BEINSITU Sustainability Institute ASBL

Founded in Brussels in 2023, BEINSITU Sustainability Institute implements projects and events in the fields of urban development, sustainability, cultural heritage, architecture, design, art, and craftsmanship, prioritizing engagement and collective work with local communities. Its name reflects the concept of be-in-situ, emphasizing presence in the field and place, while aiming to enhance the visibility of local knowledge and empower communities.

The institute develops projects, events, research, workshops, exhibitions, and publications in Belgium and beyond. Its work is guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and UNESCO's principles for cultural heritage. BEINSITU brings cultural heritage into contemporary discussions, creating collaborative production spaces by connecting local communities, professionals, universities, and institutions, and develops creative and innovative methods to generate positive social impact.

BEINSITU approaches sustainability holistically and systematically, aiming to implement it at the local level. It develops participatory practices that empower neighborhoods, craft and creative production practices, and support ecosystems. The institute builds and shares knowledge on education, culture, ecology, urban and rural studies, with a focus on women and children, youth participation in cities and creative production.

The institute aims to organize workshops and events at the city and neighborhood level and establishes close collaborations with local stakeholders, libraries, municipalities, and community centers. Advocating the interconnection of cultural and natural heritage, BEINSITU seeks to strengthen these ecosystems and contribute to a sustainable future.

BEINSITU closely monitors the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals, focusing particularly on SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production). Its goal is to make cities and settlements inclusive, resilient, and sustainable, and to promote efficient use of resources and small-scale craft-based production.

By adopting UNESCO's principles for the protection of cultural heritage, BEINSITU focuses on sustaining traditional knowledge and skills threatened by globalization and modernization. It aims to identify, document, preserve, and transmit both tangible and intangible cultural heritage to future generations through innovative approaches.

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Peace Scarf G Craft Stories Project

In line with UNESCO's cultural heritage principles and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, BEINSITU proudly presented the Peace Scarf at a reception held in December 2024 by the Permanent Delegation of Türkiye to the European Union and Ambassador Faruk Kaymakcı, Permanent Delegate of Türkiye to the EU. The reception commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Türkiye-EU Association Agreement and the 101st anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye, and the Peace Scarf was specially created for this occasion.

The Peace Scarf is part of BEINSITU's new project, "Craft Stories". The institute organized and documented the production process of the scarf. Designed with inspiration from Kastamonu's traditional yazma (fabric painting) techniques and motifs from the 100-year Republican era, the Peace Scarf was handcrafted by a team of women artisans under the guidance of researcher and craftspeople Veliye Martı.













Craft Stories by Beinsitu

“A Journey of Peace Scarf” Documentary on YouTube



Two Award-Winning Children's Book Authors at Bib Sophia Library in Brussels!

On Saturday, September 6, 2025, Tülin Kozikoğlu and Beyhan Gültaşlar shared their passion for reading, writing, and creativity at Bib Sophia Library in Brussels. The event was organized in collaboration with Bib Sophia and BEINSITU Sustainability Institute.

The program included interactive reading workshops for children led by the authors, followed by a discussion for parents and all interested participants about the creative process behind children's books.














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docomomo_Türkiye On the Field: Modern Heritage Workshop I | Bridging Art Deco: A Hidden Heritage from Istanbul to Brussels

From August 27 to September 9, 2025, the docomomo_Türkiye On the Field: Modern Heritage Workshop I was held in collaboration with BEINSITU Sustainability Institute, Yıldız Technical University Faculty of Architecture, and the docomomo_Türkiye National Working Group. The workshop aimed to highlight, study, document, and reinterpret Istanbul's Art Deco heritage.

The outputs of the workshop formed part of the exhibition titled "Bridging Art Deco: A Hidden Heritage from Istanbul to Brussels", which seeks to build a cultural bridge between Brussels and Istanbul through the shared European heritage of Art Deco.







Bridging Art Deco: A Hidden Heritage from Istanbul to Brussels

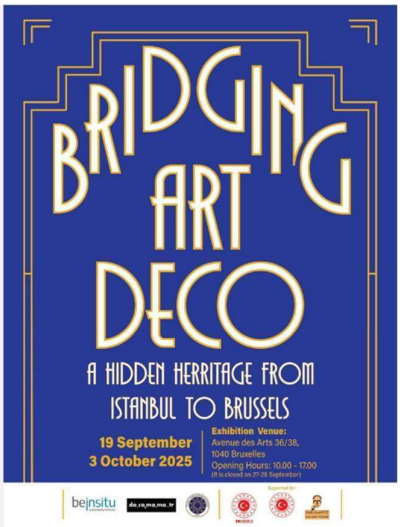
Istanbul's Art Deco Heritage Exhibited in Brussels!

