

# Age-Friendly Environments in Europe: Strategies & Tools



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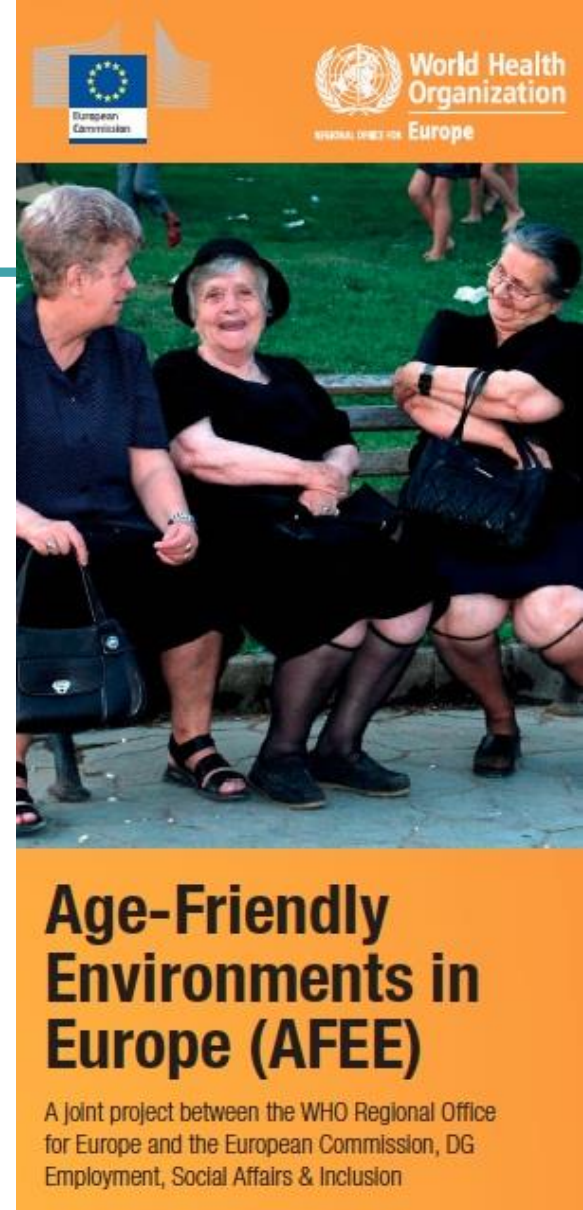
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# Why age-friendly environments?

- “Cities have not been built with older people in mind”. Communities vital to quality of life
- “Rejuvenate” ageing neighbourhoods
- City planning for sustainable development
- Combat decline of rural/remote communities
- Attract well-off pensioners (senior tourists)?

# Age-friendly, supportive environments

- Long-championed by “European Healthy Cities Network”
- AFEE: joint project with European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion
- WHO contribution to EIP AHA, D4 Group on supportive environments (led by Age-Platform)



# Age-friendly environments in Europe (AFEE)

- Goal: creating tools and guidance for local and regional authorities to make strong commitments to become more age-friendly and to measure their progress towards this objective.

# Age-Friendly environment in Europe (AFEE) project: how?

In collaboration with city networks in Europe:

- Develop a common understanding of a comprehensive framework to healthy ageing at local level: provide “Guide to guide & tools”
- Contribute to a monitoring framework
- Develop, test and improve guidance and templates on how to create age-friendly cities

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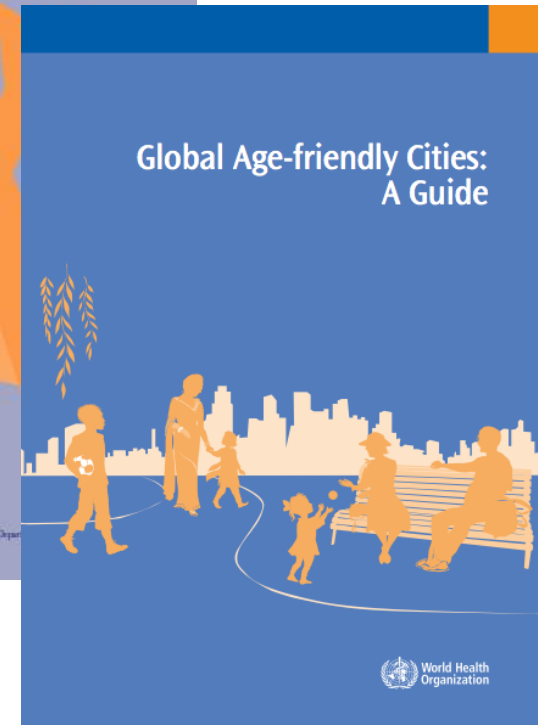


