

# **Bauhaus – Conversation Guide**

## for everyone who wants to invite to and be a host for one of the Danish Design Council's Bauhaus Conversations

### **Introduction to the New European Bauhaus Brief Background**

In 2019, the EU Commission formulated the ambitious “European Green Deal”, whose purpose it is to render Europe and the European continent sustainable and climate neutral before 2050, amongst others by replacing 2% of the European building mass annually.

To succeed with this ambitious objective, the commission aims to establish a new European Bauhaus-movement, thought of as

**“A co-creation space where  
architects, artists, students,  
engineers and designers work  
together to make it happen”.**

How exactly that should be laid out is still open, but a number of Danish actors – lead by BLOX and the Confederation of Danish Industry – have just launched a collaboration to bring one of the expected five Bauhaus-Centers to Denmark. The Danish Design Council would like to both support and – not least – contribute to this process with our thoughts and reflections.

## Danish Design Council's contribution

As our contribution to the process, we at the Design Council have chosen to invite to a series of BauhausConversations amongst **designers, architects, artists, students** and **engineers** – as well as all others, who would like to contribute – to give our suggestions to what we deem important to include in a **New European Bauhaus**.

\* **The first conversations took place in Danish in January and February 2021 and the most important thoughts and reflections have now been made available at [www.bauhaus-conversations.eu](http://www.bauhaus-conversations.eu).**

## Three possible formats for the Bauhaus Conversations

As a host, you can choose between **three different formats**, which all three are explained in this guide.

- 1 Walk & Talk for 2-3 people**  
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- 2 DinnerConversation for 4-6 people within your own corona-bubble**  
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- 3 The virtual & potentially vinous Bauhaus-Conversation via Zoom for 6-10 people**  
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All formats use the same ConversationMenu with four questions, around which the conversation should be built. On the following pages you will find some guidance on how to plan the dialogue, your role as a host, as well as some bits of information regarding how we would like you to document the most important thoughts and reflections of the conversations afterwards.

In addition to this guide, we have also made a **ready-to-print ConversationMenu**, as well as **an invitation**, which you can easily adapt and send to the people you would like to invite to your Bauhaus Conversation.

## Who can you invite to your BauhausConversation?

The EU commission has stressed that they would particularly like to see an involvement of (amongst others) **designers, architects, artists, engineers** and **students** in the new Bauhaus-movement. Still, it is of course up to each of us who we would like to invite and who we would like to include in the dialogue. The more interesting our chosen conversation partners are, the more interesting input we can deliver.

**- So we will confidently leave it up to you who YOU want to invite to a Walk & Talk, a dinner and/or a virtual conversation.**

**However, we do have a small favour that we would like to ask you for:**

As you know, it is a larger group of people that is currently involved in the work of bringing Denmark into play regarding the New European Bauhaus, which we especially would like to include in the upcoming BauhausConversations. So, if you know any of the people below (who all participated in the first meeting last November), we would be very glad if you invited the respective person to one of your conversations.

### Participants in the first Bauhaus meeting in Denmark:

- Lars Thøgersen (Danish Design Council)
- Rikke Albertsen (Sustainia / Implement Consulting Group)
- Lars Pico Geerdsen (BUILD AAU)
- Nadim Stub (Proptech Denmark)
- Jacob Stoumann (Proptech Denmark)
- Peter Andreas Sattrup (Danish Association Of Architectural Firms)
- Lars Autrup (Danish Association of Architects)
- Camilla van Deurs (Copenhagen Municipality)
- Nina Kovsted Helk (Realdania)
- Lone Dalsgaard (Design School Kolding)
- Thomas Hofman-Bang (The Danish Industry Foundation)
- Inge Ebbensgaard (Danish Association of Consulting Engineers)
- Camilla Hastrup Hermansen (DDC/Design Society)
- Jakob Knudsen (Royal Danish Academy – Architecture, Design, Conservation)
- Rasmus Kristensen (The Danish Foreign Ministry)
- Annette Blegvad (UIA23)
- Lone Feifer (Active House Alliance)
- Christina Hvid (Molio)
- Tine Hylleberg (The Danish Foreign Ministry)
- Mette Skovgaard (Copenhagen Municipality)
- Michael H. Nielsen (DI / Danish Construction Association)
- Lene Espersen (Danish Association Of Architectural Firms)
- Susanne Bo Christensen (Ministry for Climate, Energy and Utilities)
- Finn Mortensen (State of Green)
- Andreas Hemmingsen (Ministry for Climate, Energy and Utilities)
- Anders Ladefoged (DI)
- Thomas Bustrup (DI)
- Edward James-Smith (Permanent Representation of Denmark to the EU)
- Mette Laursen (BLOX Global / LinKS)
- Erik Rasmussen (Sustainia)
- Kent Martinussen (DAC)
- Christian Bason (DDC)
- Majken Kalhave (Creative Denmark)
- Torben Klitgaard (BLOXHUB)
- Pernille Berg (BLOXHUB)
- Mette Øbro (BLOXHUB)

