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The series of international conferences on *CHANGING CITIES* aspires to bring together urban planners and designers, architects, landscape designers, urban geographers and historians, urban economists, urban sociologists, and urban policy makers, and investigate new challenges concerning cities and their future. The conference aims at becoming an international forum of transaction of ideas on cities' transitions. We have so far organized five conferences, with peer-reviewed Proceedings, taken place always in June, in venues with unique urban and natural landscape.

- CHANGING CITIES I: Spatial, Morphological, formal and socioeconomic dimensions, 18-21 June 2013, Skiathos Island, Greece.
- CHANGING CITIES II: Spatial, Design, Landscape and socioeconomic dimensions, 22-26 June 2015, Porto Heli, Peloponnese, Greece.
- CHANGING CITIES III: Spatial, Design, Landscape and socioeconomic dimensions, 26-30 June 2017, Syros Island, Greece.
- CHANGING CITIES IV: Spatial, Design, Landscape and socioeconomic dimensions, 23-28 June 2019, Chania, Crete Island, Greece.
- CHANGING CITIES V: Spatial, Design, Landscape, Heritage and socioeconomic dimensions, 20-25 June 2022, Corfu Island, Greece.

All Changing Cities conferences have been welcomed by the academic communityworldwide, usually attracting over 300 presenters from more than 50 countries - Greece and Europe, USA and Canada, Latin America, Middle East and North Africa, Asia, Far East, and Oceania.

On this basis, we believe thatdespite the difficult conditions of the pandemic crisis, the energy crisis, and the war in Ukraine, the 5th Changing Citiesconference will also be a successful academic event. This year, 400 abstracts from Greece and other 32 countries around the world have been submitted, while13 special sessions have been pre-organised by distinguished academics. Besides, the relatively high percentage (about 40%) of contributions by scholars from abroad indicates the international character of the conference. The 5<sup>th</sup> Changing Cities conference puts an emphasis on transformations of cities caused by COVID '19 pandemic; the main theme is 'Making our cities resilient in times of pandemics'. It also highlights issues of heritage management in cities validating the co-organisation of the conference with History Department, Ionian University. The strong interest in the 5<sup>th</sup> CC conference by academic communities, yet under difficult global conditions, allows us to have thoughts about organising the 6th Changing Cities conference on another Greek island in two years' time.

I would like first to thank the Organising Committee, the keynote speakers, and the members of the international scientific board who supported enthusiastically the academic organization of this conference. I would especially like to thank those colleagues of the Scientific Committee who have also pre-organized special sessions in this conference. I would like to thank all the academic and state organisations which supported this conference in many ways: University of Thessaly; The Ionian University in which the conference has been hosted; The Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy - The Green Fund; The Greek Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy for offerring their aegis and financial support.

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## Changing Cities for Resilience against Climate Changes: Architectural, Engineering and Human Health Implications – The H2020 Project HARMONIA

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#### **Extended abstract**

Climate changes are inducing big variations in the "actions" that are normally considered in design of buildings and more in general in Risk Analysis for Urban environments. Extreme Winds, Heat Islands, Instant Floodings are natural phenomena that become more and more frequent, causing large economical damages as well as human lives losses.

The Architects & Engineering Community response, in order to try to improve the Cities' resilience toward such "Extreme Actions" is inducing a global "re-thinking" of Urban Environments, introducing a number of more or less innovative solutions to increase the inhabitants' well-being. One of these strategies is the introduction of Green Vertical Walls as façades of buildings, a technology that, most probably, will in the next future at least partially replace the technology of the curtain-wall façades made of steel and glass.

However, a massive introduction of this very promising technology is, at present, partially prevented by a number of uncertainties related to some problems of different nature: Technological (e.g. interaction of the green wall with the building façade), Structural (e.g. how to consider the drag forces due to the wind, as a function of the greeneries used in the wall), Health&Safety (e.g. increment of PMs during the blooming season).

This paper (based on experimental results of some pilot study carried out at Politecnico di Milano) tries to summarize the main advantages and disadvantages of this technology, while introducing the H2020 European Research Project HARMONIA, which is dealing with Climate Changes and, in accordance with the approach of Vulnerability Assessment and Risk Management, aims at providing hazard indicators that can help policy makers and also increase citizens

Keywords: urban health; risk assessment; COVID-19 pandemic; built environment; urban adaptation

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