

ANDROID is an Erasmus academic network. It aims to promote co-operation and innovation among European Higher Education to increase society's resilience to disasters of human and natural origin. The network's teaching and research is concerned with what resilience is, what it means to society, and how societies might achieve greater resilience in the face of increasing threats from natural and human induced hazards. The network will create a European approach that will help us understand the attributes that enable physical, socio-cultural, politico-economic and natural systems to adapt, by resistance or changing, in order to reach and maintain an acceptable level of functioning. The network will also raise awareness and promote a common understanding among stakeholders of the importance of disaster resilience education and the essential role of European HEIs in improving society's ability to increase disaster resilience.

- The **ANDROID virtual network** will form a virtual hub for the project. Using Joomla, a free and open-source content management platform, the virtual network will provide a broad range of functionality that will facilitate administration and coordination across partner institutions: collaboration and communication tools; information handling and exchange; project management tools; data collection tools; and, intra-network dissemination.
- The **Doctoral School** will be a fully coordinated, innovative, and international interdisciplinary doctoral teaching and research programme focused on the most salient issues and features shaping society's ability to tackle the challenges posed by natural and human induced hazards. The Doctoral School will provide complementary and innovative research training programmes aimed at honing the students' skill set, and will draw on the wide disciplinary base of the network's partners to promote inter-disciplinary working for doctoral students.
- A pan-European survey will identify, collate and disseminate **good practices for inter-disciplinary working in research and teaching** that explores what resilience is, what it means to society, and how societies might achieve greater resilience in the face of increasing threats from natural and human induced hazards.
- The **inventory of European disaster resilience education** will describe, analyse, and compare disaster resilience related education programmes in order to establish existing capacity among European HEIs to address the threat posed by hazards of natural and human origin.
- A survey will assess the **capacity of local government's public administrators in European urban areas** to address disaster risk.
- The network's **Special Interest Groups** (SIGs), which represent the particular research and teaching concerns of groups of members, will define a scope and work plan, organise seminars, contribute to the network newsletter, and communicate regularly through the Virtual Network. Each SIG will be expected to contribute to a report on future research directions in disaster resilience research, and the implications for education.
- An **Open Educational Resources (OER) platform** will host digitised materials offered freely and openly for educators, students and self-learners to use and reuse for teaching, learning and research.
- A series of **annual conferences** across Europe will bring together Network members, lecturers and researchers in universities and other higher education institutions with an interest in disaster resilience, as well as those in NGOs and policy fields.