The exhibition "Bridging Art Deco: A Hidden Heritage from Istanbul to Brussels" was launched to celebrate 100 years of Art Deco and to highlight the shared cultural heritage between Europe and Türkiye. Türkiye's participation in the Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes in Paris, 100 years ago, also underscores that the cultural bridge the exhibition seeks to build has deep historical roots.

The exhibition was also part of Heritage Days 2025 in Brussels, held this year on September 20-21 under the theme Art Deco, Roaring Twenties, Crash Years.

The exhibition was realized through the collaboration of BEINSITU, the docomomo_Türkiye National Working Group, and Yıldız Technical University, with the support of the Permanent Delegation of Türkiye to the European Union, the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Brussels, and Kurukahveci Mehmet Efendi.












BRIDGING ART DECO
A HIDDEN HERITAGE FROM ISTANBUL TO BRUSSELS
19 September
3 October 2025


TALIMHANE: AN ART DECO NEIGHBOURHOOD


Bridging Art Deco: A Hidden Heritage from

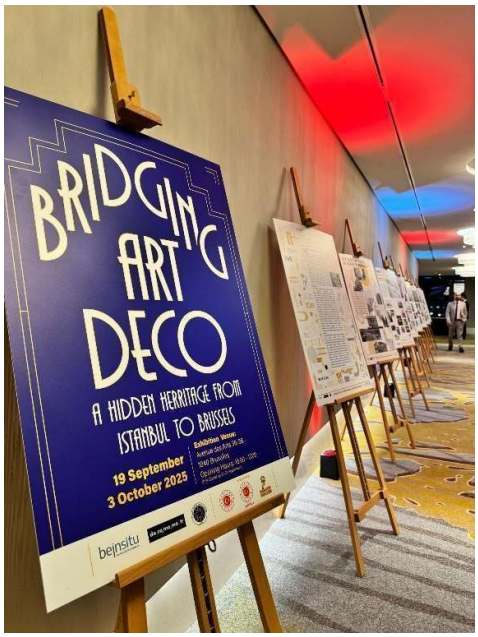


“Bridging Art Deco: A Hidden Heritage from Istanbul to Brussels” was presented at the National Day Reception in Brussels celebrating the Republic of Türkiye.

Its presence at the reception, organised on the occasion of the 29 October Republic Day, created a meaningful connection by bringing together two important milestones: the 102nd anniversary of the Republic and the 100th anniversary of the Art Deco Movement.

We were honoured to take part in this special event, hosted by H.E. Görkem Barış Tantekin, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Belgium, and Mrs. Damla Tantekin, together with H.E. Faruk Kaymakcı, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Türkiye to the EU, and H.E. Basat Öztürk, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Türkiye to NATO.









A Diverse Networking Evening: Connect G Collaborate, 5 February 2026

Beinsitu was pleased to participate in "A Diverse Networking Evening: Connect C Collaborate," organised in Brussels by we.are.diversa. The event brought together around 50 participants from EU institutions, the private sector, civil society, and academia, creating a vibrant space for exchange, collaboration, and new connections. The evening opened with a keynote by Elena Kostadinova from the Research C Innovation DG of the European Commission, followed by Gizem Şıvka Pideci and Işıl Ergeç, co-founders of we.are.diversa, who shared the story behind their initiative.

During the event, BEINSITU Senior Project Director Asli Ingin presented the institute's work and her previous projects focusing on sustainability, cultural heritage, local practices, craft, and urban issues. She was joined by three women entrepreneurs — İpek Karaman, Refika Kumbasar, and Selen Darı — who also showcased their work and vision.







Bridging Art Deco: A Hidden Heritage from Istanbul to Brussels — Exhibition at Yıldız Technical University, 23 February - 13 March 2026

Following its successful presentation in Brussels, the exhibition "Bridging Art Deco: A Hidden Heritage from Istanbul to Brussels" returned to Istanbul, welcoming visitors at Yıldız Technical University Faculty of Architecture. The exhibition brought this cultural journey back to the city where many of these stories began, inviting visitors to discover Istanbul's hidden Art Deco treasures and explore the city's modern architectural heritage.

