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## GREY & GREEN ELDERLY LIVING IN EUROPEAN URBAN AREAS

### DATA FOR THOUGHT

- | EU counts 94 million people aged over 65
- | By 2050, 19 of 20 countries, worldwide, with the oldest population will be located in Europe
- | By 2060, the number of people aged over 65 will nearly double (to 30%) and over 80 will nearly triple (to 12%)
- | By 2050, 54% of the world's population living in urban areas (2014) is estimated to reach 66%
- | Cities worldwide host 43% people aged over 65
- | Elderly are more likely to be living alone in urban areas
- | Population ageing affects and involves urbanisation processes
- | Active ageing is among the policy priorities of the EU

The good news is that Europe's population is living increasingly longer and in better health. Undoubtedly, this is a major achievement of the past decades. However, the demographic change in most of European societies poses major economic, budgetary, social and environmental challenges, especially in urban settings.

#### Debating on urbanisation, active ageing and green growth

The European Union project "GRAGE - Grey and Green in Europe: Elderly Living in Urban Areas" supports research and analysis of the interrelation among demographic challenges and elderly needs in urban areas. To this end, researchers from all over Europe work together, analyse trends and identify possible solutions to those challenges.

#### Winning ideas for inclusive citizenship

Understanding cultural, psychological and societal factors that influence elderly attitudes, values and behaviour is a priority in GRAGE. The project investigates the impact of building and urban planning and organisation on elderly quality of life in cities.

#### Promoting researchers' mobility in Europe

The consortium brings together key expertise of different scientific sectors (legal, economic, humanities, engineering), working for academic and non-academic institutions.

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