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# Enhancing Practices and Strengthening Core Competencies in Disaster Nursing through the Learning HUB (ECoDN-HUB)

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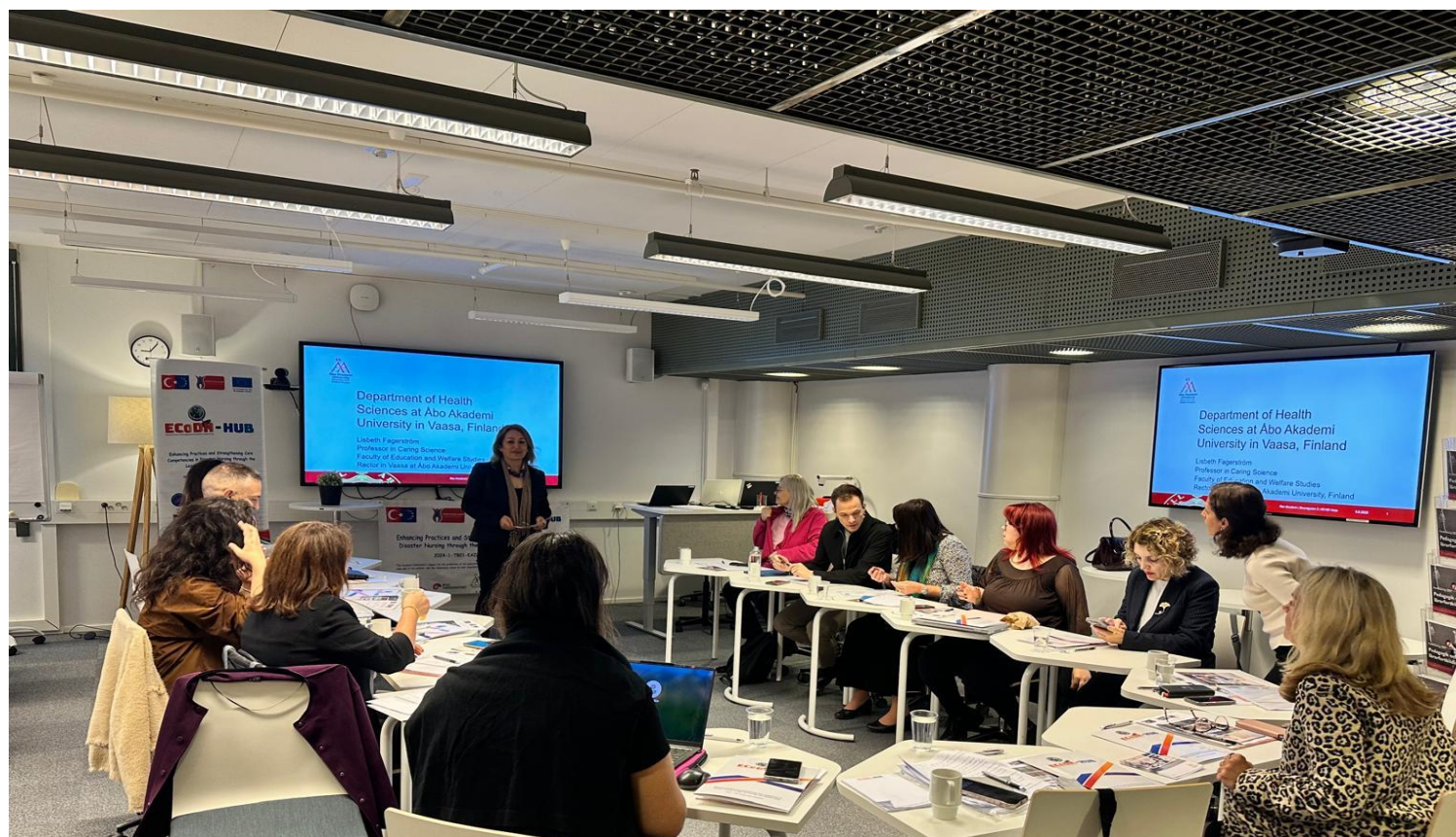




## 3<sup>rd</sup> Transnational Project Meeting (TPM-3) - Held in Vaasa, Finland.

The meeting began with opening speeches delivered by Prof. Dr. Zeynep Özer (Akdeniz University) and Prof. Dr. Lisbeth Fagerström (Åbo Akademi University). The speeches highlighted the progress achieved in the project so far and emphasized the importance of contributions from the partner institutions.