The exhibition was on view from 23 February to 13 March 2026, from 10:00 to 17:00 on weekdays, at Yıldız Technical University Faculty of Architecture.



RuralAct Ayvacık — Erasmus+ Project Proposal Submitted

Beinsitu Sustainability Institute has submitted an Erasmus+ project proposal "Sustaining Rural Production Ecosystem in Ayvacık," under the Small-Scale Partnerships in Adult Education action (KA210-ADU), Call 2026 Round 1. The project was submitted on 5 March 2026, and the application results will be announced in October 2026.

The project will be coordinated by Yıldız Technical University (Faculty of Architecture, Istanbul) and Beinsitu Sustainability Institute ASBL. The project is aligned with the Erasmus+ priorities of upskilling and reskilling adults, environmental sustainability, and civic engagement, and seeks to create a replicable model applicable to similar rural contexts across Türkiye and Europe.

Illustrated Book Design Workshop at Bib Sophia Library, 25-26 April 2026

Beinsitu organised a two-day Illustrated Book Design Workshop at Bib Sophia Library in Brussels. Young participants wrote, illustrated, designed, and produced their own three-dimensional illustrated books, with the inspiring guidance of award-winning children's book author Tülin Kozikoğlu from Türkiye and illustrator Murat Kalkavan from North Macedonia.

The workshop offered a creative space where imagination and collaborative production came together, resulting in original works that demonstrated the power of making and storytelling.

The workshop was realised with the valued support of Bib Sophia, the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB), the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Brussels, and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Türkiye.















Brüksel'de Gençler Kendi Resimli Kitaplarını Tasarladı!

Ana Sayfa > Kültür-Sanat > Brüksel'de Gençler Kendi Resimli Kitaplarını Tasarladı



Beinsitu Sürdürülebilirlik Enstitüsü organizasyonuyla 25-26 Nisan 2026 tarihlerinde Bib Sophia Kütüphanesi'nde gerçekleştirilen resimli çocuk kitabı tasarlama atölyesi, Brüksel'deki gençleri sanat, tasarım ve edebiyat dünyasıyla buluşturdu.

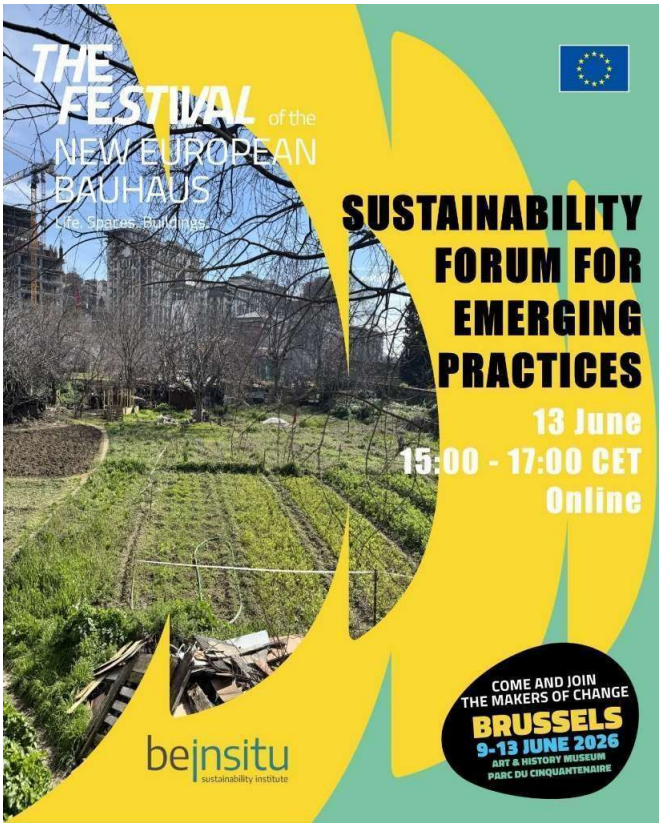
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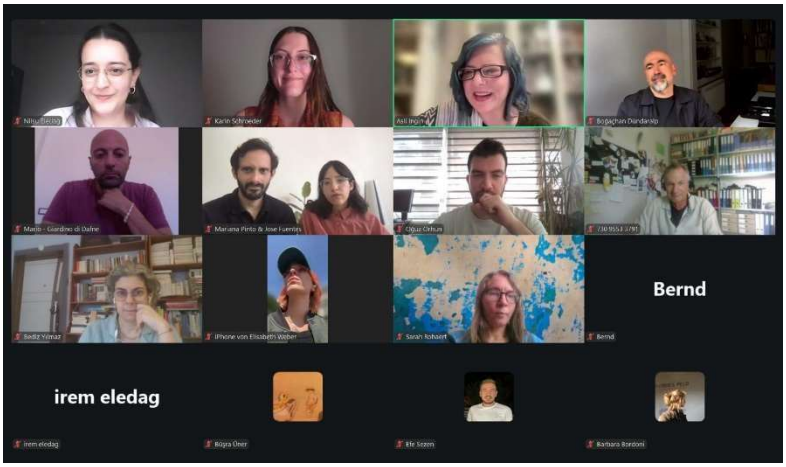
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Sustainability Forum for Emerging Practices, Part 1: Urban Agriculture and Hands-on Practices Around It, New European Bauhaus Satellite Event - 13 June 2026

