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BIP Blended Intensive Program

Nature-Based Urban Planning for Societal Transitions – II edition *The Landscape Approach*

Multinational course, including an intensive on-site
workshop in Valchiusella 13-18 April 2026

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

(DEADLINE: February, 15th)

**3 ects/ CFU
curricular**

For PoliTO Master Students in Pianificazione
urbanistica e territoriale / Urban and Regional
Planning (Italian and English curricula),
Architettura del Paesaggio

- **Learn how to design future scenarios, in a multidisciplinary and international setting, testing nature-based and landscape approaches for sustainable development. Collaborate in co-creating the future of alpine valley.**
- **The participation is free of charge and limited to up to 6 PoliTO students.**
- **Application: [form](#)**
- **Contact: segreteria.collegioPianificazione@polito.it**





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The Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP) are innovative short-term initiatives designed to promote teaching excellence by integrating both face-to-face and virtual components. In this framework, the four universities provide a series of online lectures (10 h tot), and an intensive on-site design workshop (6 days, 36 h tot).

“Nature-Based Planning” (NBP) represents the proposal for a new approach to urban planning that goes beyond a series of green interventions; it calls for a holistic development path that places natural processes at its core. By bringing together perspectives from diverse European contexts, the program will explore collaboration among students, researchers, and the civil society for critical reflection on how to evolve Nature-Based Urban Planning principles toward a sustainable urban future. Through a case study in Valchiusella (metropolitan city of Turin), participants will engage in discussions on the practical applications of the NBP concept in the context of an inner area and Green Community.

This BIP is conceived as a field-based laboratory that addresses the implementation of European Nature Restoration Regulation and climate-biodiversity policies in a concrete territorial context. Situated in an Alpine valley structured by the Chiusella River and characterized by a complex interplay of natural systems, dispersed settlements, historic infrastructures and emerging tourism pressures, the programme provides a setting in which planning strategies and design practices can be critically tested and operationalized.

In particular, this BIP represents an opportunity to test the NBP approach far beyond the ‘urban’ and at the sub-regional scale, on an alpine valley, rich in natural and cultural heritage. The active involvement of civil society will enrich the program bringing local knowledge, interactive sessions, guided visits, contributing to the co-creation of future scenarios.

Programme outline

ONLINE (5 modules, 2 hours each, from 2 March to 15 May 2026, exact dates to be defined): Introduction to key concepts of Nature-Based Solutions in Urban Planning. Future Studies and Societal Transitions. Introduction to the case study, its challenges and goals. Landscape character assessment and investigating peoples’ aspirations. Heritage-based solutions. Final discussion on the workshop’s results and implications for the NBP topic.

ONSITE 13-18/04 2026 One-week intensive on-site workshop, 6 days, 6 hours each, total 36 hours.

13/04 Mon. kick-off in Turin; afternoon: guided visits to the city/green and blue infrastructure

14/04 Tue. collective transfer to Valchiusella, full-day guided visit, accommodation in Traversella

15/04 Wed. collective discussion, teams’ formation, teamwork

16/04 Thur. and 17/04 Fri. Teamwork, site visits and meetings with stakeholders

18/04 Sat. final public presentation. Collective transfer to Torino.

How to participate

The program is open to up to 6 PoliTo Graduate students enrolled in the School of Planning and Design (Urban and Regional Planning (both curricula) (LM-48); Architettura del paesaggio | Landscape Architecture (LM-3)

Form: [BIP Nature-Based Planning 2026 Application for Graduate Students – Compila modulo](#)

The call is open: 10 January to 15 February 2026; results before February 21th.

Submit: List of examinations at PoliTO; curriculum vitae; motivation letter.

Criteria: expertise (career, exams passed in related fields, Professional experience or internships, workshops, awards and publications); motivation.

A Reserve list of 2 applicants will also be created.

3 ECTS curricular will be assigned (pass/no pass) to the participants that will actively attend all the activities.

Costs

No fees are due.

PoliTo students must cover their own expenses for participating.

The organization will cover the costs for transfers and guided visit, and the accommodation expenses at Traversella Soggiorno Montano (hostel with dormitories and shared bathroom).

Dinner at fixed cheap prices have been agreed with local hosts. The details will be shared with the selected participants.

Partner Universities

Politecnico di Torino, PoliTO, Italy,

University of Lisbon, ULisbon, Instituto Superior Técnico IST, Portugal

Royal Institute of Technology, KTH, Department of Urban Planning and Environment, Sweden

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