

OPEN CALL

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

ERASMUS+ BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAM
ORGANISED BY THE VILNIUS ACADEMY
OF ARTS KAUNAS FACULTY

KLAIPĖDA / NIDA
LITHUANIA

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**27 SEPTEMBER –
2 OCTOBER 2026**

Coastal Heritage in the Periphery: Architecture, Territories and Narratives of Transformation

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**STARIŠKIAI – BETWEEN THE PORT,
NATURE AND PUBLIC SPACE**

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The programme aims to reflect on the future of coastal regions and landscapes, addressing the need for landscape transition and the implementation of comprehensive strategies to protect fragile environments already affected by the development of tourism infrastructure.

The Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) is structured around three case studies in France, Croatia, and Lithuania, providing diverse perspectives on the challenges and opportunities of sustainable coastal development.

PARTICIPANTS AND BASIC CONDITIONS:

- Paris- Malaquais School of Architecture- PSL University (France)
- Faculty of Architecture Zagreb University (Croatia)
- Kaunas Faculty of Vilnius Academy of Arts (Lithuania)

FUNDING AND PARTICIPATION:

The workshop is funded by the Erasmus+ Programme. Five students from each participating country will be selected to take part, and all travel, accommodation, and workshop-related expenses will be fully covered by Erasmus+ funding.

PROGRAMME:

11 September 11.00 AM (EEST, VILNIUS TIME) | BIP VIRTUAL LECTURE
Stariskiai Between Ecology, Infrastructure and Urban Development
27 September | Arrival in Nida <https://hidacolony.lt/about/>
28 September | Site Visit in Klaipėda
29 September – 1 October | Group Work at Nida Art Colony
2 October | Presentations and Conclusions
3 October | Departure of participants.

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CREATIVE WORKSHOP

This workshop explores the future transformation of the Stariškiai waterfront area in Klaipėda, Lithuania, where urban growth, ecological systems, public accessibility, and economic development converge. Situated between the Curonian Lagoon, the King Wilhelm Canal, port infrastructure, and residential districts, Stariškiai serves as a living laboratory for investigating contemporary waterfront challenges and opportunities.

Through stakeholder mapping, territorial analysis, scenario building, and spatial design exploration, students will develop alternative visions for the future of the Stariškiai waterfront. Coastal case studies from France, Croatia, and Lithuania will inform the design process and provide comparative perspectives on waterfront development.

The workshop aims to formulate architectural, urban, and landscape development principles for the future of Stariškiai, taking into account its environmental significance, cultural identity, recreational potential, and strategic role within the broader development of Klaipėda.

KEY QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- How can competing environmental, social, and economic interests be reconciled in future waterfront development, and what spatial planning and design methods can facilitate this process?
- What strategies and design approaches can enable waterfront territories to adapt to climate change while enhancing environmental resilience and creating public value?
- In what ways can cultural identity, landscape character, and local heritage inform sustainable visions for future coastal development?

TECHNIQUES AND PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

sketches, drawings, diagrams, 3D visualisations, physical models, and other forms of spatial representation.



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