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Sixty cities join CrAft, a Horizon Europe project to jointly shape the transition toward climate-neutrality and inclusive cities by 2030.

During the European Research & Innovation Days on 29 September, at the session 'New European Bauhaus: collaboration, community and culture for innovation', the selection of CrAft Cities was announced. Entries to the CrAft Call for Cities were received from over 25 countries! Sixty cities throughout Europe, from Portugal to Ukraine, from The Netherlands to Turkey, were among the selected applicants. For the full list: see <https://craft-cities.eu/>. The CrAft Cities that want to test and share models of transformation with us, receive implementation support and become role models for cities across Europe.

Creating Actionable Futures, in short: CrAft, places the transition to climate neutrality at the heart of urban stakeholders. The cities join a growing European urban movement that brings together their citizens, policymakers, arts, and academia that would typically not work together - to co-shape the transition to climate neutrality. CrAft offers a community where changing business-as-usual becomes easier as many other cities are going on a similar journey.

The selected cities join the first three participating cities (sandbox cities), Amsterdam, Bologna and Prague, to co-create and test collaborative governance models of urban transformation. They will engage in:

- Testing best practices in New European Bauhaus-inspired collaborative local governance models
- Peer-to-peer learning through a mixture of online fora, physical meetings, site visits, access to learning materials and facilitation
- Participate in a next-generation think/do tank with students and youth communities
- Locally tailored support to enable organisational development
- Access to the vast amount of learning material already developed by existing platforms, including masterclasses and matchmaking sessions
- Europe wide storytelling campaigns on your CrAft trajectories

Alicja Herbowska, Acting Head of Unit, European Commission:

"[...] Art and culture are powerful drivers of innovation and transformation and key components of the New European Bauhaus.

The initiative, CrAft, is supporting local authorities to experiment with new approaches to co-design and to engage local and community based solutions.

It is very exciting to learn today which cities have been selected by CrAft to test innovative approaches to make their climate-neutral transitions beautiful, inclusive and sustainable."



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About Craft

CrAft is a 3-year project launched in May 2022 with eight lead partners all across Europe, to grow in the upcoming years into an urban movement. CrAft is part of the New European Bauhaus (NEB) initiative of the European Union and will place the transition to climate neutrality at the heart of urban stakeholders. We support the Mission Board on Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities and the NetZeroCities platform in designing and deploying Climate City Contracts, based on knowledge from CrAft's 3 Sandbox Cities (Bologna, Prague, and Amsterdam) and 60 CrAft Cities. The project engages key stakeholders such as citizens and communities, property owners and tenants, cultural, artistic and creative sectors, universities and arts and design schools

CrAft is run together with project partners [Norwegian University of Science and Technology](#) (NTNU), [University of Bologna](#), [European League of Institutes of the Arts](#), [Czech Technical University in Prague](#), [Amsterdam University of applied sciences](#), [European Cultural Foundation](#) (ECF), [International Union of Property Owners](#) and [Locality Europe](#).

- Read more about CrAft [here](#).

NOTES TO EDITORS:

The session '[New European Bauhaus: collaboration, community and culture for innovation](#)' took place on Thursday 29 September from 10.00-10.45. You can watch the session [here](#).

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