Strategy and action plan  
for healthy ageing in Europe,  
2012–2020

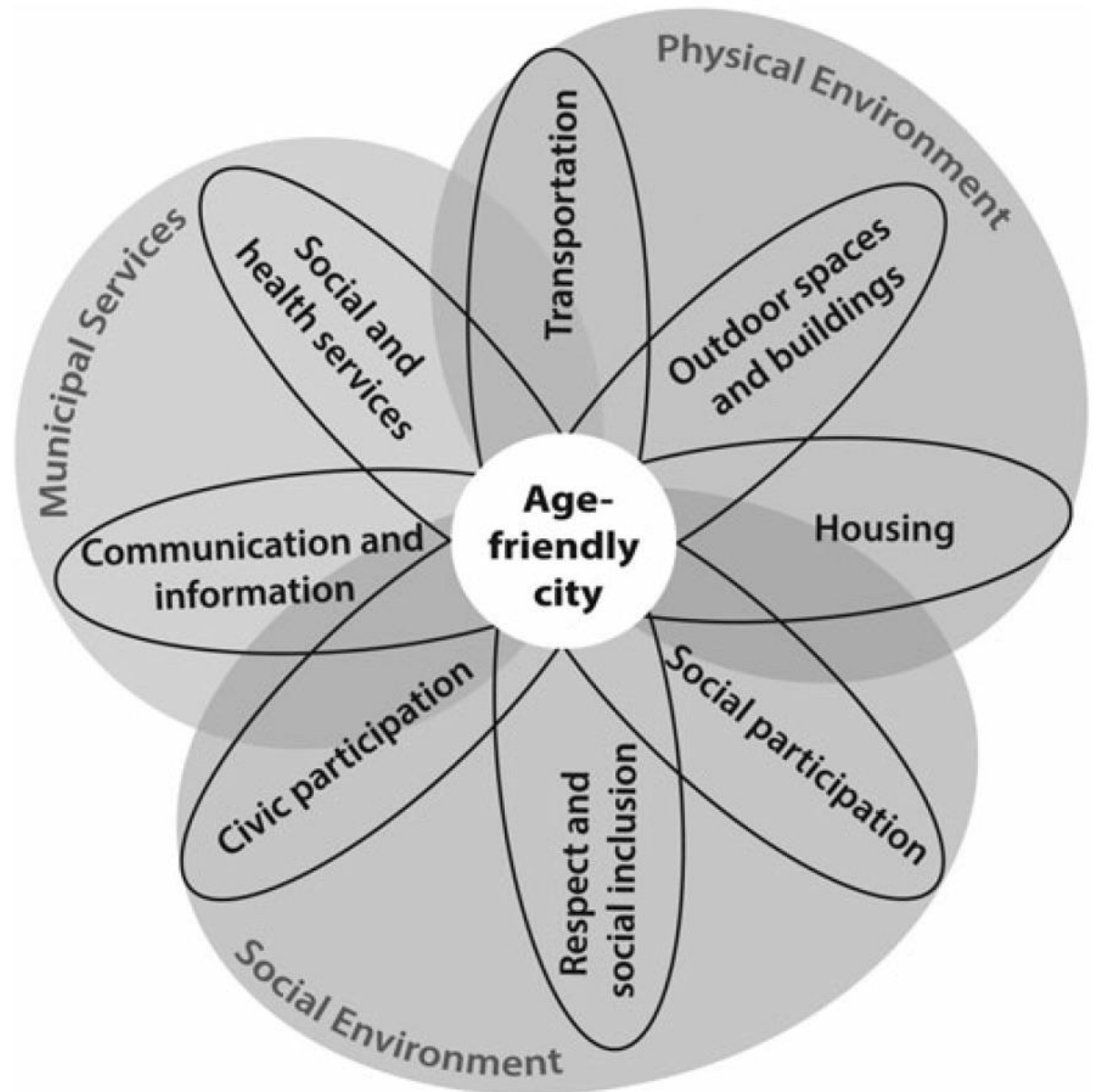


# Starting point: WHO (2007) Global age-friendly cities: a guide

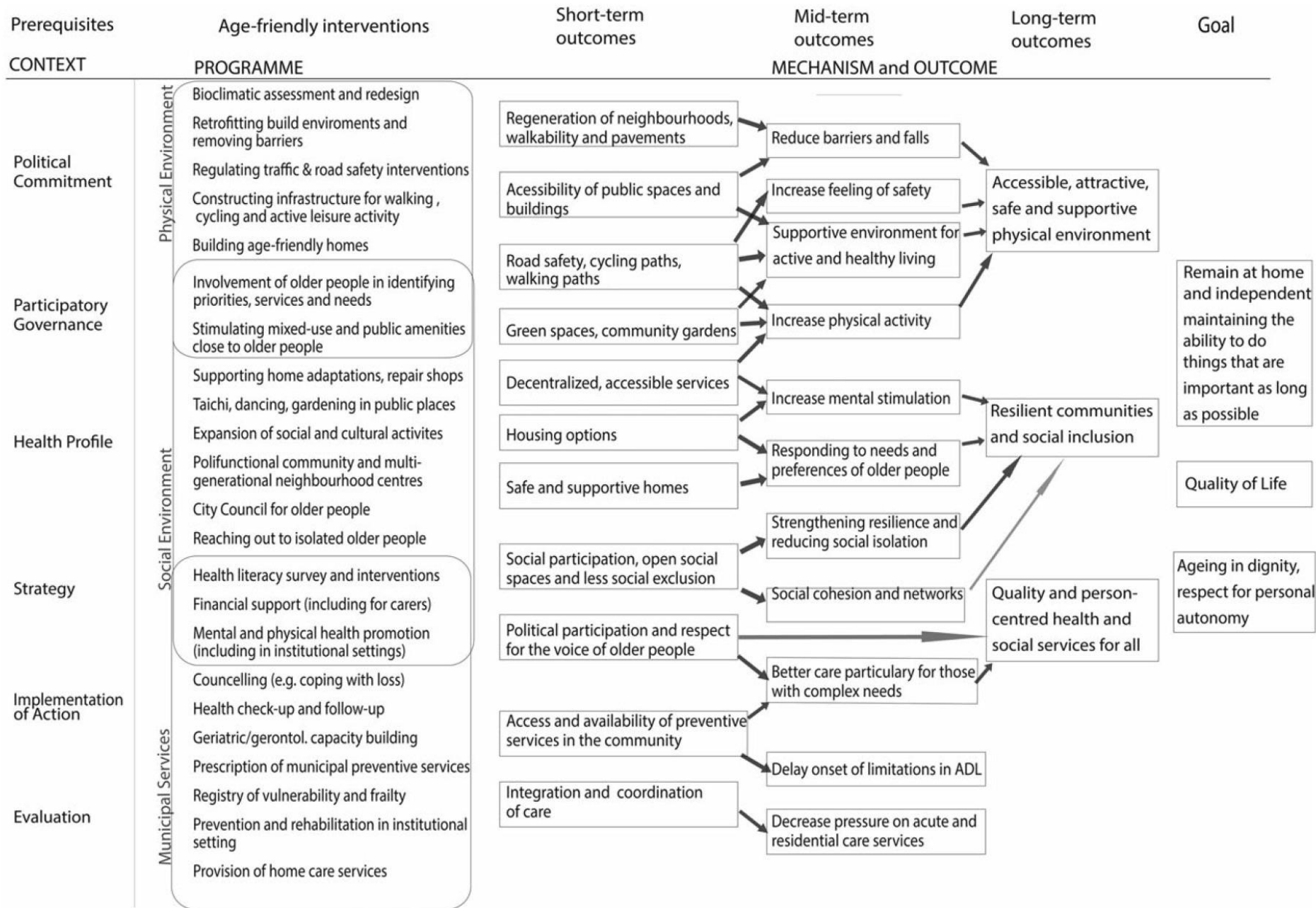
- WHO Ageing Framework 2002/2007
  - Highly influential & widely used in Europe
  - Has triggered action under the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities and research



