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Sustainable Accessible Future Environments

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Online Community

The SAFE Online Learning Community is designed as an open, inclusive and accessible environment that enables everyone, even those without prior knowledge of these topics, to meaningfully participate in the learning process. Its structure supports gradual learning, practical engagement and flexible self-directed study. The community is organised into four main sections: **Interdisciplinary Studies in Developing Cities for People, Digital Toolkit, Publications and Social Media**. Together, they form a coherent system that supports learning, application and ongoing engagement.

The online community is available on the SAFE project webpage: <https://eusafe.fa.uni-lj.si/>



Figure 1
Buttons linking to the online community on the SAFE project webpage.

1. Interdisciplinary Studies in Developing Cities for People

The Interdisciplinary Studies in Developing Cities for People section presents a structured, multi day learning module designed to guide participants through the SAFE methodology. Each phase is supported by recorded video lectures, practical exercises, and accompanying PDF documents. The learning structure includes the following thematic units:

Preliminary Period

Introduction to the target groups (people with Asperger syndrome, migrant women, families with children, the elderly, etc.) and preparatory tasks aimed at understanding accessibility and safety challenges in urban space.

Day 1: Accessibility & Safety

Lectures on urban design, participation, open public spaces, and safety. Includes a participatory site walk, photo documentation, and group discussions on accessibility issues.

Day 2: Mapping

Introduction to spatial, behavioural, and environmental mapping techniques to analyse how people use public spaces and where urban areas need improvements.

Day 3: Society

Focus on social aspects: inclusion, participation, community needs, and socio-spatial inequalities affecting accessibility and safety.

Day 4: Scenario

Development of future oriented proposals and scenarios based on collected data and analyses, linking design, social needs, and safety considerations.

Day 5: Presentation

Final group presentations of posters, models, and findings, demonstrating how learners interpret accessibility and safety through interdisciplinary methods.

Post-week work

Follow-up activities in which learners reflect on the intensive week, apply the SAFE approach in their own local context, refine scenarios or concepts and document lessons learned for future practice.

2. Digital Toolkit

The Digital Toolkit collects practical tools and resources that support hands-on application of the SAFE methodology. It includes the following seven tools:

Behavioral Mapping Tool

A comprehensive framework for understanding how people use public spaces through twelve methods, including pre-research, mapping, urban and safety walks, accessibility assessment, open space evaluation, behavioural observation and safety evaluation.

Evacuation Plan

A practical tool for preparing accessible and safe evacuation strategies in public spaces. It identifies risks, maps evacuation routes and highlights barriers that may affect diverse user groups.

Interviewing Users of Urban Services

A structured method for gathering qualitative insights from different target groups. It supports understanding lived experiences, identifying barriers and strengthening participatory approaches.

Travel Safety

A guide offering safety and accessibility recommendations for various types of travellers, including families with children, elderly individuals, travellers with disabilities, women travelling alone and autistic travellers.

Accessible Businesses

A set of tools aimed at small and medium sized businesses. Includes digital accessibility mapping, participatory walks, behavioural observation, scenario simulation, stakeholder involvement and accessibility certification guidelines.

Urban Design Applications

A list of digital tools that support urban analysis and design, such as SketchUp Viewer, AutoCAD 360, iScape, ArcGIS Collector, GIS Cloud Mobile Data Collection, Mapbox, Streetmix, What3Words and Citymapper.

Training Materials for Businesses and Target Groups

Educational and communication resources for different user groups, such as autistic individuals, people with disabilities, migrant women, families and elderly people. Includes exercises, checklists and practical guidelines.

3. The Publications

Publications section brings together the main written outputs of the SAFE project. Each publication addresses a different aspect of accessibility, safety, or inclusive urban design:

Cities for Everyone - case studies and lessons from five European cities, illustrating how co-created scenarios can improve accessibility, safety, and inclusion.

Stories from the Unseen - narratives that highlight experiences of groups whose needs often remain overlooked in urban planning.

Local Guidelines for Stakeholders - practical instructions for local authorities, planners, NGOs, and educators.

Policy Recommendations for Urban Areas - strategic recommendations directed at policymakers, offering ways to improve safety and accessibility.

SAFE Handbook - the main reference compiling project findings, methods, tools, and educational materials.

4. Social media

The Social Media section provides an overview of the project's online presence and serves as an entry point for ongoing communication with the wider SAFE community. Through our social media channels, users can stay updated on project activities, new learning materials, events and highlights from partner institutions. The content is designed to promote engagement, accessibility and visibility beyond the core learning modules. The SAFE project actively shares updates and interacts with its community on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, creating an open space for exchanging ideas, showcasing project outcomes and strengthening public awareness of accessibility, safety and inclusion in urban spaces.



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