



Health and Wellbeing in Smart Built Inclusive Societies

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Message from the Guest Editor

Smart, healthy, age-friendly environments (SHAFE) foster and promote social participation, independent living, equity and opportunities for sustainable growth for all. They can help improve and support people throughout their life, regardless of age, gender, disabilities, cultural differences and personal choices. Different sectors (ICT, building, urban planning and health and social care industries), in alliance with citizens and their communities, are making efforts worldwide to address the challenges that hinder the creation and implementation of smart, healthy and inclusive environments for present and future generations. SHAFE approaches are implemented in complex environments where several challenges may hinder, to differing extents, the full deployment of innovative solutions. These challenges include the need to respond to the highest ethical, legal and privacy/data management standards and requirements, the organizational and budgetary challenges of social and health systems, and the unacceptance, or lack of adaptation or access, by stakeholders, including both citizens and professionals.





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