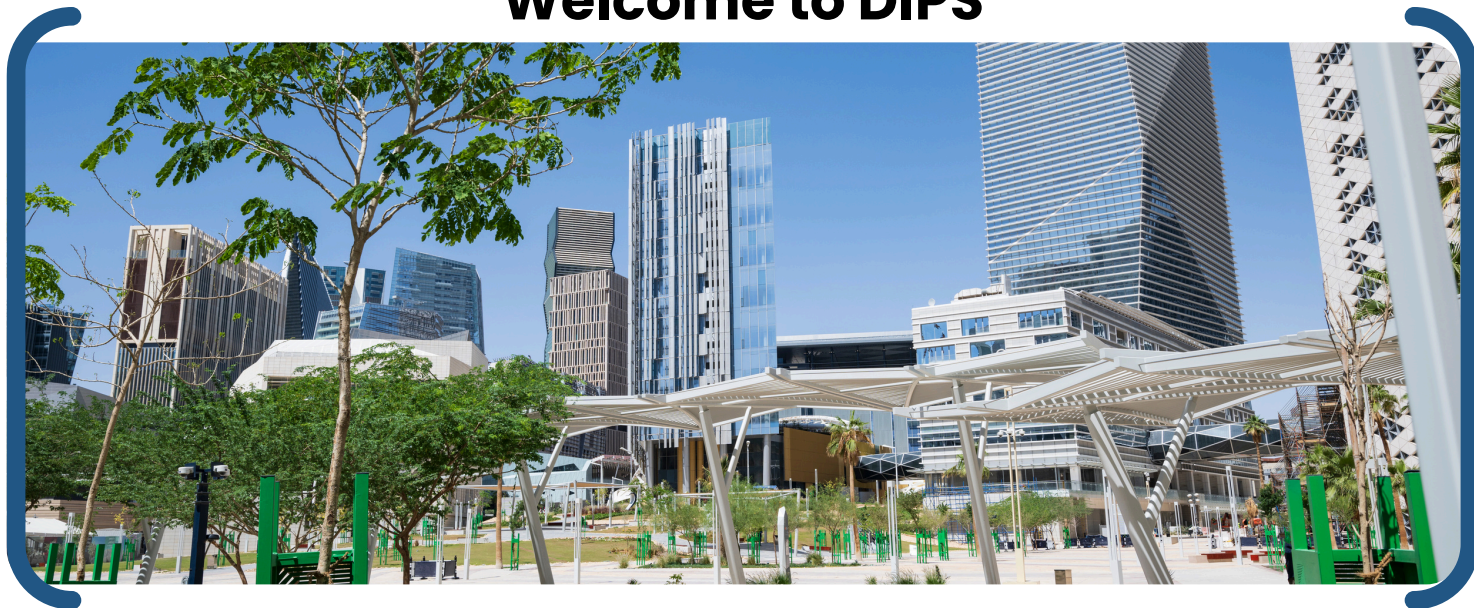




NEWSLETTER #1

Welcome to DIPS



1st Transnational Project Meeting in Thessaloniki

The **DIPS – Design of Inclusive Public Space project** officially launched with a kick-off meeting held in Thessaloniki, Greece, on **8–9 January 2026**, hosted by the **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)**.

The meeting marked the start of a 36-month international collaboration focused on strengthening inclusive urban design education in Latin America.

DIPS brings together European and Latin American partners committed to accessibility, social inclusion, and equity in public space design.



Project's Objectives

DIPS aims to develop a joint international Master's programme, strengthen partner universities' capacities, enhance students' skills and employability, foster Europe–Latin America collaboration, and promote public spaces that are inclusive, accessible, and socially cohesive.

Why Inclusive Public Space Matters

Public spaces are essential for social life, mobility, and civic participation, yet many remain inaccessible to vulnerable groups. DIPS promotes inclusive, people-centred urban design to ensure accessibility and equity in Latin America's diverse cities.



Advancing Education Through Technology and Capacity Building

As part of a field visit, professors from LA HEIs visited AUTH to explore how advanced technologies are effectively integrated into the educational process, enhancing student engagement and improving learning outcomes.

In parallel, the project website has been successfully launched, serving as the central hub for updates and information on the Master's programme, the FreeAccess City Compass, and the Virtual Learning Platform.

Additionally, capacity-building sessions were conducted, offering participants hands-on experience in inclusive public space design and technology-enhanced educational practices.



What's Next

- Development of the DIPS Master's curriculum
- Research and knowledge exchange on inclusive public spaces
- Capacity-building and academic collaboration among partners
- Dissemination and outreach to academic, professional, and public audiences

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