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REGIONAL LIVING LAB - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
**"The City, the University, and the Common Good:
Regenerating the Montelungo-Colleoni Complex"**

Course period:

First Semester: 26 October 2026 – 15 December 2026

Second Semester: February 2027 – May 2027 (*dates to be confirmed*)

Organized by the University of Bergamo

I. Subject, purpose and recipients

The University of Bergamo is a partner of the BAUHAUS4EU European University Alliance, which brings together partner institutions across Europe to develop a shared campus and to advance innovative, challenge-based and interdisciplinary education inspired by the values of the New European Bauhaus. Through joint teaching formats, mobility opportunities and collaboration with regional ecosystems, BAUHAUS4EU aims to empower students and staff to contribute to a sustainable, inclusive and beautiful future.

One such challenge-based educational initiative is the Regional Living Lab (RLL). RLLs operate as experimental learning environments, encouraging interdisciplinary teaching formats and collaboration across faculties to engage students from diverse academic backgrounds. Learning activities are embedded in real regional contexts and developed in close interaction with local actors, social environments, and community knowledge. RLLs focus on the revitalisation, reuse, and transformation of unused or vacant built and unbuilt spaces.

The first edition of the Regional Living Lab at the University of Bergamo will introduce students to contemporary urban regeneration through the Montelungo-Colleoni development project, which is centred on the ongoing transformation of the former Montelungo-Colleoni barracks, a large military complex being redeveloped into a new university and urban district. Drawing on the principles of the New European Bauhaus, the course adopts an interdisciplinary approach to develop competences in sustainable regeneration, heritage enhancement, territorial analysis, stakeholder engagement, social innovation, entrepreneurship, and collaborative design. The RLL provides students and academic staff with the opportunity to engage directly with a real-world urban transformation project that will become part of the university's future educational and urban ecosystem.

This first edition of the RLL at the University of Bergamo consists of two consecutive semesters which will be delivered in-person. The first semester will last from 26 October 2026 to 15 December 2026, while the second semester will last approximately from February 2027 to May 2027, with exact dates to be confirmed closer to the start date. The course is open for students enrolled at the University of Bergamo and Erasmus or exchange

students at the University of Bergamo. **Students are strongly encouraged to enrol in both semesters, but may choose to participate in only one semester.**

Each semester's course features 36 hours of classroom activities.

Applications and registration for the first and second semesters open on Monday, September 14, 2026 and close on **Friday, October 9 at 12:00 noon**, Central European Time.

The courses will be delivered primarily in English. A sufficient command of English (B2 level) is therefore required. Some lectures, stakeholder meetings, or field activities may be conducted in Italian, depending on the speakers and participating institutions. Whenever possible, language support will be provided to facilitate the full participation of all students.

Both semesters require compulsory attendance for at least 75% of the classes. Teaching is delivered in-person to groups with a capped number of students to ensure maximum participation in learning activities.

II. Application procedure

The application process is open to students of the University of Bergamo who are enrolled in the 2026-2027 academic year. The RLL course is open to:

- PhD students;
- Master's students;
- Bachelor's students who have completed at least 60 ECTS credits by October 9, 2026;
- Students who are participating in Erasmus+ or exchange programmes at the University of Bergamo in the 2026/2027 academic year.

Please note: Students enrolled in an MA course who will receive their bachelor's degree in March 2027 are not eligible to apply for the first semester of the RLL, as they will not be able to take the final exam for that semester. However, students enrolled in an MA course who will receive their bachelor's degree in October 2026 are eligible to apply for both semesters of the RLL.

Students must complete the application form via [this Google Form link](#), including providing the student's university email address and matriculation ID. Applications must be submitted exclusively by individual students.

There is no registration fee. The Administration accepts no responsibility for the dispersion of communications due to inaccurate information on the email address provided by the applicant or due to failure or delay in communicating a change in the address indicated in the application or in any case attributable to the acts of third parties, fortuitous events or force majeure.

The call for applications and the Google Form application will be published on the website of the University of Bergamo ([Università > Concorsi e selezioni > Per gli studenti > Bandi studenti e laureati](#)) as well as the [dedicated Regional Living Lab web page](#) on the University of Bergamo website.

