

# Innovation for age friendly buildings, cities and environments

A European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing priority

## THE CHALLENGE OF AN AGEING POPULATION IN EUROPEAN CITIES

Life expectancy at age 65 has increased substantially in European countries averaging

**AGE 65**

**16.5** years for men

**20.1** years for women

In the EU, data 2008-10

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BY 2030:



**3/10**  
people in the EU will be 65 or over



**3/5**  
people will live in a city



The need arises to develop age-friendly buildings, cities, communities and environments in order to support longer healthy and independent living and greater social participation and integration of older people

## WHAT ARE AGE-FRIENDLY BUILDINGS, CITIES, COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENTS?

**Age-friendly cities** encourage active and healthy ageing by optimising opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance **quality of life** as people age

In practical terms, an age-friendly city adapts its **structures** and **services** to be accessible to and inclusive of older people with varying needs and capacities



Health



Participation

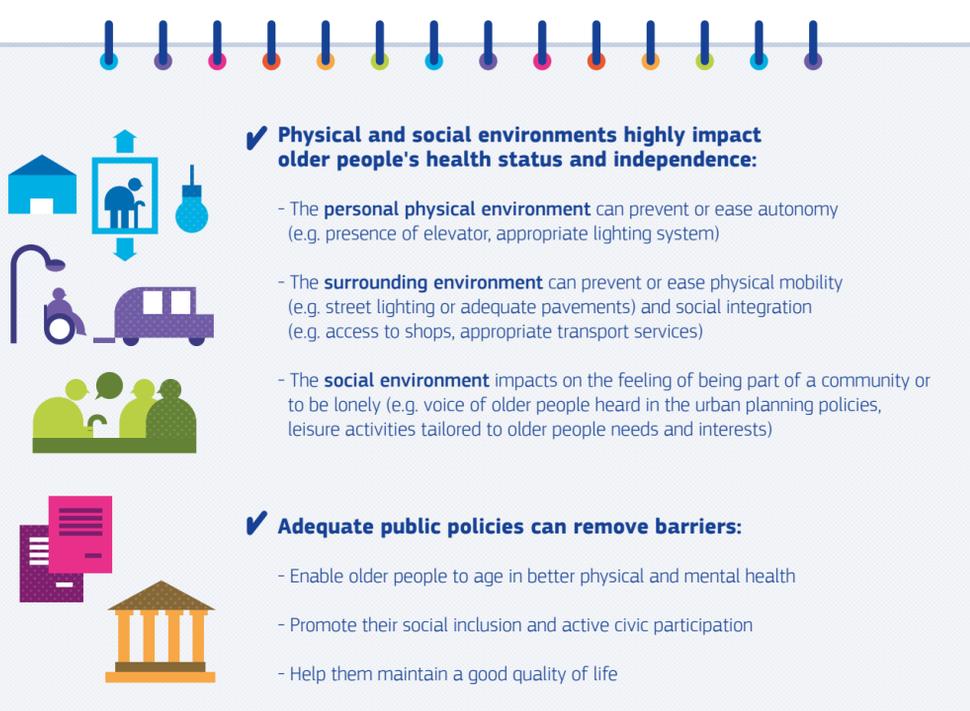


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## WHY WORK ON AGE-FRIENDLY BUILDINGS, CITIES, COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENTS?

