

HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-01: Addressing homelessness through housing-led approaches aligned with the New European Bauhaus

Asociatia ACASA is a Romanian NGO operating in Cluj-Napoca. It has 25+ years of experience in delivering a housing-led approach for addressing homelessness through the provision of permanent housing for people living in inadequate housing, under the ETHOS classification. Since 1999 the association has built seven communities using the participatory system created by Millard Fuller and practiced internationally through The Fuller Center for Housing. The most recent, “Britta Sofia,” is a 12-year-old living neighbourhood, with existing and prospecting housing development.

Iulia Hurducas is a Romanian architect with a PhD from the University of Sheffield. Her research interests include regenerative design, peri-urban development, and landscape urbanism.

Together, Asociatia ACASA and Iulia Hurducas are interested in expanding Asociatia ACASA's capacity to be able to provide housing for more categories in the ETHOS classification and upgrade the housing typology currently offered in line with New European Bauhaus. Asociatia ACASA's current housing unit uses a timber frame with conventional materials (gypsum board, rockwool, polystyrene). Our ambition is to develop a housing unit that is modular, low cost, built with local natural materials, aligned with national NZEB regulations or above them, offers improved indoor air quality, and integrates nature-based solutions for water management and energy production. Specifically for the Britta Sofia housing ensemble we are interested in integrating nature-based solutions for drainage and land-slide stabilisation.

We are looking for partners and a coordinator to form a consortium for the HORIZON-NEB-2026-01-PARTICIPATION-01: Addressing homelessness through housing-led approaches aligned with the New European Bauhaus call. Through our local networks we can mobilise institutional partners, including universities and local management authorities.