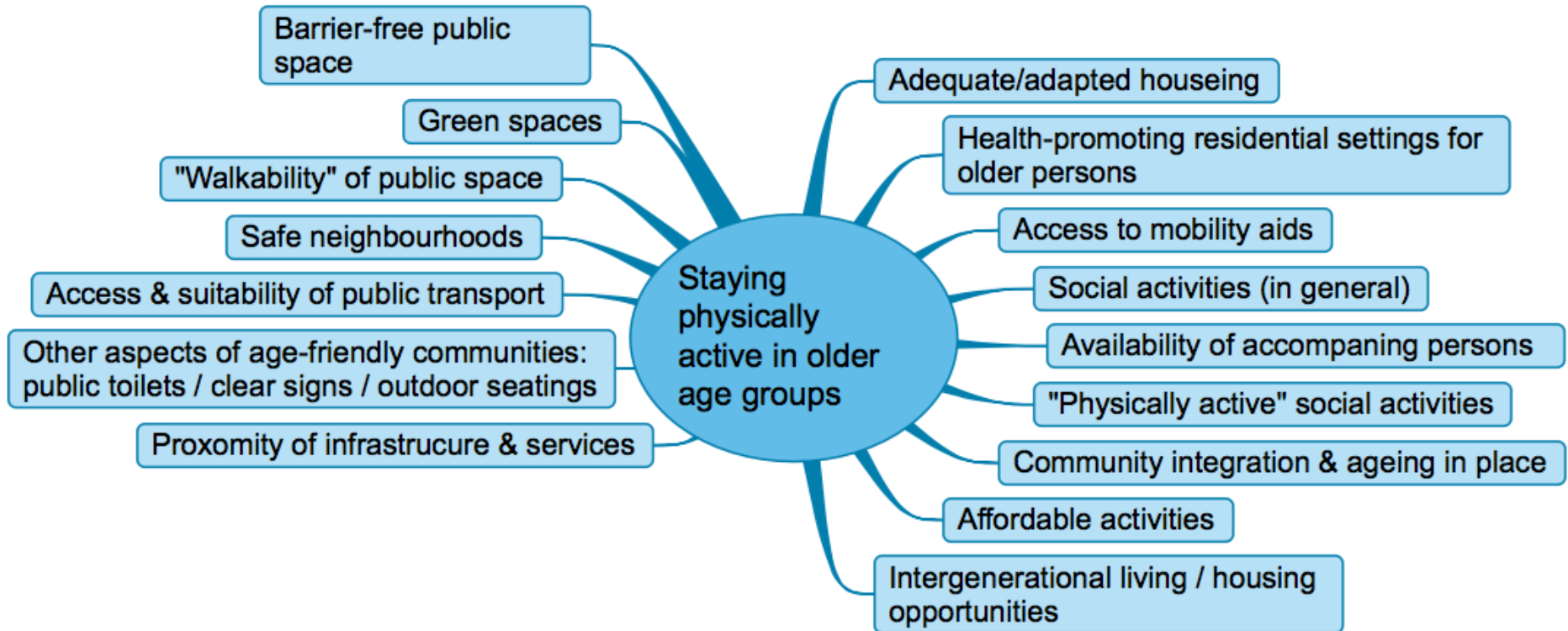
# Eight domains







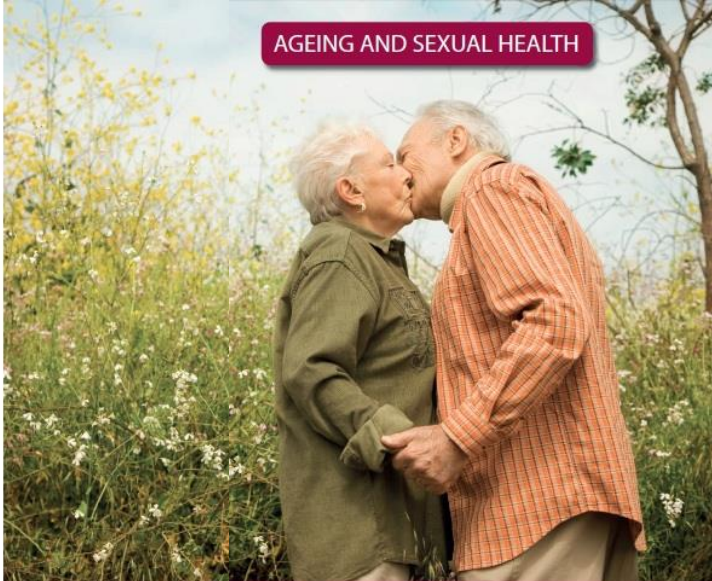
# Features of age-friendly communities that foster physical activity for older age-groups



AGEING AND SEXUAL HEALTH

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# Healthy ageing profiles



Guidance for producing local profiles of older people



## PALLIATIVE CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE BETTER PRACTICES



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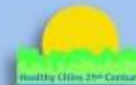
## City leadership for health



Summary evaluation of Phase IV of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network



European report  
on preventing elder  
maltreatment



# Thank you!

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