Beinsitu is hosting the first edition of the Sustainability Forum for Emerging Practices as a Satellite Event of the New European Bauhaus Festival 2026. The forum brings together emerging practitioners and independent initiatives working across sustainability, ecosystem thinking, circular economy, and community engagement.

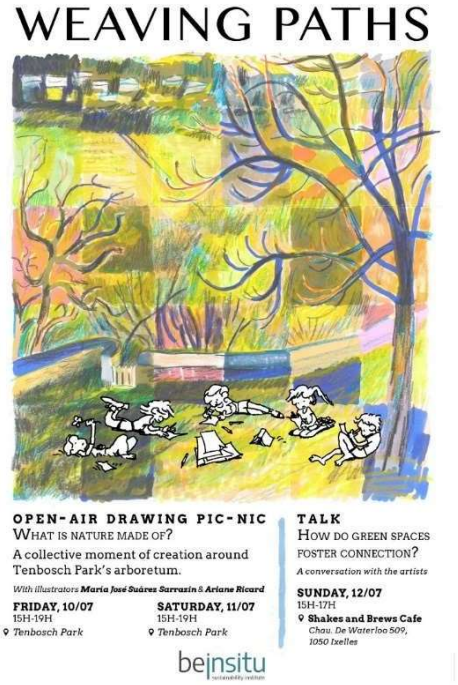
The first edition focuses on the theme of urban agriculture and hands-on practices around it. The forum will be held online on 13 June 2026, from 15:00 to 17:00 CET.





Weaving Paths Project: Open Air Drawing Picnic at Tenbosch Park & Public Talk, 10-11-12 July 2026

Weaving Paths was a three-day community project organized by Beinsitu, inviting participants to reconnect with nature through open-air drawing and dialogue. Held in Brussels' historic Tenbosch Park — a rare botanical arboretum with species drawn from across the globe — the project brought together illustrators Ariane Ricard and María José Suárez to guide two afternoons of collective sketching, followed by a closing public conversation at Shakes and Brews Café on the theme of community and green spaces in uncertain times. Open to all ages and experience levels, Weaving Paths reflected Beinsitu's commitment to using creative, accessible formats to develop environmental awareness and community connection in the heart of the city.









Walking the City Through Children's Eyes (Ongoing Project)

In September 2026, Beinsitu Sustainability Institute ASBL ran "Walking the City Through Children's Eyes," a series of creative walks for children aged 7-12 in three Brussels neighbourhoods: Anderlecht, Saint-Josse-ten-Noode, and Ixelles. The series was part of the "Multilingual Exploration of the City and Nature with Children" project, supported by YTB. Inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach and the "Hundred Languages of the Child," the walks invited children to explore their surroundings through observation, drawing, writing, and play, and to describe what they found. Beyhan Gültaşlar, a Reggio Emilia pedagogy consultant, architect, and children's author, joined the walks as a guest.

In Anderlecht, the walks took place as part of Heritage Days 2026 ("Our Landscape, Our Legacy"), organised by Urban Brussels. Guided by local collaborator Charles Manche, children and parents followed the canal from Ceria Campus to La Fabriek, passing the Waterdock, the D'Houst textile factory, a houseboat, the Pierre Marchant bridge, and the allotment gardens. They looked at the traces of the area's industrial heritage and the shift between city and nature. In Saint-Josse, held in partnership with Bib Joske on 23 and 26 September, children made texture rubbings on their school street, drew a courtyard together, wrote a collective poem from old magazines and their own words, and reimagined a neglected park as a playful space. In Tenbosch Park, Ixelles, on 20 and 27 September, small groups drew trees, looked for shade, and noticed the park's light and sounds. Using boxes, the children also collected different treasures from the park, such as chestnut husks, fallen leaves, and twigs. The Tenbosch team from Environment Brussels joined the final walk for part of the afternoon.

