

Building Future School for Ukraine – Giving Hope to Ukraine's Young Generation



Future School for Ukraine is not just about building new classrooms. It is about rethinking what the education space should be during peacetimes and in times of war.

Oksen Lisovyi

Minister of Education of Ukraine, following the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine, volunteered in the 95th Air Assault Brigade



Lithuania, in partnership with Ukrainian institutions, is working on Future School for Ukraine initiative (0,5 million euros from Lithuania's Fund for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid) to create a ready-to-implement and free-to-use adaptive technical design for building new schools across the country. The availability of such a solution will save time and financial resources and facilitate fundraising for the recovery of Ukraine's school system. For exceptional design quality, an international architectural competition was organized.

Project key features of Future School for Ukraine

The design is grounded in the three guiding values of the New European Bauhaus

Sustainability

The design integrates climate-responsive strategies, prefabrication, and renewable energy solutions to reduce its ecological footprint and ensure long-term efficiency, follows the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) rules and criteria for NZEB (Nearly Zero Energy Building).

Aesthetics, including the aspect of physical and mental well-being

The human-centered spaces, color, materiality, and spatial flows create an inspiring environment that stimulates learning. Effective daylighting, solar design and courtyard system enables a full-day school model.

Inclusivity

Indoor and outdoor courtyards act as communal hubs, encouraging social interaction and collaboration between students, teachers and the local community. The design makes education accessible to all, with modular structures that prioritize equity and adaptability. Following the inclusive project's process development involving the architect, education experts and local communities.



Adaptive Design Handbook

Project Implementation

- Lithuanian Development Agency CPVA is the project's implementer.
- Being a part of New European Bauhaus through NEB LAB Public Infrastructure for Ukraine.
- The competition wining design by Scandurra Studio Architettura and Ukrainian architect Mykhailo Vustyansky presents an innovative, sustainable and inclusive solution to adapt.

... Future School for Ukraine initiative provides a free-to-use architectural design. It is for new, modern and inclusive schools to be built across the country.

Ursula Von Der Leyen

President of the European Commission

Proposal:

Lithuania proposes an EU coalition to build a "Future School for Ukraine" as a flagship Team Europe Initiative (TEI) to be announced at the Ukraine Recovery Conference in July 2025. The project requires €17M, with Lithuania contributing €5M.

Key TEI project components:



Enabling environment/ regulatory support

Support for Ukraine in updating building regulations to align with EU standards, ensuring sustainability, energy efficiency, accessibility, and renewable energy use under the "build back better" principle.

Physical infrastructure

The "Future School for Ukraine" will be the first NEB-based educational and community hub, showcasing innovative solutions and fostering EU-Ukrainian business partnerships. The site will be selected transparently with Ukrainian authorities.



Capacity **Building**

Through the New European **Bauhaus Laboratory for Public** Infrastructure for Ukraine - a peerto-peer training for the architects and other specialists working in Ukrainian municipalities to support local adaptation of the "Future School for Ukraine".



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Flexible Contribution Models: Participate through various funding mechanisms - international development funds, bilateral aid programs. One of the options is Fund for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid which accepts earmarked donations from international partners.



Public-Private Partnerships: Involvement of private sector partners through PPP models. Your contribution can make a tangible difference in recovery of access to education in Ukraine, bringing positive impact for your corporate social responsibility profiles.

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