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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.

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TOWARDS A LASTING LEGACY: PROGRESS IN THE UNESCO CHAIR INITIATIVE

An exciting new chapter in international academic cooperation is taking shape! The UNESCO Chair application submitted by Eskişehir Technical University has received a positive evaluation from UNESCO specialists, marking a significant step towards establishing a lasting platform for research, education, and global knowledge exchange.

FROM LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL DIALOGUE: HEADING TOWARDS COP31

The journey towards a more resilient future is reaching the global stage! Upcoming representation at COP31 Türkiye offers an opportunity to bring ecological planning, nature-based solutions, and disaster resilience into the international climate dialogue.

ADVANCING RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND INTERNATIONAL KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Advancing Post-Wildfire Urban Resilience: Prof. Dr. Saye Nihan Çabuk, Prof. Dr. Alper Çabuk, and Dr. Mehtap Özenen Kavlak presented their U-DMC decision framework for post-wildfire resilience at the 11th International Conference on Urban Planning & Architectural Design for Sustainable Development.

Green Ergonomics for Disaster Resilience: Dr. İlknur Küçükoğlu presented research on human comfort and ecological resilience in post-disaster temporary shelters at the 32th National Ergonomics Congress.

Strengthening Municipal Crisis Preparedness: Dr. Lilita Sproģe introduced the EPD-Net training module at a Latvian seminar addressing municipal resilience and continuity of essential services during crises.

Assessing Wildfire Impacts Through Geospatial Technologies: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Halil Duymuş published research in Environmental Monitoring and Assessment examining fire severity and carbon sink changes following the 2021 Manavgat wildfire.

Innovative Solutions for Urban Heat Resilience: A new collaborative publication in GSI Journals Serie C introduced AGICore, an explainable computational framework for assessing nature-based solutions under urban heat risk.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: A PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL HONOUR FOR MARIA GABRIELLA TROVATO

A remarkable achievement for our international community! Maria Gabriella Trovato, a valued member of the EPD-Net and EMERGE consortiums, has been honoured with the prestigious 2026 IFLA President's Award. Recognising her exceptional contributions to humanitarian landscape architecture, ecological restoration, and community resilience, this distinction celebrates the transformative potential of landscape architecture in building a more sustainable and inclusive future.

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