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A JOURNEY TO “RESILIENCE AND BEYOND”

MARUF23 brought together over 5000 participants and 380 speakers in more than 140 sessions.

STREETS REDESIGNED!

Street transformation, responsive to public demands, is a means to create child-friendly streets.

ELDERLY IN INCLUSIVE, FAIR CLIMATE POLICY

The elderly population is increasingly vulnerable as the world ages and climate crisis impacts intensify.



EDITOR'S LETTER

Cities serve as historic engines of progress, and today, more than half of humanity calls urban areas their home—a number set to surge. This growth prompts critical questions: How will cities accommodate this influx, ensuring equitable opportunities for all? How do we confront climate change, pandemics, and inequalities within our urban landscapes? These challenges starkly threaten our collective well-being and pose tangible risks to the fabric of our humanity.

We stand at a decisive crossroads where today's choices echo across generations. Cities are now prioritizing the welfare of children in their urban design, recognizing their significant role in shaping urban landscapes. Most young people aspire to contribute actively to the future of their communities and integrating child-friendly policies can bring immediate benefits and foster lasting positive impacts on both society and the environment. As cities face demographic changes, promoting well-being for all age groups becomes crucial for resilience and social dynamism. If we aim for innovation and thriving cities, they must benefit everyone.

The past year tested us in unforeseen ways. The devastating earthquake in Türkiye shook us to our core, claiming thousands of lives—a tragedy deeply imprinted on our hearts. While 2023 was undeniably tough, within its trials lie the seeds of our determination, unity, and shared humanity. Marmara Urban Forum organized by the Marmara Municipalities Union in 2023, themed "resilience and beyond," ignited discussions fostering hope and strength for a better future. Looking ahead, 2024 stands as a time for reflection, absorbing knowledge from MARUF23, and collaborating with partners for new insights, paving the way for MARUF25.

As we step into the new year, let's carry the wisdom gained from challenging experiences, infusing progress, compassion, and abundant opportunities into our cities. Our cities are not isolated entities but interconnected nodes shaping humanity's destiny. Working together "Let's create inclusive environments where everyone can thrive. By nurturing such communities, we foster a sense of global unity that prioritizes collective success over individual triumphs.

Warm regards,

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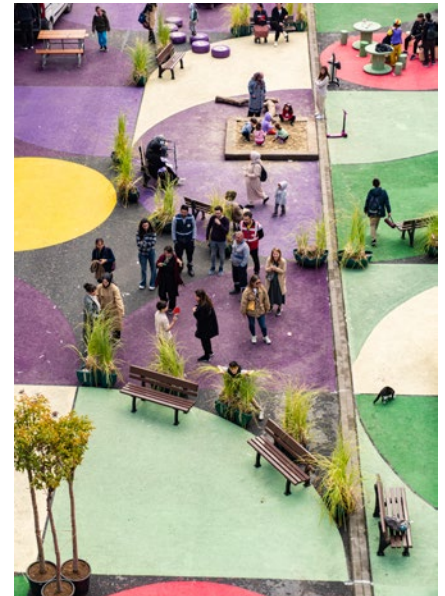
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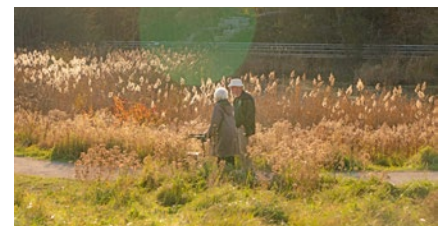
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