



Kick-Off Event Advancing the New European Bauhaus

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The conference marks the kick-off of the UBA flagship project "Advancing the New European Bauhaus" (AdNEB). The event features experts from the field and interesting discussions.

The President of the German Environment Agency Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner as well as Ruth Reichstein (Advisory Board of the President of the European Commission) and Michela Magas (High Level Roundtable New European Bauhaus) will discuss in the opening panel the opportunities and challenges of the New European Bauhaus (NEB) initiative of the European Commission initiative to promote healthy, climate and environmentally friendly, high quality living for all.

AdNEB Project

The AdNEB project is an in-house research project of the German Environment Agency (UBA). It is inspired by the European Commission's New European Bauhaus initiative.

AdNEB aims to provide a conceptual, methodical and interdisciplinary contribution to the idea of the New European Bauhaus for urban spaces. For this, the current focus of the New European Bauhaus on construction in urban areas will be expanded to additional dimensions such as green and open spaces, health and well-being, climate change adaptation, environmental justice and active and sustainable mobility. The project specifically examines how we can deal with pertinent challenges in order to adapt urban spaces to improve the quality of life.

Programme

- 09.00** **Opening**
- 09:05** **High-level Discussion Round on the New European Bauhaus (NEB)**
Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner (*President of the German Environment Agency, UBA*), Ruth Reichstein (*Advisory Board of the President of the EU Commission*), Michela Magas (*High Level Roundtable NEB*)
- 10.05** **Introduction of AdNEB |**
Dr. Katrin Dziekan (*UBA*)
- 10.35** Break
- 10.50** **Parallel Workshops**
Transporting NEB into urban retrofits - are serial solutions the answer?
- Enhancing urban heat resilience in sponge cities
- Making cities beautiful and sustainable through co-designed temporary mobility interventions for children
- Compact, green and mobile: supporting resilient and multifunctional urban spaces through qualified inner urban development
- 12.20** **Keynote: "Environmental Politics in the Anthropocene City" |**
Prof. Dr. Harriet Bulkeley (*Durham University/Utrecht University*)
- 12.50** **Outlook on the NEB and AdNEB**
Alrun Porkert (*National Contact Point NEB, Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building*), Miriam Dross (*Head of Sustainable Mobility in Urban and Rural Areas, UBA*)
- 13:00** End

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AdNEB Work Programme

The AdNEB project will last from March 2022 until September 2025 and is split up into five work packages.

In work package 1 the approach of the New European Bauhaus is further developed through a concept of “three-fold inner urban development”, which looks to combine structural inner urban development with the qualification of green spaces and the transformation of mobility. Further, additional perspectives on sustainable urban development will be evaluated, including those gained from the spatial changes experienced by the coronavirus pandemic.

Work package 2 focusses on answers to relevant research questions on resilient, sustainable and health-promoting urban development. Here, the topics of environmental justice in urban settings, health-promoting aspects of active mobility and climate adaptation strategies are researched. An additional focus is set on the concept of the sponge city as well as blue-green infrastructures.

Work package 3 will research the potential impacts of temporary actions and so-called Living Labs upon the transformation of mobility. Such actions can create tangible changes and also provide important lessons about the impact of new designs. Aspects such as participation and inclusion are to be evaluated through the testing of environmentally friendly forms of mobility. Connections will be made to planned actions within the European Mobility Week.

Work package 4 will investigate the central contributions of construction within the context of the New European Bauhaus on the scientific and political level. Activities will focus on the relatively neglected role of sustainable construction in the existing building stock as well as energy renovations. Regulatory, societal and economic challenges as well as potential solutions will be identified together with German and European partners. This package aims to create a more direct connection between sustainable construction methods and the over-arching goals of public health, social inclusion and aesthetics.

Work package 5 is dedicated to a cross-thematic synthesis by bringing together the various objectives and thematic strands of the entire project and formulating conclusions and recommendations for decision-making related to the transformation of urban space. The goal of this synthesis is to support the attainment of climate neutrality, a high quality of life and adaptable, healthy and resilient structures.

The manifold project results will be made available throughout the duration of the project through conferences, workshops and scientific publications.

Overview of the work packages (WP) of the in-house research project