

SELF COMMONS CONSTRUCTION - LOCI

BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME (BIP) 2025

Project

The intensive summer school “**seLf cOmmons Constructlon**” (LOCI) is an international workshop focused on **commoning practices** and experimental **self-built architectural agencies** set in **Pavia**. LOCI aims to explore innovative pedagogical methods and engagement processes by bringing students and citizens together in community-oriented design and construction.

The **virtual component** of LOCI is meant to set the theoretical basis for the project: it will include lectures by professors from partners’ universities and by practitioners, preliminary design-focused discussions and brainstorming to outline the activities that will be carried out on site, and an online workshop with local stakeholders to allow a preliminary encounter and first data collection. The workshop aims to develop architectural interventions that support shared (commons-based) use of urban commons, involving the local community in participatory design and construction, fostering social engagement.

The workshop includes practical **self-building activities** and narration-based research, starting from a collaboration between organisers and locals to define the project theme. After a preliminary survey, the first day focus on community engagement through convivial situations. The co-design phase involves drawings as well as play and performative actions, alongside community presentations for approval. Construction, guided by a professional team of carpenters, allows participants to build the structures using locally found materials. The workshop concludes with an inauguration event. The different phases and aspects of the project (including the preparatory activities and the post-completion evaluation) will be documented and elaborated applying visual ethnographic methodology.

The programme recognises **4 CFU** for full attendance.



Online Activities Program (draft) - 16h total

April-May: lectures

May-June: research (design, stakeholders meetings)

On Site Workshop Program (draft) - 44h total

Saturday 28/06: Participants arrival and group dinner

Sunday 29/06: Psychogeographic drift, community lunch, site visit with stakeholders, "Inhabit the Space" activities, key-note lecture

Monday 30/06: Material assessment, co-design draft, review with stakeholders over dinner

Tuesday 01/07: Finalize design, carpenter demonstration, kick off of the construction phase

Wednesday 02/07-Friday 04/07: Open construction site work - material implementation of the design in a setting open to the local community (site is fully accessible respecting safety measures and informations are provided to passer-by's on demand)

Saturday 05/07: Inauguration party at the presence of local associations and City Council representatives

Sunday 06/07: optional trip and participants departure

Partner universities

University of Pavia - Italy / Prof. Ioanni Delsante + Francesca Gotti + Linda Migliavacca

University of Malaga - Spain / Prof. Guido Cimadomo

University of Thessaly, Volos - Greece / Prof. Fabiano Micocci

Universidade de Lisboa - Portugal / Prof. Tiago Mota Saraiva (Atelier Mob, Working with the 99%)

University of the Arts UdK Berlin – Germany / Prof. Markus Bader (Raumlabor) + Silvia Gioberti (Guerilla Architects)

Universitat fur Angewandte Kunst - Austria / Prof. Yona Catrina Schreyer