

## Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) – Lublin University of Technology, Poland

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### Revitalisation of the former PKS bus station area in Lublin with a focus on sustainable urban development and new functional uses

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#### **BIP Partners:**

Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria, Italy

University of Granada, Spain

University of Malaga, Spain

#### **Dates:**

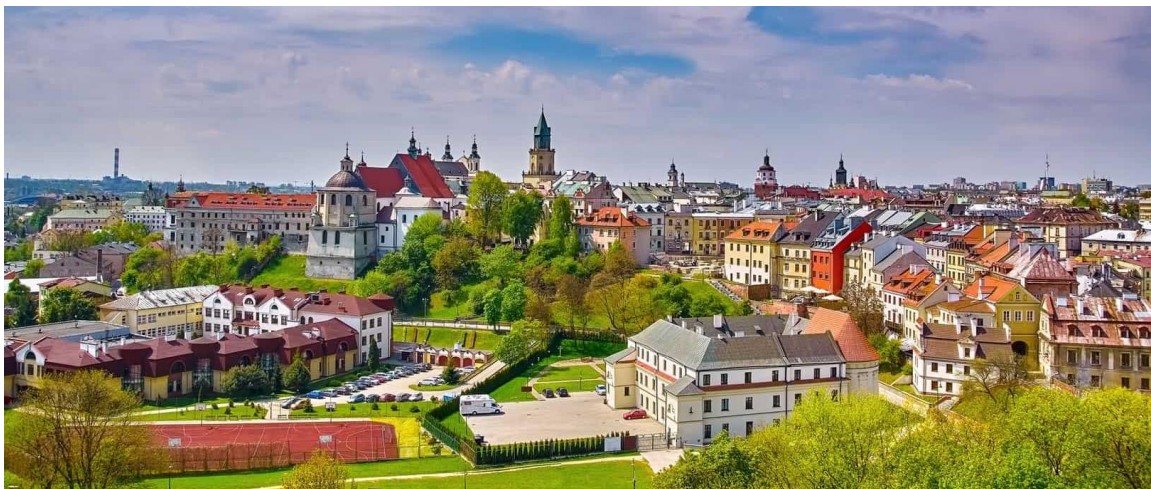
- Online phase: 15–16 July 2025 (MS Teams)

- On-site phase: 15–19 September 2025, Lublin University of Technology, Lublin, Poland

#### **Site Issues:**

The area of the former PKS bus station in Lublin, located in the Podzamcze district, is rich in historical and cultural heritage, but is currently in need of significant revitalisation. This area, which includes a market and neglected infrastructure, has immense potential to be transformed into a modern, functional urban space that meets the current needs of the city and community.

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### Reasons for Selecting This Area for Revitalisation:

Once the heart of Lublin's Jewish quarter, the former bus station area was an integral part of the city's multicultural identity. The project allows for the restoration and recognition of the site's historical functions and cultural heritage.

Lublin Castle, with its centuries-old history, has served various purposes, including as a political prison during and after the Second World War. Its proximity adds educational and tourist value to the project.

In earlier centuries, a large royal pond near Podzamcze played an important ecological and climatic role. This project can incorporate water features inspired by this historic element, enhancing the green urban spaces.

The infrastructure of the area, which currently serves as a transport hub and market, is outdated and in need of modernisation. The project aims to enhance the aesthetic and functional qualities of this space, meeting the needs of residents and visitors alike.

### Programme Goals:

1. To create innovative methods for designing urban spaces in line with sustainable development principles.
2. To strengthen students' interdisciplinary skills in using modern tools and technology.
3. To increase awareness of sustainable development in urban planning, including adaptation to climate change and accessibility.
4. To foster international collaboration between students from various universities, with respect for local architectural heritage.

### Programme Description:

The BIP programme involves intensive revitalisation workshops, where participants, working in international teams, will develop spatial solutions that address the historical, cultural, and current needs of the city of Lublin. The workshops aim to create comprehensive projects that integrate innovation and sustainability with the area's

history. Students will work on maps, creating hand-drawn sketches, project concepts, and revitalisation designs on their own computers.

### **Learning and Teaching Methods:**

- Students will analyse real spatial issues, gaining practical experience and insights into different cultures.
- Workshops will be tailored to various skill levels to ensure effective learning for all students.
- Participants will engage in a full design process, from analysis through concept development to the presentation of detailed solutions.
- Online tools will be used to facilitate effective teamwork, enabling students to work in mixed groups.

### **Expected Learning Outcomes:**

1. Competence in designing urban spaces according to sustainable development principles.
2. Proficiency in digital tools and spatial visualisation methods.
3. Awareness of challenges related to site-specific revitalisation.
4. Enhanced skills in interdisciplinary and intercultural teamwork.

### **Virtual Component Description:**

The virtual part of the programme includes an introductory lecture and online workshops to prepare participants for the on-site phase. Participants will learn the principles of sustainable urban space design and best practices in revitalisation, while understanding the importance of an interdisciplinary approach.

### **Workshop Plan:**

During the workshops, students will develop strategic directions for the revitalisation of the former PKS bus station area in Lublin:

- SWOT analysis of the site and its surroundings.
- Inclusive design, taking into account accessibility for people with different needs.
- Implementing sustainable and innovative solutions to improve the quality of life for residents and tourists.
- Long-Term Vision - Participants will consider the potential development of the area over the next 100 years, discussing future social, climate and technological changes that may require adaptation and AI. This long-term perspective helps students understand how design choices made today can shape urban spaces for decades to come.



### Cultural Programme:

To enhance understanding of the city context, the programme includes visits to significant sites in Lublin, such as:

- The Underground Tourist Route, highlighting the city's history.
- The PKP Metropolitan BUS Station and Centre for the Meeting of Cultures (CSK).
- A walk through the Old Town, including a visit to the Trinity Tower, Lublin Castle, and other historic sites.
- A visit to Majdanek or the Lublin Open-Air Village Museum.

