



New project to address current and emerging skill and knowledge requirements in the construction industry aimed at increasing societal resilience to disasters

Experts from Europe and South Asia have joined together in a new project funded by the European Union to address current and emerging skill and knowledge requirements in the construction industry aimed at increasing societal resilience to disasters.

The project, called CADRE (Collaborative Action towards Disaster Resilience Education), will improve the quality and relevance of higher education through active cooperation between Higher Education Institutes and partners from outside academia, including construction professional bodies, local/national/international bodies and social partners.

CADRE, supported by an EU grant worth £353,246, will run for three years and is led by University of Salford's Centre for Disaster Resilience, based in the UK. The Salford team are working in conjunction with the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (Switzerland), Tallinn University of Technology (Estonia), Vilnius Gediminas University of Technology (Lithuania) and Northumbria University (UK). These four European based institutions are joined by two partners from Sri Lanka who will bring a much-needed international perspective to the project: the University of Moratuwa and the Federation of Local Government Associations Sri Lanka.

The team aim to establish a framework for Industry, Community and University integration to address societal concerns, and develop an innovative professional doctoral programme that integrates professional and academic knowledge to address disaster risk. The team will go on to create world-class curricula and modules to support the programme.

The project is contributing to the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) 'Making Cities Resilient' campaign. The campaign advocates widespread commitment by local governments to build resilience to disasters, increase national government support to cities to strengthen local capacities and to develop global goals that are applicable for all cities.

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