

CAPS Students and Staff Take Part in the Erasmus Blended Intensive Programme “Public Arts Garage - Hidden Cities”



Picture of the participants at the 5th edition of this BIP at University College Cork, Ireland.

“Hidden Cities: Artistic Methodologies & Practices to Explore Urban Transformation” is an Erasmus BIP for advanced MA and PhD students in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, building on the collaborative pedagogical model of the Public Arts Garage, developed at Bauhaus-Universität Weimar in collaboration with the CAPS international partner network. Previous editions were held in Weimar, Montréal, Barcelona and Rennes, with the 2025 edition welcoming new partners from the UNIC European University Alliance.

The programme combined an online component (weekly sessions from October to December 2025) with an intensive in-person week in Cork (1-5 December 2025). During six online sessions, students attended lectures and interactive talks in English delivered by an international and interdisciplinary teaching team from the CAPS and UNIC networks. These sessions provided the theoretical and methodological grounding necessary for the in-person workshops in Cork.

During the week in Cork, participants engaged in workshops on artistic research, urban narratives and participatory practices, addressing topics such as creative city-making, speculative design and inclusivity in art. The programme also included visits to local art exhibitions, notably Jools Gilson’s *The Knitting Map*, and guided cultural and historical walks around the city.



Rennes 2 participants at University College Cork

Among the approximately **70 international participants**, Rennes 2 attendees included eight Master 2 CAPS students, two CAPS PhD candidates, and two CAPS administrative staff members. The programme concluded with group presentations, during which students proposed speculative artistic concepts for the city of Cork, evaluated by the international teaching team.

International partners involved (students and/or staff):

- Université Rennes 2 / Graduate School CAPS (France)
- Bauhaus-Universität Weimar (Germany)
- University of Barcelona (Spain)
- University of Zagreb (Croatia)
- Erasmus University Rotterdam (Netherlands)
- University of Malmö (Sweden)
- University of Lodz (Poland)
- Ruhr Universität Bochum (Germany)
- Université de Liège (Belgium)
- University of Oulu (Finland)
- Koc Universitesi Istanbul (Turkey)

Further information:

<https://www.unic.eu/en/events/unic-blended-intensive-programme-hidden-cities>

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