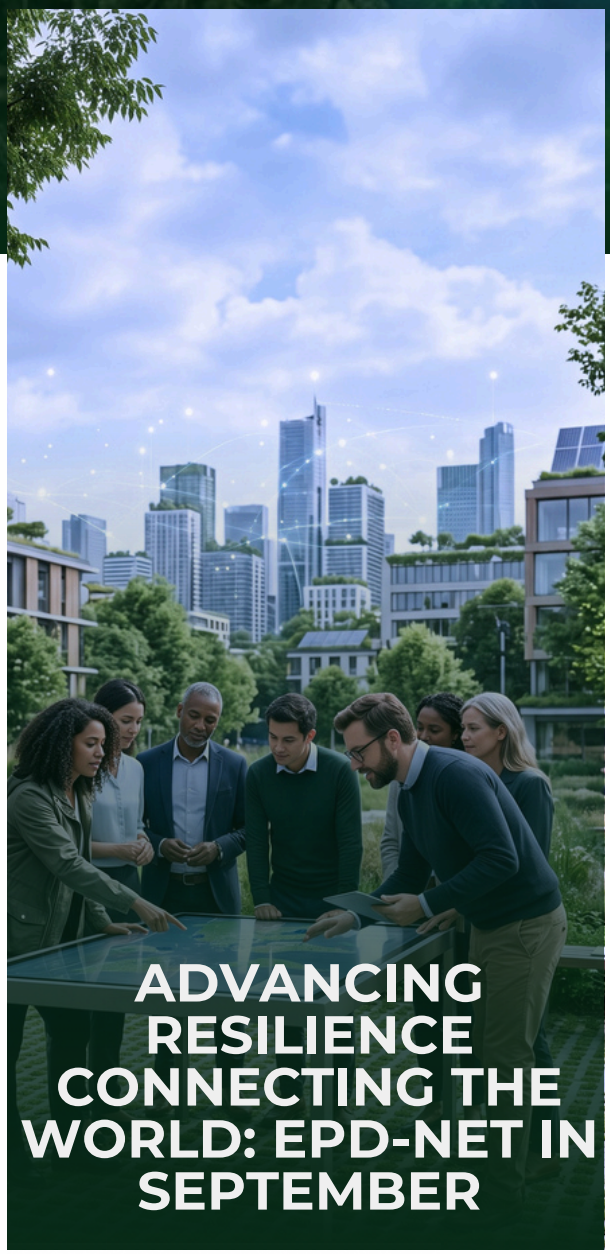
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The EPD-Net Project is an EU co-funded Erasmus+ initiative bringing together 32 partners from 13 countries. It focuses on ecological planning and design (EPD) for disaster- resilient and sustainable cities by establishing a transnational learning network and developping an AI-supoorted, adaptive “smart training module” (LMS plus a self-assessment component). The project aims to strengthen the role of planning and design disciplines in disaster management and to enhance employability and institutional capacity trough training content that integrates green, digital, and resilience competences.

FILLING THE GAP: DEVELOPMENT OF ECOLOGICAL PLANNING AND DESIGN LEARNING NETWORK AND AN ADAPTIVE SMART TRAINING MODULE FOR DISASTER RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES



ADVANCING RESILIENCE CONNECTING THE WORLD: EPD-NET IN SEPTEMBER

OUR MULTILINGUAL WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE!

We are delighted to announce that the official multilingual EPD-Net website is now live: www.epd-net.info. Because it is multilingual, our work is now open to partners, students, practitioners and policymakers in their own languages. Visit the site to learn about the project, follow our activities and join the conversation.

CONNECTING ACROSS BORDERS

EPD-Net strengthened its international presence through events in Ukraine and Europe. In Kharkiv, Prof. Dr. Alper Çabuk delivered a keynote at the joint ISUN-AI 2026 and ISEAS 2026 symposia, focusing on emerging technologies and resilient futures. Meanwhile, EPD-Net’s Latvian partners LAAA and LBTU presented the project at IFLA Europe conference "Landscape in Transition", highlighting the connection between education and practice in climate adaptation, ecological restoration and disaster-resilient principles in cities. These events showcased EPD-Net’s growing international network and its commitment to turning knowledge into practical resilience.

CONNECTING SCIENCE AND SECTOR: PSB ANATOLIA

At the PSB Anatolia International Landscape, Ornamental Plants, Horticulture and Equipment Fair, we presented the panel "EPD-Net on the Road to COP31," moderated by Dr. Nihan Yegin Yarayan. The panel reached the professionals who turn resilience into practice in the cities we live in.

CONNECTING INSTITUTIONS: THE COP31 PANEL AT ESTEKFEST 2026

At ESTEKFEST 2026, the Future Technologies, Science and Youth Festival held at Eskişehir Technical University on 24–25 September, the COP31 Panel, bringing together perspectives from academia, industry, disaster management, agriculture and climate science. During this panel, Asst. Prof. Dr. Murat Ayar introduced the EPD-Net project, highlighting its approach to strengthening knowledge and skills for more sustainable, resilient and digitally supported cities.

ADVANCING RESILIENCE AT HOME: THE FIRST LECTURE

September closes with an important academic milestone. At Eskişehir Technical University’s 2026–2027 Academic Year Opening Ceremony, Prof. Dr. Alper Çabuk will deliver the First Lecture, “At the Planet’s Limits: Disasters, Climate Crisis, COP31 and the Future of Humanity,” following opening remarks by Rector Prof. Dr. Adnan Özcan. The lecture will take place on 29 September 2026 at 14:00 at the ESTU Conference Hall, İki Eylül Campus, Eskişehir, bringing disasters, climate change and resilience into focus as the new academic year begins.

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