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### Prioritising public health-friendly design and architecture

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Recent trends such as globalisation and urbanisation, combined with an ageing population and population growth, result in new challenges for public health. To tackle these emerging public health issues, novel approaches are required. Environment and living spaces are to be considered as global, social and political entities that determine the health status of populations. As the papers in this e-collection demonstrate, there is an urgent need for joint actions in order to involve communities and policymakers as main stakeholders of the urban planning process.

The e-collection examines the relationship between built environment and health by presenting evidence from the papers that are recently published in the European Journal of Public Health. This evidence can support decision-makers in innovative policies, strategies and tangible actions in order to face contemporary public health challenges.

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