and design are shaping Europe’s future living environments.
- **Nearly 80 exhibitors** will showcase their projects and prototypes at the Fair, including construction and insulation panels manufactured from agricultural waste, furniture made from olive residues, or tiles produced from oyster shells and seaweed.
- **Dancers, singers, musicians and craftspeople** will take to the stage each day, sharing their ideas and creativity at the Fest. As well as the onsite programme, [\*\*a series of film screenings\*\*](#) is being organised in collaboration with BOZAR (Brussels' Centre for Fine Arts).

## Be part of the Festival

The full programme of the 2026 Festival of the New European Bauhaus is available [here](#).

The Festival is **free of charge and open to the media**, however some sessions have limited space and require registration. [Register here](#).

To receive press material on the Festival, [subscribe at this link](#).

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### About the New European Bauhaus

The New European Bauhaus (NEB) was [launched](#) by the European Commission in 2020 as a way of making beautiful, sustainable and inclusive living a reality.

Today, it is a growing movement of communities, creators, innovators and changemakers working across Europe to develop and test new ideas and solutions. Since 2020, NEB has mobilised 1,900 community members and launched nearly 700 projects across every EU country.

Every two years members comes together at the Festival, to share their progress, showcase best practices and celebrate their achievements.

[Find out more](#).