# Bauhaus – Walk & Talk

for 2-3 people, incl. host

## Preparation

### Plan your Walk & Talk

#### 1 Choose who you would like to invite (max 2 people)

We encourage you to choose people who do not know each other and who have differing opinions and/or experience: designers, artists, engineers, architects or others, who could have an exciting take on a sustainable Europe of the future.

#### 2 Complete and adapt the invitation by using the template

Fill it in with the person's name as well as the time and place for your walk (ideally with a starting and finishing time – we recommend ca. 1,5 hours). Choose a somewhat quiet route, where you're unlikely to be disturbed – and ideally in the morning or over lunch, so you don't have to walk in the dark.

#### 3 Send the invitation (ideally a few days in advance)

You can send the invitation both via email or SMS.

## Conversation

### Use the ConversationMenu during your Walk & Talk

#### 4 Print + bring along a ConversationMenu for each of you (and some pens)

#### 5 Spend a bit of time introducing yourselves to each other before delving into the ConversationMenu (especially if you haven't met before)

Hereafter, we recommend dwelling about 15 minutes on each question – potentially with a short break before you move on to the next.

#### 6 Bring a snack

If you meet in the morning, bring a cup of coffee and a croissant. If it's lunchtime, pack a sandwich. Either homemade or plan the route so you will be coming past a place, where you can refuel on the way.

#### 7 Finally, ask everyone to fill in the back page of the ConversationMenu

Here, we ask you to write down your names and the most important thoughts and reflections (that you feel comfortable being cited on) regarding the four questions. This will be handed over to you as the host before you part. (Pro tip: finish at a bench, where you can sit down to write.)

## Documentation

### Collecting and delivering your documentation

#### 8 Remember to take a picture of the three of you



Note that it's important that you as the host are on the picture, too. Hand in the image together with the rest of your documentation afterwards.

#### 9 Documentation of the conversation

It's important that you, immediately after returning home from your walk, document the most important thoughts and reflections. You do that by clicking on this link ([dbj1sr42gjp.typeform.com/to/Ts80QEet](https://dbj1sr42gjp.typeform.com/to/Ts80QEet)), where you will be asked to fill in/upload the following:

- Names and titles of your ConversationPartners
- Where and when your BauhausConversation took place
- A picture of you two/three taken on your Walk & Talk
- The most important ideas, reflections and conclusions on each of the four questions
- A minimum of one citation from each of the ConversationPartners (which they have inserted themselves on the ConversationMenu)

# Bauhaus – DinnerConversation

for 3-5 people, incl. host and within you own corona-bubble

## Preparation

### Plan your DinnerConversation

#### 1 Choose who you would like to invite (max 5 people)

We encourage you to choose people who do not know each other and who have differing opinions and/or experience: designers, artists, engineers, architects or others, who could have an exciting take on a sustainable Europe of the future.

#### 2 Complete and adapt the invitation by using the template

Fill it in with the persons' names who you'd like to invite, together with the time and place for the dinner (ideally with both a starting and finishing time). The invitation should also briefly explain the concept of the DinnerConversation.

#### 3 Send the invitation (ideally a few days in advance)

You can send the invitation both via email or SMS.