Following the opening session, presentations were delivered by Akdeniz University, Koç University, West University of Timișoara (Romania), Antalya Training and Research Hospital, Åbo Akademi University (Finland), and the University of South Bohemia (Czechia, České Budějovice). These presentations provided an overview of both technical developments and progress in administrative processes.



Later, the University of South Bohemia and West University of Timișoara presented the process of scenario writing and the development of AR/VR guidelines, while Koç University shared an example of method and content related to AR/VR scenario.

In the afternoon, participants visited Vaasa Central Hospital, where the Director of Nursing Research and Development presented the hospital's research and development activities. This visit offered participants the opportunity to both observe the field and evaluate the practices on site.





On the second day of the meeting, the program began with a training session held in Åbo Akademi University's virtual reality laboratory. Under the guidance of digital mentor Maria Heimonen Byholm, participants experienced nursing scenarios in a virtual environment and gained insights into the use of these tools in nursing education.

In the afternoon, West University of Timișoara and Åbo Akademi presented planning and drafts for the preparation of AR/VR video templates. Afterwards, Akdeniz University addressed the writing process of the Disaster Nursing Handbook, discussing its structure, content plan, and evaluation methods.



In later sessions of the day, project milestones, interim report preparations, and the upcoming three-month roadmap were reviewed. The meeting concluded with a certificate ceremony and closing remarks, during which participants were thanked for their valuable contributions to the project.





# 3<sup>rd</sup> Project Management Committee (PMC) Meeting

The 3<sup>rd</sup> PMC meeting, held online on 10 September 2025, began with the opening speech of Akdeniz University. The first agenda item of the meeting focused on the program of the 4<sup>th</sup> TPM. In this context, planning was carried out regarding the TPM signature circular, the participation certificates and the evaluation questionnaire.

Subsequently, scenario writing and AR/VR video templates were discussed. Representatives from Koç University, Åbo Akademi, and West University of Timișoara shared their expectations about the process, while suggestions and contributions from partners were evaluated.

The screenshot displays a Zoom meeting window titled "General" kanalındaki toplantı. The main content area shows a presentation slide from Koç University. The slide has a header with the Turkish and European Union flags and the text "ECODN-HUB". Below this, it says "We are waiting for you in Istanbul/Türkiye on 2-3 October, 2025". The slide also features a large image of the Koç University building and a map of Istanbul with the text "Where East meets West". The Zoom interface includes a toolbar at the top with icons for chat, participants, mute, and other controls. The bottom of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with various application icons and the system clock indicating 13:42 on 10.09.2025.

In the next session, budget management and financial reporting were addressed; partners shared information through their technical and financial report presentations. This ensured clarity of financial procedures for transparent progress. The meeting concluded with overall evaluations and closing remarks.

The screenshot displays a Zoom meeting window titled "General" kanalındaki toplantı. The main content area shows a grid of participants. The grid includes 11 participants, each with a video feed and a name label. The participants are: Leyla Muslu, ZEYNEP CANLI ÖZER, Otniel Didraga (Doğrulanmamış), Sevilay Şenol Çelik (Dış), Malin Andtfolk (Dış), Lisbeth Fagerström (Doğrulanmamış), Tóthová Valérie prof. PhDr. Ph.D., dr.h.c. (...), Hatice ESEN KOÇ (Doğrulanmamış), and Selma TURAN KAVRADIM (Konuk) (Doğ...). The Zoom interface includes a toolbar at the top with icons for chat, participants, mute, and other controls. The bottom of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with various application icons and the system clock indicating 13:54 on 10.09.2025.



