

Call for participation: Erasmus+ BIP

How to understand brownfields - threat or opportunity?

Case study – Ostrava
Spring 2025

This Erasmus+ BIP program is an international and interdisciplinary planning challenge for students. It is designed for civil engineers, regional planners, architects, economists, creatives and other related fields of study.

Explore Ostrava and the region in Czech Republic! As part of the BIP program you will have the opportunity to taste "Quirky region" and visit interesting and unique structures and places connected with brownfields issues.

Brownfields represent specific structures and locations that are abandoned for various reasons. Usually, the origin relates to the termination of technological processes, a change of owners, but there can be a whole range of reasons. The brownfield localities can negatively affect the surroundings, but on the other hand, they also represent certain opportunities. The key is to design a suitable and viable use. This will be presented in a playful way within individual examples, and students will try out such a proposal on a specific case.

Finally, meet people from different European regions and find out about their positions and ideas. Become part of an international student team and propose solutions for brownfields.



The BIP program consists of virtual and practical part.

Virtual part of the program includes the following activities:

Date	Format	Activity
March	Online meeting	Kick off, lectures & discussions
April	Online meeting	Lectures, presentation of tasks, practical information

Date and time of the virtual and practical part will be announced soon.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM may be subject to changes

Practical part in Ostrava includes the following activities:

Date	Format	Activity
Sunday 04/05/2025	Excursion day	Welcome trip
Monday 05/05/2025	Excursion day	Adventure trip to different type of brownfields
Tuesday 06/05/2025	Field work	Work on specific brownfield sites
Wednesday 07/05/2025	Individual work	Supplemented by special lectures
Thursday 08/05/2025	Individual work	Supplemented by workshop
Friday 09/05/2025	Completion	Finalization of students work, presentations

Learning outcomes:

- Understanding the issue of brownfields
- Application of the principle to similar brownfields
- **Completion of the program will give 5 ECTs.**
- A certificate of completion will be provided to successful participants.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Who can participate:

Academic: open to Ph.D. students, Master's students and students in the final year of a Bachelor's degree

Language : English level B2

Selection:

Students will be selected by the BIP's academic coordinators based on the:

- CV in English,
- motivation letter stating why you would like to participate in this Erasmus+ BIP (1 A4 page maximum, written in English).

Grants:

You will receive a flat rate of 79 EUR per day from your university in order to pay for the travels, accommodation & meals.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be available in a hotel part of the dormitories in Ostrava.

Transportation

Participants are responsible for all travel arrangements.



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