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

RESPONSIBLE PROFESSOR

at FA.ULisboa: Sérgio Barreiros Proença

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

PRICE + FUNDING

Travel, food and accommodation expenses to be covered by the student.
Lunch will be provided by the BIP.
A *per diem* funding of € 79,00 (x5 days = € 395,00) plus travel expense of € 580,00 is allocated to each student, which totals a funding of € 975,00.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

3 ECTS elective

PLACES

5 spots for FA.ULisboa students enrolled at:
Integrated Master in Architecture and PhD's in Architecture or Urbanism.

APPLICATION

deadline:	**26th January, 2026**
send email to:	**gmobilidades@fa.ulisboa.pt**
with subject:	CONFLUENCES_Name Surname
with your:	name I student ID number I email I phone I current studies
attach:	Short CV (one A4 page) including degrees, English lenguage skill, and contact information. Transcript of records. Motivation letter (500 words, one A4 page) indicating why you are interested in taking this course, what you intend to learn, how it fits your learning goals, your interest in interdisciplinarity, and commitment to participate in all the BIP

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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 SPECIALISATION

It is equivalent to an elective specialisation module of the studies at FAUL (for MSc Degree students), and therefore the activity is enrolled in and assessed with a grade and will form an integral part of the 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 (in this case, 5 days).

GRANT

This mobility modality is supported by specific financial grants (each student receives approximately 975 euros to assist in the mobility expenses).

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

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