## Conversation

### Use the ConversationMenu during your DinnerConversation

#### 4 Make sure there is a printed ConversationMenu and a pencil at every seat

Make a seating arrangement, so people don't sit next to those they know best ;-)

#### 5 Spend some time on introducing yourselves to each other before delving into the ConversationMenu (especially if some haven't met before)

#### 6 Dwell about 15 minutes on each question

Try and have one conversation at the table for each question, as it otherwise can be difficult to document afterwards. And make sure there is enough time to talk about other things in between the questions.

#### 7 Ask everyone at the dinner to fill in the ConversationMenu's back page

Here, you can write down your names and the most important thoughts and reflections (that you feel comfortable being cited on) regarding the four questions. Make sure to collect all ConversationMenus before the end of the evening.

## Documentation

### Collecting and delivering your documentation

#### 8 Remember to take a picture of all of you together at the dinner

Note that it's important that you as the host are in the picture, too. Hand in the image together with the rest of your documentation afterwards.

#### 9 Documentation of the conversation

You can choose to document the conversation together with your ConversationPartners at the end of the dinner or after everyone has left. You can document your conversation via this link ([dbj1sr42gjp.typeform.com/to/Ts80QEet](https://dbj1sr42gjp.typeform.com/to/Ts80QEet)), where you will be asked to fill in/ upload the following:

- Names & titles of your ConversationPartners
- Where and when your BauhausConversation took place
- A picture (with you in it) of your dinner party
- The most important ideas, reflections and conclusions on each of the four questions
- A minimum of one citation from each of the ConversationPartners (which they have inserted themselves on the ConversationMenu)

# Bauhaus – the virtual Bauhaus Conversation. Maybe with wine.

for 5-10 people, incl. host and via Zoom

## Preparation

Plan your virtual conversation

### 1 Choose who you would like to invite (max 10 people)

We encourage you to choose people who do not know each other and who have differing opinions and/or experience: designers, artists, engineers, architects or others, who could have an exciting take on a sustainable Europe of the future.

### 2 Complete and adapt the invitation by using the template

Fill it in with the persons' names, time (ideally with both a starting and finishing time - we recommend ca. 1,5 hours) and the link to your Zoom meeting.

### 3 Send the invitation (ideally a few days in advance)

You can send the invitation both via email or SMS.

### \* In doubt how to use Zoom?

You're welcome to contact Lena Velez Larsen via email [info@danishdesigncouncil.dk](mailto:info@danishdesigncouncil.dk) or by calling +45 3114 4918. She's ready to help!

## Conversation

Use the ConversationMenu during your virtual conversation

### 4 Spend some time on introducing yourselves to each other before delving into the ConversationMenu (especially if some haven't met before)

### 5 Dwell about 15 minutes on each of the four questions

Write one questions into the chat at a time (copy-pasted from the ConversationMenu) and make sure everyone puts in a word or two before you proceed to the next question.

### 6 Leave 10 min in the end for everyone to hand in some sentences for citation via the chat

This is the opportunity to write down the most important thoughts and reflections (for citation) regarding one or all four questions, which you as the host will use to document your conversation.

### 7 Remember to **download** the chat before you log off

This will be super important to copy-paste from when you fill in the documentation pack afterwards.

### \* Download the chat by clicking on in your chat window and click "save chat".

## Documentation

Collecting and delivering your documentation

### 8 Remember to take a screenshot during your conversation

Note that it's important that you as the host are in the picture, too. Hand in the image together with the rest of the documentation of your BauhausConversation afterwards.



### 9 Documentation of the conversation

You document your virtual conversation via this link ([dbj1sr42gjp.typeform.com/to/Ts80QEet](https://dbj1sr42gjp.typeform.com/to/Ts80QEet)), where you will be asked to fill in/ upload the following:

- Names & titles of your ConversationPartners
- Where and when your BauhausConversation took place
- A screenshot (with you in it) of your Zoom meeting
- The most important ideas, reflections and conclusions on each of the four questions
- Min. one citation from each of the ConversationPartners (which they noted in the chat)