III. Admission process

There are **32** available spots for student enrollment each semester, plus four additional spots reserved for Erasmus+ and exchange students. Should 32 or less applications be received, all students will be accepted, provided that they demonstrate a B2 level of English, meet the credit requirements (if bachelor's students), pay all enrollment fees for the 2026/2027 academic year, and commit to the participation and examination requirements.

Applicants must confirm that they possess at least a B2 level of English by uploading confirmation of one of the following to the application form:

- B2 Language Proficiency Certificate (see list of recognized certifications available [at this link](#)); **OR**
- Enrolment in BA/MA degree in English; **OR**
- Passing a computerized language assessment test for participation in a mobility programme abroad (dated no earlier than October 2023); **OR**
- Confirmation of passing University B2 English language exam (e.g., extract of *libretto* or provision of exam code).

Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, applications will be assessed based on merit, including verification of the administrative requirements and the application of a formula that analyzes students' academic progress and performance to-date. The description of the formula is provided as an attachment to this application, and is calculated differently for bachelor's and master's students compared to PhD students. **The evaluation formula also takes into account whether applicants choose to apply for both semesters of the course, awarding additional points to those who do so.**

Bachelor's and master's students

The merit score will be calculated based on:

- Weighted average of exam grades obtained up to the deadline for the call for applications
- The number of credits obtained up to the deadline for the call of applications
- Total number of credits expected for the year of enrollment in which the student is enrolled

PhD students

The merit score will be calculated based on:

- The final grade of their master's degree.

For the purposes of the merit score calculation, applicants will be evaluated based on their academic records as of October 9, 2026.

To promote an effective interdisciplinary learning environment, the Selection Committee will seek to ensure representation from across the University's disciplinary areas. **Accordingly, four places will be initially allocated to each of the University's eight departments. One of these four places will be allocated to a PhD student from that respective department.** If fewer than four eligible applications are received from a given department, the remaining places will be reallocated to applicants from other departments based on the overall ranking. **An additional four spots will be allocated to Erasmus+ or exchange students enrolled in the University of Bergamo.** Unlike the departmental places, any unfilled places reserved for Erasmus or exchange students will not be reallocated to other applicants.

There will be two different rankings, one for each semester of the RLL course, according to the below table:

First Semester	
October 14, 2026	Ranking for the first semester published
October 19, 2026 (12:00 noon, CET)	Applicants who wish to withdraw from the first semester must notify the organizers no later than this deadline. A waiting list will be established for the first semester and used in the event that selected applicants withdraw. As places are limited, selected applicants who do not withdraw by this deadline are considered as committed to participating in the course.
October 21, 2026	The final ranking for the first semester will be published, including any students who were accepted from the waiting list. On this date, all applicants will also receive an email to the address provided in their application confirming the final outcome of the selection process.
October 26, 2026	Regional Living Lab first semester courses begin
Second Semester	
October 21, 2026	Ranking for the second semester published
October 28, 2026 (12:00 noon, CET)	Applicants who wish to withdraw from the second semester must notify the organizers no later than this deadline. A waiting list will be established for the second semester and used in the event that selected applicants withdraw. As places are limited, selected applicants who do not withdraw by this deadline are considered as committed to participating in the course.
October 31, 2026	The final ranking for the second semester will be published, including any students who were accepted from the waiting list. On this date, all applicants will also receive an email to the address provided in their application confirming the final outcome of the selection process.
February 2027	Regional Living Lab second semester courses begin (<i>precise dates to be confirmed</i>)

IV. Course programme and content

The course introduces students to contemporary urban regeneration through the ongoing transformation of the former Montelungo-Colleoni barracks, a large abandoned military complex in Bergamo which is being redeveloped into a new university and urban district. The project will integrate teaching and research facilities, student housing, public services, commercial functions, and green infrastructure. It will provide new university spaces generating a valuable “common good” that will help enhance the cultural value of the land and bring a new balance to the networked and polycentric dynamics of the town of Bergamo: in particular, it will produce 450 student housing units and 80 publicly accessible

apartments, helping to address the growing demand for housing in an expanding university city.

