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## **M.Sc. Programme in Urban Conservation and Planning**

**Yildiz Technical University**

### **Evaluation Report**

After an in-depth examination of its academic curriculum and teaching pedagogy, the Master Programme in Urban Conservation and Planning offered at the Department of City and Regional Planning, Faculty of Architecture, Yildiz Technical University has been conferred the AESOP (Association of European Schools of Planning) Certificate of Quality.

The Master Programme in Urban Conservation and Planning delivered at the Yildiz Technical University has been evaluated by two assessors of the Quality Recognition (QR) Committee appointed by the Chair of the Excellence in Education Board (EEB). The QR Committee comprised of six members from the AESOP member schools certifies that the above programme fulfils the criteria for quality recognition.

### **Quality in Planning Education**

The Master Programme in Urban Conservation and Planning delivered at the Yildiz Technical University is recognised as a study programme focused on the historic preservation, yet with a distinctive consideration of both management and implementation-oriented approach in addressing the topic of conservation planning. It brings together the following aspects of quality in planning education:

- Programme Curriculum and Identity

- A pragmatic approach, i.e. the focus on implementation measures in a specific context, and not solely on the general principles of conservation.
- Acknowledgment of professional ethics through different topics relevant to urban conservation (e.g. disinvestment/decay, pressures of gentrification, displacement, large scale urban projects, including infrastructure investments, tourism development and dilemmas of keeping the authentic





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character) in relation to specified conceptual themes (e.g. sustainability, rights-based approaches in urban conservation, reduction of poverty, resilience).

- A well-interlinked and content-coordinated system of subjects aimed at enabling a balance between planning issues and specific topics of urban conservation.
- Principles of Pedagogy
- Advanced models for providing the students with a broad research competence – from the basic skills for conducting fundamental research to those inherent in applied research and the dissemination of research results.
  - Best practice examples of student/alumni/employer's engagement by enabling its members to develop stronger relations with the university's community, find mentorship and gain access to new professional networks.
  - Stimulation of the studio project as a tool for practical reasoning and practical judgement. Strengthening active and independent learning through an array of diverse student tasks (essays, seminars, studio work, thesis).

The AESOP Certificate of Quality and this Evaluation Report are valid for a period of six years (2020-2026).

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After a thorough examination of its contents and methods, the

**M.Sc. Programme in Urban Conservation and Planning**

offered by

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has been highly distinguished with the

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We certify that:

This programme fulfils the European quality standards of planning programmes according to the AESOP Charter, complemented by an effective internationalization of teaching and learning processes.

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