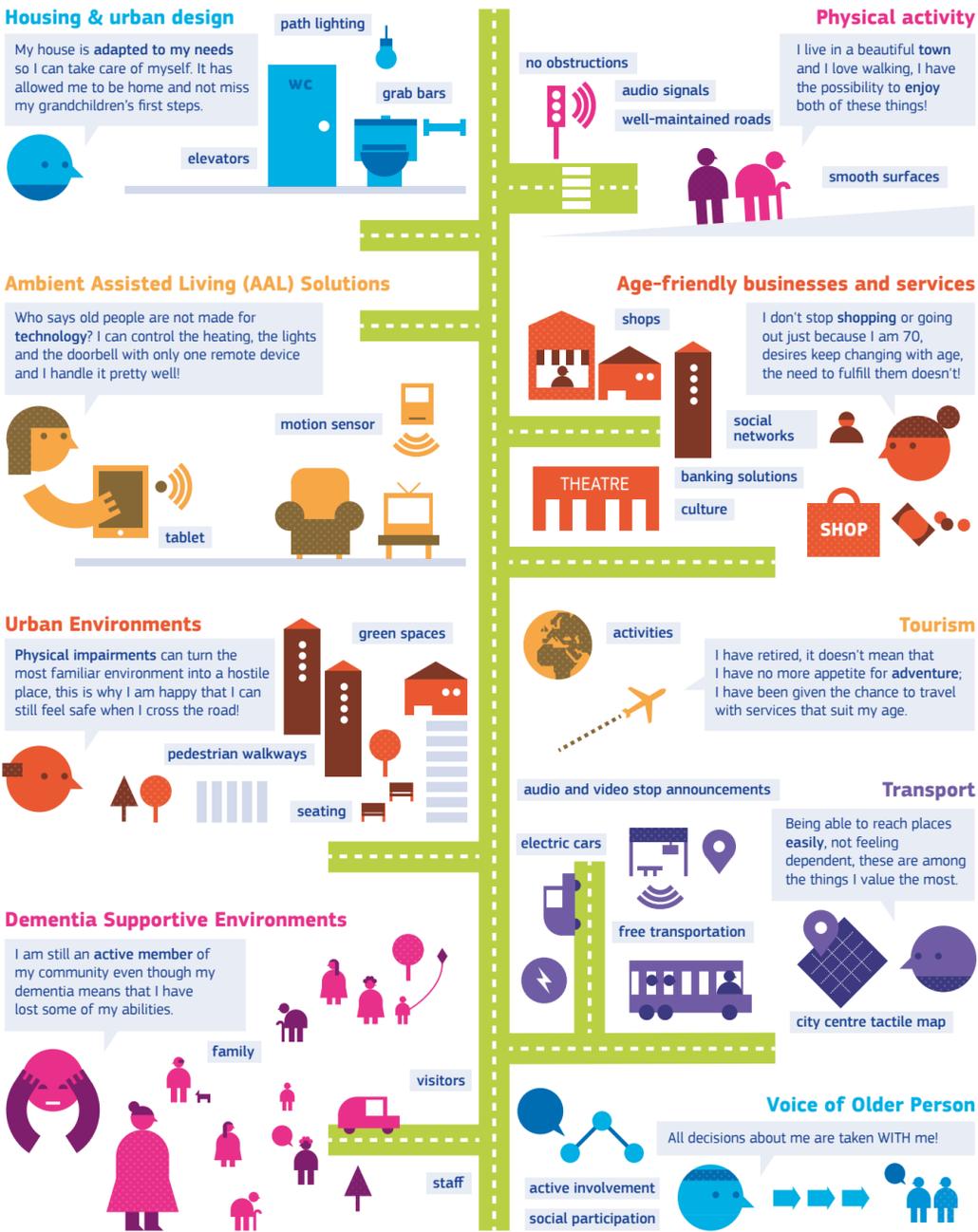


## WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS?



## WHAT ARE WE DOING TO INNOVATE?

The **European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA)** supports private and public actors across the EU to develop local / regional solutions to support longer living. Through the actions performed the aim is to promote **age-friendly cities... like this one.**



The **European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA)** The European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA), set up in 2012, gathers stakeholders at EU, national and regional level from the public and private sector across different policy areas. Together they share knowledge and expertise on common interests and engage in activities and projects to find innovative solutions that meet the needs of the ageing population.

Under the framework of the EIP on AHA, the Action Group on age-friendly buildings, cities and environments works to improve the quality of life of older people by promoting the creation of living environments which meet older people needs.

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