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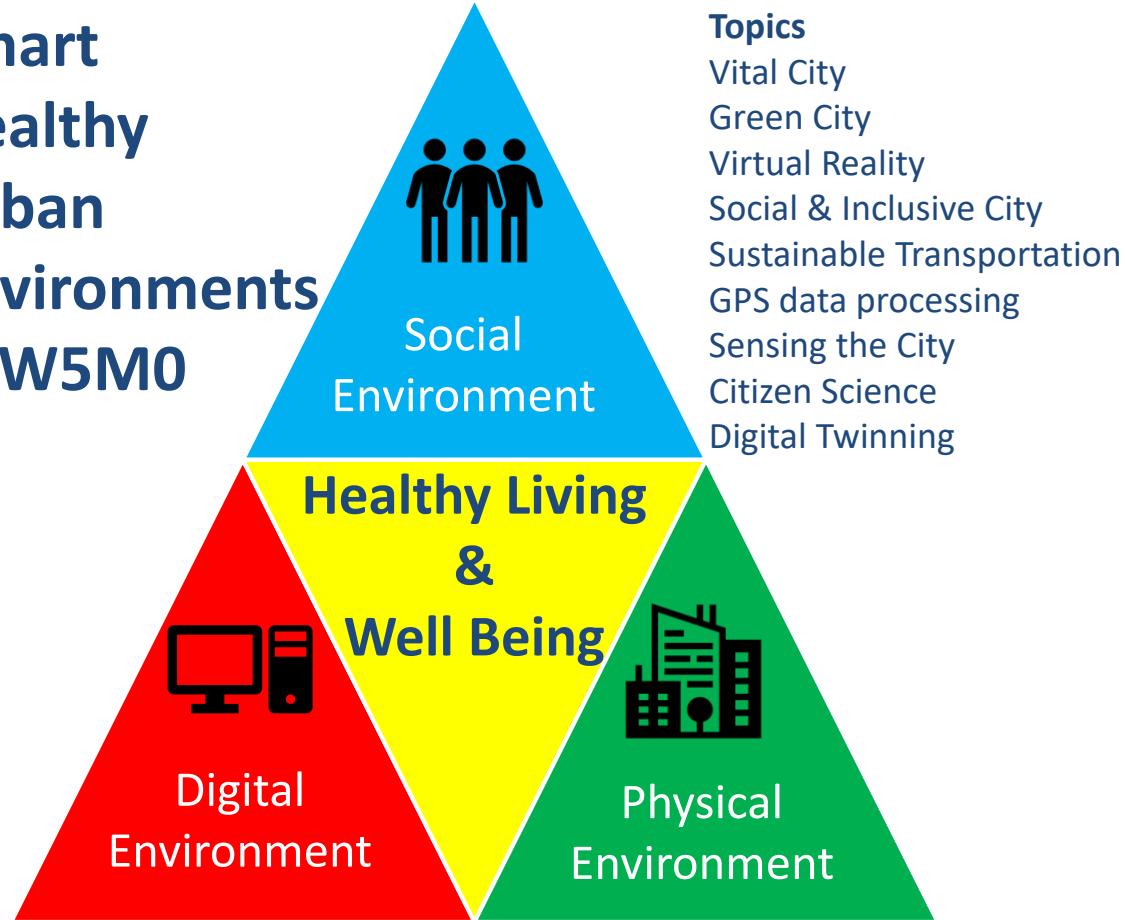
INTRODUCTION

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Built Environment, Urban Systems & Real Estate

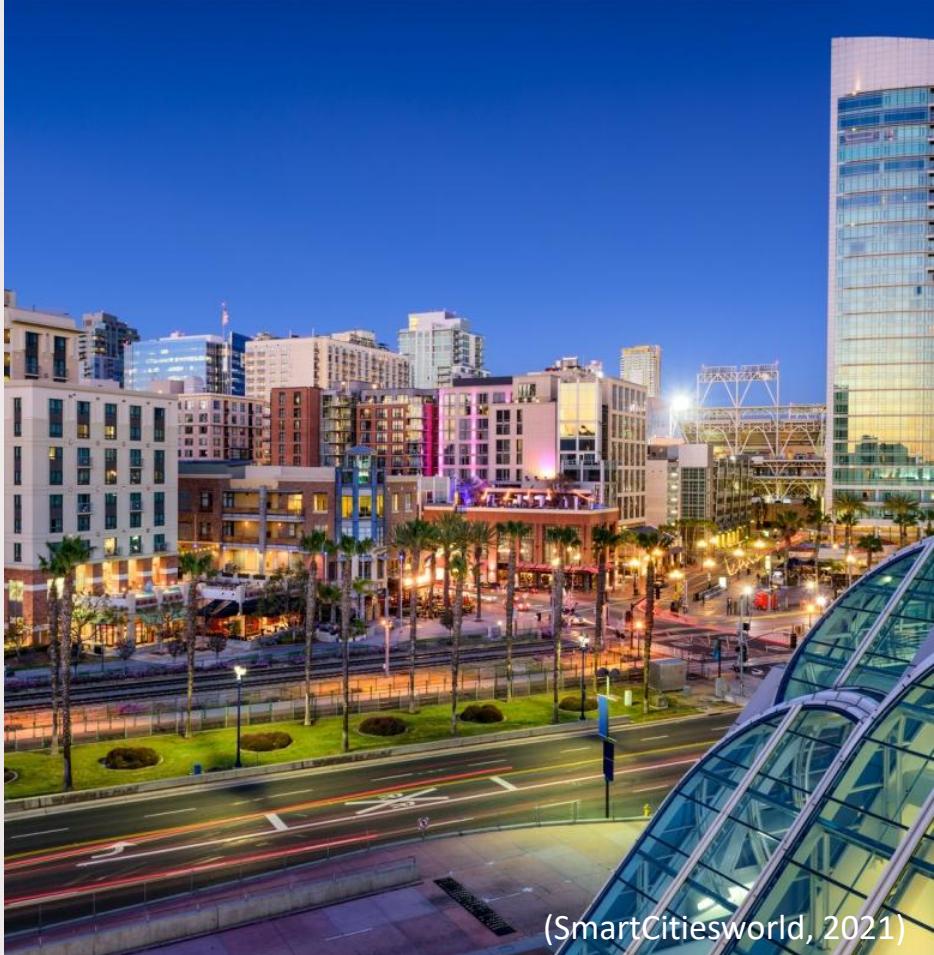
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Agenda

