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**European
ACTION WEEK 5.—
13.9.26**

Open Call for Participation

30.4. — 15.06.26

What is the European Action Week?

The European Action Week will take place from 5 to 13 September 2026. It is hosted by Architects for Future and organised together with initiatives, organisations and individuals from the **European Network for a Just Building Transition**. It builds on two European Assemblies convened by Architects for Future and the ongoing collaboration of transnational working groups developing collective momentum, network structures and political perspectives. The 3rd European Assembly will take place from 29 — 31 May 2026 in Prague and will serve as a working meeting to prepare the European Action Week.

As a **decentralised**, multi-day event taking place across Europe, it brings together local actions, gatherings, and encounters under a shared framework that explore how we want to live, build, and shape our communities and built environments **in a more just, sustainable way, in solidarity one with another**. Rooted in civil society engagement, the European Action Week creates space for exchange, learning, and collaboration across borders, while making visible the many ways people are already working for change on the ground.

The European Action Week opens up space for many different kinds of contributions, including discussions, workshops, neighbourhood activities, cultural formats, walks, screenings, public engagement and performances or interventions in public space. Its aim is to **make transformative change visible across Europe**, take a collective stance for a Just Building Transition, strengthen networks, and spark lasting connections and collaboration.

We imagine the European Action Week as a joyful festival of **togetherness and mutual learning** – a space for sharing experiences, democratic resistance, future-proof new imaginations, ideas, and stories, enjoying time together, and building stronger communities.

What kind of formats are we looking for?

We are looking for contributions that **explore the social-ecological transformation of our built environment, the inclusive shaping of places and communities, as well as fair and affordable ways of living and building.** We understand this transformation in its broadest sense and look forward to bringing together a wide mix of perspectives, topics and approaches.

We welcome formats that make visible today's challenges, ongoing or potential change, as well as tangible in different ways. These might include workshops, talks, discussions, exhibitions, screenings, walks, community-based actions, neighbourhood formats, camps, or artistic and experimental contributions.

We are especially interested in low-threshold formats that **invite people in spark conversation, and create space for encounter, exchange, and mutual learning.** We want to make visible what moves people locally as well as the diversity of approaches that already exist. Joint events and thematic collaborations with partners from other places or countries are also very welcome.

Actions can be **small or large, simple or ambitious, conventional or unusual.** We invite you to create the format that feels right for your context and your idea – whether that is a small guerrilla intervention in public space, a shared meal in the neighbourhood, a collective mapping workshop, a hands-on repair session, or a larger public event. What matters most is that your contribution creates a meaningful connection to the place, the people, and the transformation we want to see in the future.

Who can get involved?

The call is generally open to anyone who would like to contribute to the European Action Week. There are **no formal requirements** regarding the size, experience, organisational structure, location, or format of participants. Whether established or new, small or large, locally rooted or active across regions – your contributions are all welcome.

We are especially happy to receive contributions from people and groups who are already **active within or are connected to the organisations of our European Network** and would like to help shape the European Action Week. At the same time, new and emerging initiatives and groups are just as explicitly invited to take part. The European Action Week can also be an opportunity to make first ideas visible, build new collaborations, or spark further activities.

Participation is free for all initiatives, groups and non-profit organisations. For for-profit companies and larger institutions, we ask for an appropriate self-selected contribution, according to size and economic situation. Please contact us for further information regarding this topic (event@architects4future).

However, we want to stress that the European Action Week is not intended as a platform for corporate promotion or commercial interests. We reserve the right to exclude contributions where planned actions, represented positions, or underlying ideas clearly conflict with the values and goals of our network and the European Action Week.

What can participants expect and what support is available?

Your contribution becomes part of a decentralised programme that shows how people and organizations across Europe are working towards a more just, future-oriented, and inclusive way of living together.

We will host **shared exchange and networking formats** to support participants, foster connection, and accompany you in the planning and implementation of your action, while also providing **practical materials and guidance** along the way. In addition, there will be a central website with a programme calendar and map featuring all actions. The overall programme will be promoted centrally by the network. While responsibility for the outreach and publicity of your local event will remain with you, we will support you with **templates, materials, and communication resources**.

In addition, **financial support** can be requested, for example for venue rental, materials, printing costs, accessibility measures, moderation, speakers, artistic contributions, or other well-justified expenses. Funding will usually range from **€100 to €2.000** and should be budgeted carefully and appropriately. However, participation in the programme does not automatically include funding. Decisions on financial support will be made based on needs and within the limits of the available budget. We will also give special consideration to initiatives largely based on voluntary engagement, to groups and individuals who have so far been underrepresented in this discourse, and to actions that would be difficult to realise without support – especially those that build community and bring people together.

What do we ask of participants?

With your participation, you take responsibility for the planning, organisation, and implementation of your action. At the same time, the European Action Week is a shared project that depends on exchange, collaboration, and the interplay of many decentralised contributions.

For this, we rely on **clear and reliable communication**, reachable contact persons, and early information if anything changes or if support is needed. If you apply for financial support, we ask for **transparent and realistic information** so that available funds can be used fairly and effectively.

You are responsible for promoting your own local event. We will take care of the visibility of the overall programme and provide you with materials for outreach and communication. We also ask you **to share impressions, photos, or short reports** with us before, during, and after your action, so that we can make the European Action Week visible together. Openness to suitable media inquiries is also very welcome.

As a general principle, we **expect solidarity, a respectful, discrimination-free, and collaborative approach** – in the content of your contribution, in the collaboration, and in the way the action is carried out on site.

Timeline

30 April 2026

Launch of the Open Call for the European Action Week – Building the Future we need!

13 May 2026 at 6.00 pm

First Q&A session for interested participants

29 — 31 May 2026

3rd European Assembly for a Just Building Transition in Prague

Get involved! Get to know the Network and use the gathering to get inspiration for your contribution. No requirement!

[Link](#) (for registration)

03 June 2026 at 6.00 pm

Second Q&A session

15 June 2026

Submission deadline

16 June — 01 July 2026

Feedback on submissions

From 15 June 2026 onwards

Joint planning and start of the accompanying exchange programme for the European Action Week

5 — 13 September 2026

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Further information and contact

If you would like to become part of the European Action Week with your own action, please submit your idea via the registration form:

[Link to registration](#)

You can download a list of helping questions to prepare for registration [here](#).

If you have any questions – about the Open Call, the submission process, or the planning of your action – feel free to get in touch with event@architects4future.de or join one of the **Q&A sessions**.

Learn more about the **Network** and explore what we have been working on.

You can find updates, dates, and further information on our website and through our various channels.

We are looking forward to your contributions and to all that emerges from our collective work.