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## EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE AND CIRCULAR CONSTRUCTION IN THE ALPS

New opportunities opening in April 2025!



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## Alpine Space

One of the priorities of the EUSALP 2025 Presidency is to make the Alpine region a model for circular construction addressing the significant resource consumption, waste generation and greenhouse gas emissions generated by the sector.

Many EU funding opportunities are currently available to support the transformation of the construction sector, with calls opening in April 2025 from funding programmes such as LIFE and Horizon Europe, and a new dedicated funding tool for the New European Bauhaus initiative. **The following summary aims to help stakeholders from the Alpine region to navigate the fragmented funding landscape and find the right funding programme for your project.**

### New European Bauhaus

**New European Bauhaus** (NEB) is an EU policy and funding initiative that aims to make the green transition in built environments enjoyable, attractive and convenient for all. From 2025 onwards, the NEB will have a dedicated funding tool, the **NEB Facility**. The NEB Facility includes a research and innovation component, incorporated in **Horizon Europe**, that will cover actions from research to testing and demonstration. There will be a dedicated NEB work programme with a yearly budget of around €120 million. The second funding component of the NEB Facility is linked to various EU programmes, for which the 2025 Work Programme will be accessible on the [European Commission website](#) once available.

The **LIFE programme** will launch its next calls in April and has previously included specific NEB calls related to sustainable and circular construction, ranging from demonstration of innovative techniques, improving governance, and enhancing skills. Every year, the **New European Bauhaus Prizes** reward exemplary projects, new concepts and ideas aligned with the NEB principles and values. Over the past four editions, prizes totalling €1.5 million have been awarded.

### Skills

An important aspect of the transition to sustainable and circular construction relates to upskilling the workforce. The EU funds projects related to skills development and professional training within the **Erasmus+** programme. Check the [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#) to understand better if your project could be eligible. **Calls for proposals are spread throughout the year.**

The **LIFE** programme also has an important component dedicated to skills, and previous calls within the **Clean Energy Transition sub-programme** have focused on upskilling and reskilling towards a decarbonised building stock.

### Research and innovation

The **Horizon Europe** 2025 work programmes are due for publication in April, with many deadlines focused in September. From April all calls will be listed on the [EU's Funding and Tenders Portal](#), a keyword search will help find relevant calls. **Info days are planned to inform applicants about the specific sub-programmes in April and May.** Funding for sustainable and circular construction projects are spread across some of the different sub-programmes:

- **Built4People** aims to accelerate people-centric innovation. Topics are co-programmed with industry associations **ECTP** and **WorldGBC Europe**, who offer early intelligence and partner search.
- The **Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking** publishes an annual call for proposals, often with a focus on (bio)circular construction materials.
- The **EU Circular Cities and Regions Initiative** funds territorial circular economy projects. Construction is one of the priority sectors for intervention.
- **EU Mission: Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities** invests €120 million per year in territory-based projects, including built environment projects.
- **EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change** funds projects that implement climate adaptation measures at regional and local levels.
- **Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility** has a wide range of topics related to construction and renovation methods and materials.
- **Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space** has several topics focused on improving industrial processes in construction and related industries.

Further demonstration of innovative technologies is supported by the **Innovation Fund**.

### Interreg

Last but not least, sustainable and circular construction is an important topic within the **Interreg** programmes. Alpine regions are eligible for many **Interreg cross-border and transnational programmes**, including **Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE** and **Interreg Danube**, both of which will open calls in the second half of 2025. You can check your eligibility for the different programmes and track the open calls on the [Interreg website](#).

**Interreg Europe** will not be launching another call for projects before 2027, but provides free, tailor-made expert support services in the form of [peer reviews](#) and [matchmakings](#). See the [peer review held on bio-based building materials](#) for inspiration. **The calls are continuously open and can be requested through a short and easy [application](#) process.**