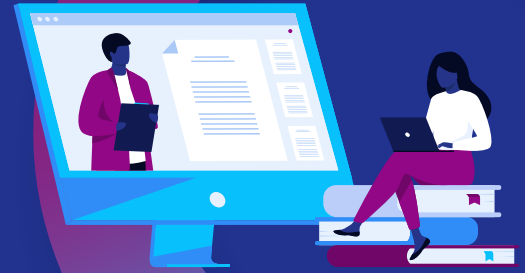




IcARUS

IcARUS series of web conferences

Co-producing social and technological innovations to address urban security challenges: Join the IcARUS web conferences and contribute to rethinking urban security approaches



Initiating transformation in urban security policies - About the IcARUS project

With the aim of supporting transformation in urban security policies, Efus launched the IcARUS project to integrate innovative methodologies and foresight into urban security approaches, mobilising socially and technologically innovative solutions and the participation of all relevant stakeholders, including citizens.

The IcARUS project, funded by the European Union and implemented in cooperation with 18 partners including universities and research institutions, local authorities, civil society and private sector organisations, draws on the accumulation of knowledge and insights from 30 years of urban security research, practice and policies.

Designing urban security approaches that are centred around citizens' needs

IcARUS' partner cities are developing tools which respond to their local urban security challenges and take citizens' needs into account. Accompanying the development of concrete tools, IcARUS seeks to enhance a strategic approach to urban security. To achieve this objective, Efus and its partners invite experts to support cities in integrating cross-cutting urban security issues in the development of their tools.

How? This will be done through the organisation of a series of web conferences, in which cities' experiences are at the heart of each session, covering diverse topics, including the integration of gender in security policies, the rethinking of urban security problems and solutions, and the involvement of citizens in the management of public spaces.

Are you part of a local authority? Join us and contribute to improving innovative approaches to urban security!

This will support the creation of tailor-made, comprehensive and inclusive tools, to make sure they are best adapted to the reality of local contexts.

AGENDA

Session 2 - How can the Design Thinking methodology contribute to a more strategic approach to urban security?

28 February 2023
(10am CET)

In times when unforeseen events and uncertainties have become the norm, local authorities are called upon to provide answers to complex problems in urban security with no obvious answers. It is therefore essential to make sure they are able to adapt quickly and, above all, to anticipate potential future challenges. By including a variety of perspectives, professions and experiences, the human-centred Design Thinking (DT) methodology enhances the co-production of concrete solutions, starting with a process of collaborative and multi-dimensional problem analysis, which helps to shed light on the whole picture of a given urban security challenge. This enables cities to engage local stakeholders and citizens in the design of interventions, and thus to tailor solutions to the local context while responding to unmet needs of citizens.

During this session, representatives of the partner cities of the project (Rotterdam, Lisbon, Nice, Stuttgart, Riga and Torino) will share their case-study and exchange with the expert Prof Kees Dorst, TD School, University of Technology Sydney, on the following questions:

- What is the Design Thinking methodology and how can it be used in urban security policies?
- How can this approach reframe urban security policy issues? How can it generate and test new solutions to old and emerging problems?
- How can Design Thinking improve the participation of citizens in urban security measures?
- What does Design Thinking look like in practice? Case studies and concrete examples of Design Thinking implementation in urban security

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