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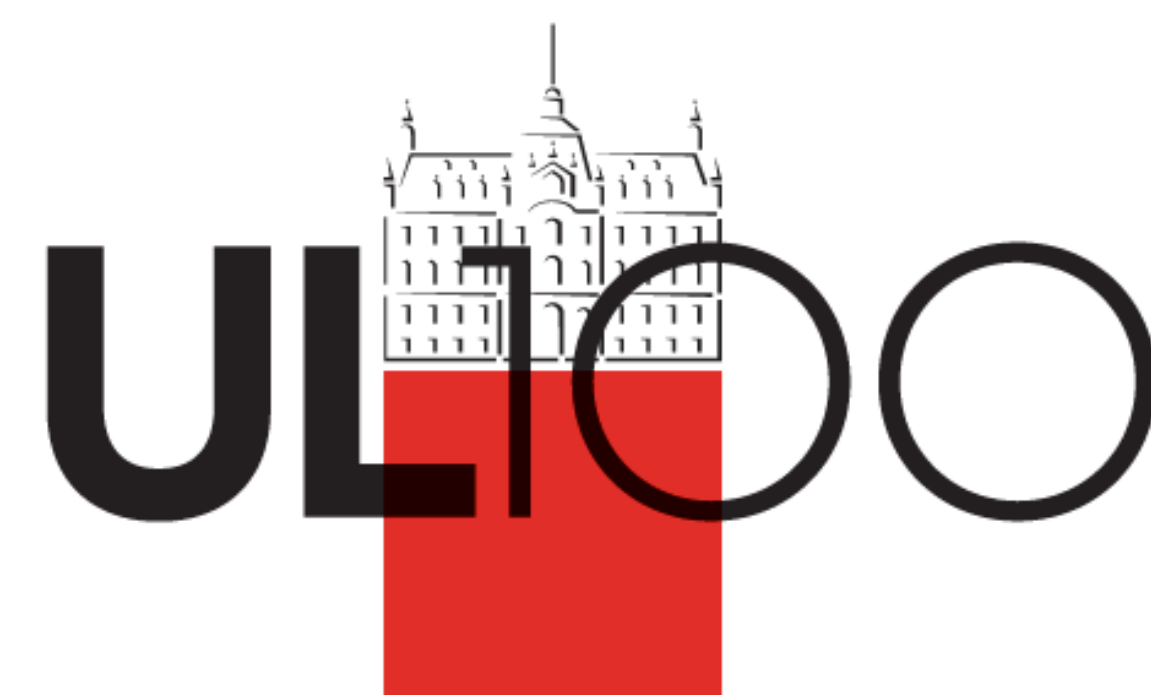


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**VISUS (Visual Inspection for defining Safety Upgrading Strategies) is a multi-hazard school safety assessment methodology developed by the SPRINT-Lab at the University of Udine (Italy).**



**VISUS helps decision-makers (from Ministries of Education, National Disaster Management Authorities, etc.) in understanding which schools need priority intervention, which interventions are required and how much they would cost, and which upgrade actions are possible based on available resources.**

**The methodology has been positively applied in pilot projects worldwide in disaster prone countries.**

## School Safety

UNESCO empowers schools and their communities in the identification of the hazards and risks they are exposed to and their vulnerabilities by enhancing their capacity to manage them, and by implementing activities and setting standards for school safety. A comprehensive framework for school safety has been adopted by the Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector which consists of three overlapping pillars: safe learning facilities, school disaster management, and risk reduction and resilience education. UNESCO chairs and holds the secretariat of this Alliance and promotes a school assessment methodology –VISUS– which serves as a resource for supporting policy makers to decide where to focus their risk reduction efforts and interventions. The Organization also supports governments in the integration of disaster risk reduction into the curriculum and schools to set up management plans, training administrators as well as teachers and students in the process.



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**The VISUS methodology is described in the three volumes of the “UNESCO Guidelines for Assessing Learning Facilities in the Context of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation”**



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