



2026 BIP Helsinki

Confluences. Interdisciplinary visions for water in cities

This Blended Intensive Programme explores new visions for the Töölönlahti bay in Helsinki, offering a unique opportunity to explore the multifaceted role of urban waters amidst climate change. Positioned as both cultural spaces and ecological assets, these waters are integral to crafting resilient and sustainable urban futures.

Engage with peers from diverse academic backgrounds and universities as you work within interdisciplinary, multicultural teams. Through seminars you will practice knowledge co-creation in seminars, and in workshops with field investigation, you will explore innovative approaches to urban waters, and engage with critical and design thinking, problem-based learning, and reflexivity. Expect an intellectually stimulating environment that encourages creative and innovative collaborations to approach complex water-related urban challenges.

Assessment will focus on your contributions to the collaborative process, including the development of shared interdisciplinary competences, your reflective practices, and your team's progress in creating transformative approaches to urban water related issues.

This BIP is ideal for advanced bachelor's, master's, and PhD students who are passionate about interdisciplinary collaboration, climate adaptation, and cross-cultural communication. This course provides a platform to experiment, innovate, and contribute meaningfully to the sustainable future of urban water systems.

PARTICIPANT UNIVERSITIES

Aalto University, Finland (organiser)
 Politecnico di Torino, Italy
 Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan, Sweden
 Universidade de Lisboa, Faculdade de Arquitetura, Portugal
 Escola Tècnica Superior d'Arquitectura de Barcelona - UPC, Spain

ETSAB COORDINATOR

Álvaro Clua (Department of Urbanism, Territory and Landscape)

DATES & PLACE

3 to 7 August 2026, Helsinki and Aalto University, Finland
 + 5 online sessions before the on-site workshop

The BIP will be held in English

COSTS

Travel, food and accommodation expenses to be covered by the student.
 Lunch will be provided by the BIP organiser.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

3 ECTS elective subject

PLACES

5 spots for ETSAB students enrolled at:
 Degree in Architecture Studies from 2nd year
 Master's Degrees in Architecture

NOTE: Participants enrolled at TFG/TFM must defend it after the BIP

APPLICATION

deadline: 26th January, 2026
 send email to: relint.etsab@upc.edu
 with subject: BIP HELSINKI_Name Surname
 with your: name | DNI | email | phone | current studies
 attach: CV (one A4 page) + Motivation letter (500 words, one A4 page)

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What is a BIP?

blended intensive programme

BIPs are a type of Erasmus Programme that combines a short-term face-to-face activity with a virtual learning component.

They are short, intensive programmes co-organised by several universities, which use innovative forms of learning and teaching, and encourage the use of online cooperation by forming transnational teams of students and academic staff.

ELECTIVE SUBJECT

It is offered as an elective subject of the studies the student is currently doing at ETSAB, and therefore the activity is enrolled in and assessed with a grade and will form an integral part of their academic record.

MOBILITY STAY

When the BIP's in-person activity takes place outside the student's home university, it is carried out as a short-term Erasmus mobility stay (between 5 and 30 days).

GRANT

This mobility modality is supported by specific financial grants, subject to UPC call, until funds are exhausted (approximately 70 euros/day).

Those selected will enrol on the 3 ECTS BIP module and will take a short-term Erasmus mobility.



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