

TEACHING VISIT AT AALTO UNIVERSITY, FINLAND, HELSINKI

VISIT to Aalto University By: Skirmante Mozuriunaite, Associate Professor, VILNIUS TECH University

The NORDTEK MOBILITY PROGRAM plays a key role in fostering academic career development and fostering collaborative ties between universities and researchers. Supported by the Nordtek mobility scholarship, Skirmante Mozuriunaite from VILNIUS TECH University spent the autumn semester of 2024 at Aalto University.

During her teaching visit at Aalto University, Skirmante Mozuriunaite played a pivotal role in the interdisciplinary course "Urban Challenge Studio 2," in the Copenhagen case study. The focus of this studio was on addressing the challenges posed by sea level rise. Mozuriunaite

brought her expertise to the table by introducing urban design tools and showcasing best-case studies from around the world through the lens of the sea-level rise adaptive urban design principles.

The studio aimed to foster the development of students' professional competencies by immersing them in real-world scenarios. By assuming different roles, such as that of a planner from the city planning authorities in Copenhagen, students were able to gain practical insights into the complexities of urban planning and design in the face of environmental challenges. The planning theories for sea level rise prevention and presented case studies provided a platform for students to explore innovative solutions and develop a deeper understanding of the principles underlying resilient urban design and how to implement them through different urban planning and design techniques.



The collaboration between Aalto and VILNIUS TECH has been successful since 2020. At the moment Aalto PhD student Hulusi Eren Efeoglu is at VILNIUS TECH university for a 3-month internship working on his doctoral dissertation under S. Mozuriunaite's supervision.

I would like to express my gratitude to NORDTEK for enabling and nurturing this scientific and academic partnership.



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