The practical definition of meaningful and multifunctional Green Infrastructures will structure the development of the course and will show the potential of Green Infrastructures to create more sustainable regions, cities and green urban systems.

Apart from the formal definition of Green Infrastructures, the course will explore their functioning and performance by:
- Assessing its environmental, ecological and social functions
- Making explicit and transmittable the benefits provided by Green Infrastructures
- Showing how all the scales and contexts can contribute to a sustainable global end.

In order to apply and explore all the concepts, the participants will develop their work in one of the 7 following Baltic Sea Cities (Tartu in Estonia, Riga and Jelgava in Latvia, Helsinki and Turku in Finland and Söderhamn and Gävle in Sweden).

The Studio will be structured in the following three phases:

1) GREEN URBAN PLANNING: Basic Concepts and advanced interpretations
2) TOWARDS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURES: key new concepts: Green Infrastructures, Ecosystem services, Urban sustainable metabolisms
3) DEFINITION OF BALTIC SEA GREEN URBAN INFRASTRUCTURES