Innovation for age friendly buildings, cities and environments

The European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA) is a European initiative that aims to improve the quality of life for older people by promoting age-friendly buildings, cities, and communities. It brings together stakeholders from the public and private sectors across different policy areas, sharing knowledge and expertise on common interests and engaging in activities and projects to find innovative solutions to challenges faced by older people.

The EIP on AHA was set up in 2012 and is supported by the European Commission. Its main objectives are to:

- Enhance the quality of life for older people
- Promote their social inclusion and active participation
- Enable older people to age in better physical and mental health
- Encourage active ageing

The EIP on AHA is composed of European countries, regions, cities, and other stakeholders that work together to develop local and regional solutions to support longer living.

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

Age-friendly buildings, cities, and communities are designed to meet the needs of an ageing population. They aim to prevent or ease physical mobility and autonomy problems, and can prevent or ease autonomy and social participation issues. Age-friendly urban designs promote healthy and independent living for older people.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS?

Lack of buildings
Lack of political commitment (this field)
Lack of knowledge and expertise of age-friendly environment concept
Lack of data on older people's involvement in the development of age-friendly programmes

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO INNOVATE?

The EIP on AHA is working to implement age-friendly environments in cities and communities. This includes the development of age-friendly buildings, communities, and environments that support longer living and greater social participation and integration of older people.