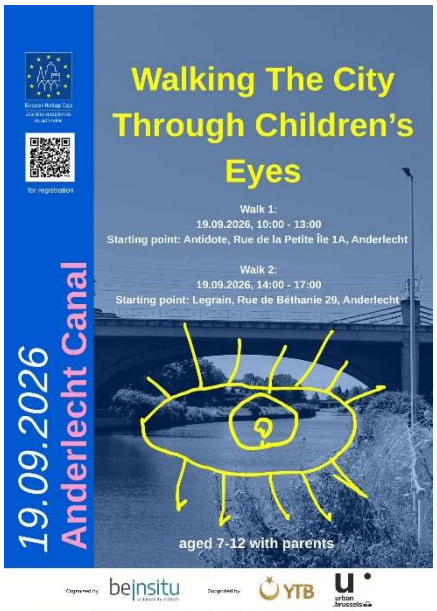




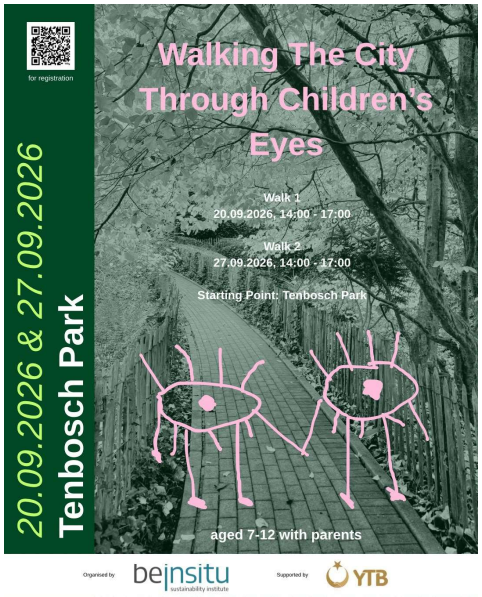







19.09.2026
Anderlecht Canal
Walking The City Through Children's Eyes
Walk 1:
19.09.2026, 10:00 - 13:00
Starting point: Antidote, Rue de la Petite Île 1A, Anderlecht
Walk 2:
19.09.2026, 14:00 - 17:00
Starting point: Legrain, Rue de Béthanie 29, Anderlecht
aged 7-12 with parents
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23.09.2026 & 26.09.2026
Sint-Joost-ten-Node
Çocukların Gözünden Şehri Yürümek
Door de stad wandelen door de ogen van kinderen
Yürüyüş 1 / Wandeling 1
23.09.2026, 13:00 - 16:00
Yürüyüş 2 / Wandeling 2
26.09.2026, 10:00 - 13:00
Başlangıç Noktası / Startpunt: Bib Joske
Grensstraat 2, 1210 SJTN
7-12 yaş / 7-12 jaar
bejnsitu
YTB
bib Joske


20.09.2026 & 27.09.2026
Tenbosch Park
Walking The City Through Children's Eyes
Walk 1
20.09.2026, 14:00 - 17:00
Walk 2
27.09.2026, 14:00 - 17:00
Starting Point: Tenbosch Park
aged 7-12 with parents
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İstanbul'un Art Deco Mirası Brüksel'de

"Bridging Art Deco: A Hidden Heritage from Istanbul to Brussels" Sergisi 19 Eylül - 3 Ekim tarihleri arasında Brüksel'de ziyaretçilerle buluşuyor. VitrA Türkiye ve Arkitera'nın işbirliği ile geliştirilen Çizgilerle Modern Türkiye Mimarlığı serisinin iki videosu da sergide ziyaretçilerle buluşacak: Yüzen Köşk'ün Anahtarı ve Opera'nın Hayaleti.

Art Deco akımının, 1925 yılında Paris'te düzenlenen Exposition Internationale des Art Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes sergisi ile başlayan yolculuğunun 100. yılı Avrupa'nın



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KÜLTÜR

İstanbul'un gizli kalmış Art Deco mirası Brüksel'de sergileniyor

Belçika'nın başkenti Brüksel'de "Art Deco Köprüleri: İstanbul'dan Brüksel'e Gizli Bir Miras" (Bridging Art Deco: A Hidden Heritage from İstanbul to Brussels) sergisi açıldı.

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