

OPEN CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) on Glass, Crafts & Sustainability in Antwerp/Belgium

We invite students from HfK - interested in working sustainably in general and/or interested in the potential intersections of crafts, art, glass and sustainability - to join a Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) on "Glass, Crafts & Sustainability".

Funded through ERASMUS+, seven HfK students will join students and teachers from Antwerp, Tallinn, and Groningen for a project week in Antwerp (Belgium) to explore together the theme of "crafts and sustainability".

Following three introductory online sessions (blended format) with 30 students from the four partnering art academies and universities, the group will meet in Antwerp for an immersive project week. Here, students and teachers will work on site and practice-based at the Rombach Glass Studio in the Blikfabriek, which uses waste glass, rainwater and bio-propane in order to focus on being a glass enthusiast while enacting careful stewardship of physical and ecological resources.

You can find more information about Rombach Glass Studio and their mission here: <https://glass-works.org/rombachs-glass/>

This programme is centered on your own artistic process linked to sustainable thinking and the idea to create exchange between the participating students and institutions. You will be able to work with and on different approaches to glass such as painting, firing, moulding, blowing and forming glass.

The programme takes place at the Blikfabriek where an amazing array of creative initiatives are dedicating their efforts and energy towards new ways of making and doing.

<https://blikfabriek.be/>

Exploring the area of Blikfabriek and the city of Antwerp will be part of the programme.

WHEN:

- 3 online sessions: 24. February, 28. February and 10. March
- Project week in Antwerp: 22 - 28 March 2025

WHO:

30 art and design students from four European art schools will participate: Sint Lucas Antwerp/KdG University of Applied Science and Arts (Belgium); Estonian Academy of the Arts (Belgium); Minerva Art Academy Groningen (Netherlands); Hochschule für Künste Bremen/University of the Arts Bremen (Germany)

WHERE:

- Online (specifics to be announced)
- Blikfabriek Antwerp, hosted by Sint Lucas Antwerp
- Accommodation: City Box Antwerp

WHAT IS FUNDED:

- 553€ for accommodation, travel and daily allowance
- + 50€ for Green Travel via train
- under specific circumstances, a so-called social top-up is possible (please inquire beforehand whether or not you are eligible)

HOW TO APPLY:

- Letter of motivation (Questions can be for example: what is your motivation for partaking in this programme? How do you want to foster and enhance your artistic practice through this programme? What are important aspects and modes of sustainability in your artistic practice? How do you define the relationship between arts and crafts?)
- Portfolio
- Personal information, inclusive of: Name, email address, study programme, MA/BA/diploma, and have you already received Erasmus+ funding in any way

Please send the complete application to: hcoordes@hfk-bremen.de, i.vetter@hfk-bremen.de

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the email addresses mentioned above.