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## AFET HEMŞİRELİĞİNDE ULUSLARARASI İŞ BİRLİĞİ: ECODN-HUB PROJESİYLE AR/VR DESTEKLİ EĞİTİMDE YENİ DÖNEM

Ajansımız tarafından Yükseköğretimde İş Birliği Ortaklıkları (KA220-HED) alanında desteklenen Akdeniz Üniversitesi koordinatörlüğünde yürütülen “Afet Hemşireliğinde Çoklu Öğrenme Araçlarıyla Uygulamaların Geliştirilmesi ve Temel Yetkinliklerin Güçlendirilmesi” (ECODN-HUB) projesi, dört ülkeden kurumları bir araya getirerek hemşirelik eğitiminde yenilikçi bir adım atıyor.

Akdeniz Üniversitesi Hemşirelik Fakültesi koordinatörlüğünde, Türkiye, Finlandiya, Çek Cumhuriyeti ve Romanya’dan ortak kurumların yer aldığı proje; afet hemşireliği alanında artırılmış ve sanal gerçeklik (AR/VR) tabanlı eğitim materyalleri geliştirmeyi hedefliyor.

Projenin ilk ulusötesi toplantısı 12-13 Aralık 2024 tarihlerinde çevrim içi olarak gerçekleştirildi. Toplantıda proje hedefleri, görev dağılımı ve Afet Hemşireliği Müfredatı geliştirme süreci ele alındı. 3-7 Mart 2025 tarihlerinde Temeşvar kentinde gerçekleştirilen eğitim programı ve ikinci ulusötesi toplantı ile projede yeni bir aşamaya geçildi. Beş gün süren programda senaryo yazımı ve AR/VR araçlarının geliştirilmesi üzerine uygulamalı eğitimler yapıldı, prototip içeriklerin ilk taslakları üretildi.

Projenin 3. ulusötesi toplantısı 5-6 Haziran 2025 tarihlerinde Finlandiya Åbo Akademi Üniversitesi ev sahipliğinde gerçekleştirildi. Toplantıda proje ortakları sürdürülebilir iş birliği adımlarını planladı.

Proje Koordinatörü Prof. Dr. Zeynep Özer, “Afet hemşireliğinde modern teknolojilerden yararlanarak hemşirelerin kriz anındaki yetkinliklerini artırmayı amaçlıyoruz. Bu proje, uluslararası bilgi paylaşımına ve eğitim kalitesinin yükselmesine önemli katkılar sunuyor” dedi.

A group of approximately 15 people, mostly women, are posing for a group photo outdoors. They are standing behind a large white banner that reads "Enhancing Practices and Strengthening Core Competencies in Disaster Planning through the Learning Hub (ECODN-HUB)" and includes logos of various institutions. The banner also mentions dates "2024-1-7/2025-6/2025-12/2026-12". The background shows a building with a circular window.

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Our ECoDN-HUB project was featured extensively in the August 2025 issue of the Erasmus+ Newspaper. The article highlighted the project's objectives, meetings, and outcomes.

The project, coordinated by Akdeniz University, aims to develop AR/VR-supported educational materials in the field of nursing with the participation of partner institutions from Türkiye, Finland, the Czech Republic, and Romania.

Featured in the Erasmus+ Newspaper increased the visibility of our project and made a strong contribution to our national and international dissemination efforts.





## ECoDN-HUB Highlighted in a Radio Broadcast

On 7 July 2025, Professor Zeynep Özer, Professor Lisbeth Fagerström and University Lecturer Malin Andtfolk participated in a live radio interview on *Slaget efter 12* on Radio Vega, broadcast at 14:25. The interview, hosted by Jessica Morney, focused on disasters and the use of VR and AR in the healthcare sector.

The discussion highlighted how immersive technologies can enhance training and preparedness in disaster-related healthcare scenarios, while also addressing the opportunities and challenges of integrating these tools into practice.





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## Next Steps and Planned Activities



**2-3 October 2025: Fourth Transnational Project Meeting  
(4<sup>th</sup> TPM) in İstanbul, Türkiye**

To access current developments about the project, stay in touch with our partners, and access training content, you can follow our social media accounts and official website.

Website: [www.ecodn-hub.eu](http://www.ecodn-hub.eu)

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