**Application form for SPACE-NEST Call for Best Practices 2025**

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The SPACE-NEST project is an innovative initiative designed to address the unique challenges faced by rural communities across Europe. By using underused or abandoned spaces, SPACE-NEST aims to support the development of socially-oriented enterprises that drive green economic activities, social inclusion, and sustainable community development.

Through this call for best practices, we are looking for examples of how people have turned unused rural spaces into useful places that support local rural communities through socially- oriented enterprises.

This application form can be filled out either in English, Italian, Spanish or Slovenian.

**Submit your application before April 30th, 2025, at 12:00 CET**

**SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Select the category in which you are applying:**

☐ **CATEGORY 1:** Best Practices supporting the regeneration of spaces for sustainable and community-driven initiatives in the SPACE-NEST regions: **Malaga (Spain), Bergamo (Italy), Primorska regija (Slovenia).**

☐ **CATEGORY 2:** Best Practices supporting the regeneration of spaces for sustainable and community-driven initiatives in **other European territories**.

**Name of the Best Practice:**

**Name of the applicant organisation:**

**Please select the type of your entity:**

☐ NGOs

☐ Local administrations (municipality, province, regions …)

☐ SMEs

☐ Cooperatives

☐ Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant organisation complete address:**

**Applicant organisation country:**

☐ Spain

☐ Italy

☐ Slovenia

☐ Other European country (Please, specify below):

**SECTION 2: CONTACT DETAILS**

**Full name of the contact person:**

**Title:**

☐ Ms.
☐ Mr.

☐ Mx.

**Position within the organisation:**

**E-mail:**

**Phone number (include country code):**

**SECTION 3: DESCRIPTION OF THE BEST PRACTICE**

Eligible Best Practices are initiatives aligned with the NEB values (aesthetic, sustainable, and inclusive transformation) with proven impact in European rural areas that are contributing to shape a resilient future for rural communities. That means, Best Practices that:

1. Support the regeneration of spaces for sustainable and community-driven initiatives.
2. Foster the Social Economy and innovation in rural areas.
3. Align with the **values of the New European Bauhaus**: Aesthetic, Sustainable, and Inclusive transformation.

For reference, see three examples of NEB projects from Spain, Italy and Slovenia:

1. Krater (Slovenia): https://krater.si/en/
2. La Foresta (Italy): https://laforesta.net/
3. LaFábrika detodalavida (Spain): https://lfdtv.org/

**3.1 Value BEAUTIFUL**

*Explain how the project activates the cultural, social and natural qualities of the community to create unique and positive experiences.*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

*Explain how the project enhances opportunities for meaningful social interactions and collective experiences, how it reinforces a sense of belonging and enriches lives by connecting different places and people.*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

*Explain how the project enables creation and the collective re-invention of the places, lifestyles and communities we identify with, how it integrates new cultural and social values, notably through the meaningful experience of a broader ‘us’ (including non-human world).*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

**3.2 Value SUSTAINABLE**

*Describe how the project aims to repurpose in order to avoid and reduce environmental impacts and favours durability, adaptability, recyclability.*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

*Describe how the project aims to close the loop, reduce linear processes or transform them into circular processes to aim at zero pollution.*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

*Describe how the project aims to give back more than it takes, enhancing rather than depleting biodiversity, incentivising the restoration and expansion of nature.*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

**3.3 Value TOGETHER**

*Describe how the project grants accessibility (physical, cognitive, psychological, etc.) and affordability for all, regardless of gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, ability, age or sexual orientation.*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

*Describe how the project fosters and equalises relations between users and/or communities, safeguarding the principle of equal treatment and social justice over time.*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

*Describe how the project inspires new ways of living together, building on solidarity and cooperation, raising awareness of discrimination and injustice.*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

**3.4 Working principle PARTICIPATORY PROCESS**

*Explain how the project uses already established communication channels and stakeholder participation.*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

*Explain how the project engages stakeholders as key partners and advisers, how they define or co-create the rules and objectives of the project.*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

*Explain how the project enables the stakeholders to negotiate and engage in trade-offs with powerholders, at all stages of the project’s lifestyle (design, management, implementation, monitoring and evaluation) and empowers the community to make decisions and govern the project.*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

**3.5 Working principle MULTI-LEVEL ENGAGEMENT**

*Explain how the project connects horizontally informal networks and /or formal institutions and/or engages with them to influence the local living environment with a place-based approach.*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

*Explain how the project connects vertically informal networks and/or formal institutions across various scales and engages with them to push single-scale dimensions beyond their own dimension (local, regional, national …).*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

*Explain how the project works at the global level, and what is its impact beyond its initial, local scale of application. How does the project look at the future of the entire ecosystem?*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

**3.6 Working principle TRANSDISCIPLINARY APPROACH**

*Describe how the project works with different disciplines, how does it connect them, what is the distance between disciplines (e.g. Urban planners working with architects (small distance) or biologists working with artists (large distance))?*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

*Describe how the project addresses the problem with involving two or more academic disciplines or fields of knowledge. Is there new knowledge creation?*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

*Describe how the project aims to integrate both formal and non-formal knowledge to achieve a common goal (people from political, social and economic fields and members of the public).*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

**3.7 TRANSFERABILITY**

*Explain how the project can be adapted and transferred in different rural regions and/or provinces. Describe the potential for replication and transfer across different regions and sectors and how other entities or rural communities could apply your initiative to their own contexts.*

Maximum **1000 characters with spaces.**

**SECTION 4: ADDED VALUE TO SPACE-NEST**

**4.1 Do you believe that being part of the SPACE-NEST network will improve your opportunity to connect/collaborate with other stakeholders across Europe?**

☐ Yes
☐ No

**4.2 Do you consent to the dissemination of information about your project through the SPACE-NEST communication channels?**

☐ Yes
☐ No

**4.3 What sets your initiative apart from others?**

Maximum **1500 characters with spaces.**

**SECTION 5: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

If your organisation/initiative has a website, please enter the website URL below.

**FINAL SECTION: DECLARATION & CONSENT**

☐ I confirm that the information provided above is true and correct.

☐ I confirm that I have read and agree with the *Call for Best Practices 2025* and the terms of reference developed as part of the *SPACE-NEST* project.

☐ My organization is a member of the European Network of Innovation for Inclusion. If not, you can register here (not mandatory): <https://europeannetforinclusion.org/index.php/form/registration-form>

☐ I confirm that the data provided can be included in a Best Practices booklet “Rural Renewal: A Guide to Sustainable Transformation through New European Bauhaus and Social Economy Best Practices”. The booklet will be public.

GDPR: In addition to the answers, the survey also collects personal data (name, title, position within the organisation, email, phone number), so we ask you to consent to the collection of your personal data. If you do not agree to the collection of your personal data, we will not consider your completed survey as valid.

Please indicate whether you agree to the collection of your personal data:

☐ No, I do not consent to the collection of my personal data.

☐ Yes, I consent to the collection of my personal data.

Thank you for the submission of your best practice.