The project covers approximately 25,000 square metres and is managed by Near Sgr (the real estate asset manager and project developer) through a public-private partnership involving the Municipality of Bergamo, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, Fondazione Cariplo, Intesa Sanpaolo, Regione Lombardia, and the University of Bergamo. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed in 2028.

Drawing on the principles of the New European Bauhaus, the course adopts an interdisciplinary approach to develop (particularly through the use of project-based activities and simulations) competences in sustainable regeneration, heritage enhancement, territorial analysis, stakeholder engagement, social innovation, entrepreneurship, and collaborative design.

The Regional Living Lab provides students and academic staff with the opportunity to engage directly with a real-world urban transformation project that will become part of the university's future educational and urban ecosystem. Through collaboration with institutional and regional stakeholders, participants will contribute to addressing concrete territorial challenges while developing practical, interdisciplinary skills.

The first semester will feature the following three thematic areas: 1) the University of Bergamo and its historical and spatial evolution for community-based urban regeneration; 2) urban planning and architectural perspectives for sustainable and adaptive urban strategies; 3) archaeology, history, and collective memory of the Montelungo-Colleoni site.

The second semester will feature the following three thematic areas: 1) commercial and public use functions of the Montelungo-Colleoni complex; 2) entrepreneurship and innovation as strategies for territorial development; and 3) photovoice as a creative and collaborative methodology to explore urban regeneration.

V. Duties of Regional Living Lab participants, certificates and recognition of credits

Students responding to the call for applications must send all communications from their university email address. They undertake not to apply if they are not seriously interested in participating and, in any case, to communicate their possible withdrawal before the deadline of the call for applications, so that other students from the waiting list may be able to attend the course.

Each participant is required to take part in all the activities, attending no less than 75% of the classes and other teaching activities.

The RLL corresponds to 6 CFU/ECTS **per semester**. Each Degree Course Board (Consiglio di Corso di Studio) may approve the RLL in advance for recognition as an elective activity ("scelta libera"), another educational activity, or additional credits ("sovrannumerari").

Application to the RLL is separate from the compilation of the study plan and does not automatically result in the activity being added to a student's study plan. Students who are admitted may then include the RLL in their study plan according to the recognition arrangements approved by their Degree Course Board.

The 6 CFU/ECTS will be recognized upon successful completion of the RLL, including the required minimum attendance, any intermediate assessments, and the final assessment, which will take the form of a final presentation.

In the case of PhD students, if credits are not part of their PhD programme, an Open Badge recognizing their completion of the RLL will be issued instead.

VI. Person in charge of the procedure

Pursuant to Law 241/1990, Dott.ssa Elena Gotti, the Head of the Training and Students Services Area, is appointed as the person responsible for the administrative procedure.

VII. Processing of personal data

The University informs the applicant that the personal data acquired will be processed in compliance with EU Regulation 679/2016 and the applicable national legislation, for all the purposes inherent to the Regional Living Lab. The Data Controller is the Rector pro-tempore of the University of Bergamo. The Data Protection Officer (DPO) can be contacted at: dpo@unibg.it. The interested party may address any requests concerning the processing of his/her personal data to the DPO.

VIII. Reports of violations affecting the public interest or the integrity of the University

In accordance with the provisions of Legislative Decree 24/2023 (on the protection of those who report infringements of European Union law and national regulations), participants in selection procedures may report to the University's Responsabile della Prevenzione della Corruzione e della Trasparenza (RPCT) any behavior that is detrimental to the public interest or the integrity of the Administration. The above-mentioned whistleblowers are guaranteed the protection measures provided for in Chapter III of Legislative Decree 24/2023. The whistleblowers are also guaranteed specific protection of the confidentiality of their personal identity, provided that the reports are submitted through the dedicated channels established by the Administration, i.e. through the dedicated IT platform accessible at the following web address: <https://unibg.whistleblowing.it/#/> or alternatively through the voice mailbox accessible at the following telephone number: 035.205.2160. Further information can be found on the University's institutional website, in the section Amministrazione Trasparente, subsection Altri contenuti / Prevenzione della Corruzione / whistleblowing.

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