## **SCHEDA DESCRITTIVA**

# OB—SERVING THE CITY Self-construction workshop in Paris suburbs public space

BIP 2025 OB—SERVING THE CITY presents the new Blended Intensive Programme by Erasmus+ organized by Strate — School of Design [Paris] - promoter Elisava — School of Design and Engineering [Barcelona] Politecnico di Torino — Department of Architecture and Design [Turin]

With the partnership of Atelier Craft [Aubervilliers, Paris]

#### **Key dates**

deadline application - January 27th selection results - January 31th deadline confirmation - February 4th

The BIP open call admits Politecnico di Torino students enrolled in MSc in Architettura Costruzione Città / Architecture Construction City, Architettura per il Patrimonio / Architecture for Heritage, Architettura per la sostenibilità / Architecture for sustainability. Participants must be enrolled for the academic year 2024/2025 before the starting date of BIP activities, virtual part included. Number of participants: a maximum of 12 students will be selected.

#### **PROGRAM AND OBJECTIVES**

OB—SERVING THE CITY is a BIP (Blended Intensive Programme) Erasmus+ lead by the Strate - School of Design.

Aubervilliers, located just north of Paris, is undergoing a period of urban, cultural, and social transformation. Despite its rich history and vibrant cultural diversity, Aubervilliers' various communities are not yet fully represented in its public spaces. To address this, the BIP project aims to promote social cohesion and celebrate the town's cultural diversity through a self-construction workshop, bringing together the different communities to reflect the evolving identity and nurture a sense of belonging for all its residents.

Atelier Craft, a design and architecture studio, is the BIP local partner of this initiative; combining its expertise in both design and construction will support the three university partners in understanding the urban context and in the realization of some installations to promote a shared public space.

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The BIP program is organized in two main parts: an On—line didactic activity including webinars [28h] and design training [24h]; and an On—site workshop [48h] for the self-construction of a micro-architecture in Auberviliers public space.

## ON—LINE WEBINARS 28 hours of teaching

The program provides 7 on—line webinars [4 hour each, 2:30-6:30 h pm]

- 1. Kick-Off webinar Introducing the topic: 14th February 2025 [4h]
- 2. / 3. / 4. / 5. / 6. / 7. Webinar 21th / 28th February 7th / 14th / 21th / 28th March [24h]

The main online training activities are structured to cover the following topics:

- > Review of case studies
- > Context analysis and program objectives
- > Design instruction and follow-up
- > Specialized research and analysis missions
- > Formation of international design teams
- > Design progress monitoring
- > Field experience preparation

#### ON—LINE DESIGN TRAINING 32 hours of design activities

During the webinars period a collaborative design activity will be held on-line by mixed student groups, led by Atelier Crafts architects and the BIP teaching staff, in order to develop the project to be built during the self-construction workshop in Aubervilliers.

#### ON—SITE WORKSHOP 48 hours of on—site activities

The on—site workshops will be held in 6 days of full—time experience in Aubervilliers (France) [6th—13th April, including 2 travel days]

The workshops and activities include:

- > Guided visits and photographic documentation of the local sites;
- > Morphological and urban site analysis
- > Engagement with the local community and associations
- > Dialogue with the municipal administration and potential public and private partners
- > On-site project development
- > Self-construction workshop experience

Others extra-curricular activities will be held:

- > Lectures by local designers, architects, artists, and photographers
- > Visits to museums.
- > Guided tours of project intervention sites, including interviews with local residents and authorities.

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#### **DATES AND LOCATIONS**

Open Call deadline: 27th January 2025, H. 10:00 pm

On—line Webinars and Design Training: February / March 2025 [52h]

On—site Workshop: April 6—13, 2025 (Atelier Craft - Aubervilliers, Paris) [48h]

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

All participants must complete a Learning Agreement that will guarantee credit recognition (instructions will be sent to the participants by the International Mobility Unit). The **4 ECTS credits** will be automatically recognized as EXTRACURRICULAR, in addition to the number of credits required to complete the *Laurea Magistrale* path, upon completion of all the BIP activities (both virtual and in-presence).

#### FEE AND ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

The programme does not require the payment of **any fee** and includes participation in all BIP activities. Participation in the programme can be funded through **Erasmus+mobility grants**, contributing to cover travel, accommodation and meal costs.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

To apply the students are invited, no later than **January 27th**, **2025**, **H. 10:00 pm**, to fill in the google form available at: https://forms.gle/ZGmVK1sujcR18S6g8 or scan the QRcode, uploading the following documents inside as attached files (pdf):

- > CV (max 2 pages) with personal information, phone and e-mail;
- > List of exams (Bachelor's and Master's degree), including the name of the professors and the marks obtained (max 2 page);
- > Portfolio (max 8 pages) containing graphic information and short descriptions, focusing on urban design exams and any extra-curricular experience. For any additional information, please write an e-mail to bip.dad@polito.it

Selected candidates will be notified by email no later than the January 31th 2025. The list will comprise up to 12 selected students + eligible candidates (reserve list). The selected students shall confirm participation according to the instructions indicated. Upon completing the selection procedures, PoliTO International Mobility Unit will receive the official list of participants and contact them about allocating Erasmus+ scholarships. For any information regarding the Erasmus scholarships contact the International Mobility Unit by ticketing service only (select topic: Mobilità verso l'estero - Progetti Speciali)

### **SELECTION CRITERIA AND COMMISSION**

Candidates will be assessed based on their motivation, preparation (merit), competencies and expertise, and research skills, inferable from the documents sent to the application. A Commission, composed of BIP PoliTO Staff will assess the candidates (Prof. Massimo Crotti, Arch. Ilaria Tonti and Arch. Camilla Forina, member DAD Polito).

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#### **CREDITS**

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#### **DISCLAIMER**

The organization is NOT accountable if the activity is cancelled for any force majeure reason.