- Organization Course
- Urban Trends, Problems & Challenges
- Healthy Cities
- Smart Cities
- Smart Healthy Urban Environments



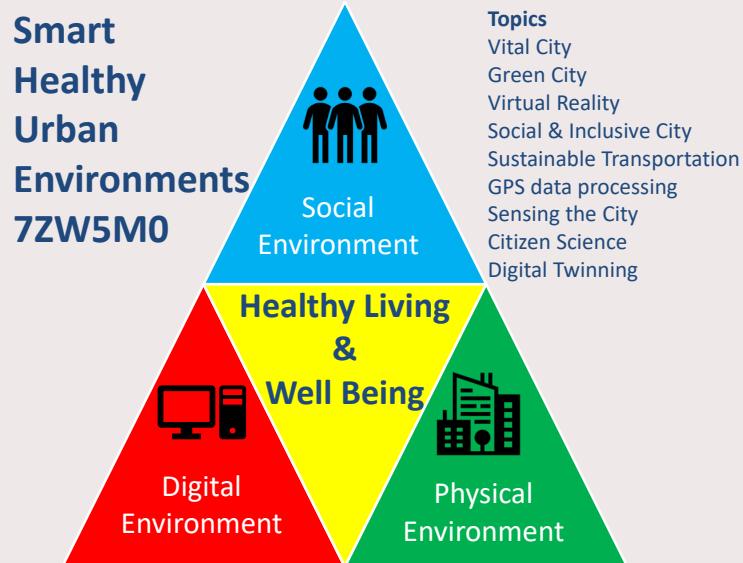
(SmartCitiesworld, 2021)

Organization Course

Content

This course considers current issues in creating healthier, livable, inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable urban environments and links these issues to new approaches in (big) data collection, urban analysis and decision support

New perspectives offered by emerging technologies and research are addressed



Lecturers

Gamze Dane
*Sensing the City –
Citizen Science*



Ioulia Ossokina
*Computer simulations
and digital twins in
urban planning*



Peter van der Waerden
*Sustainable
Transportation & GPS*



Lecturers

Robert van Dongen
[Green city &
Virtual Reality](#)



Suzan Evers
[Vital City](#)



Astrid Kemperman
[Vital City
Social & Inclusive City](#)





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CANVAS

Planning Lectures & Questions Assignments

	Date	Time	Topic	Location
L1	12 Nov	13:30-16:30	Introduction Course and Assignments Sustainable Transportation & GPS processing	Neuron -1.350
Q1			Questions Assignment - Via Canvas Discussions	
L2	19 Nov	13:30-15:30	Vital city	Neuron -1.350
Q2	21 Nov	9:45-10:30	Questions Assignment	Neuron -1.350
L3	26 Nov	13:30-15:30	Sensing the city & Citizen Science	Neuron -1.350
Q3			Questions Assignment - Via Canvas Discussions	

Planning Lectures & Questions Assignments

	Date	Time	Topic	Location
L4	3 Dec	13:30-15:30	Green city & Virtual Reality	Neuron -1.350
L5	10 Dec	13:30-15:30	Social & Inclusive city	Neuron -1.350
Q4&5			Questions Assignment - Via Canvas Discussions	
L6	17 Dec	13:30-15:30	Computer simulations and digital twins in urban planning	Neuron -1.350
Q6			Questions Assignment - Via Canvas Discussions	
L7	7 Jan	13:30-15:30	Guest lecture Digital Twins	Neuron -1.350
L8	15 Jan		Revise Assignments	

Examination

4 Assignments & assessment criteria:

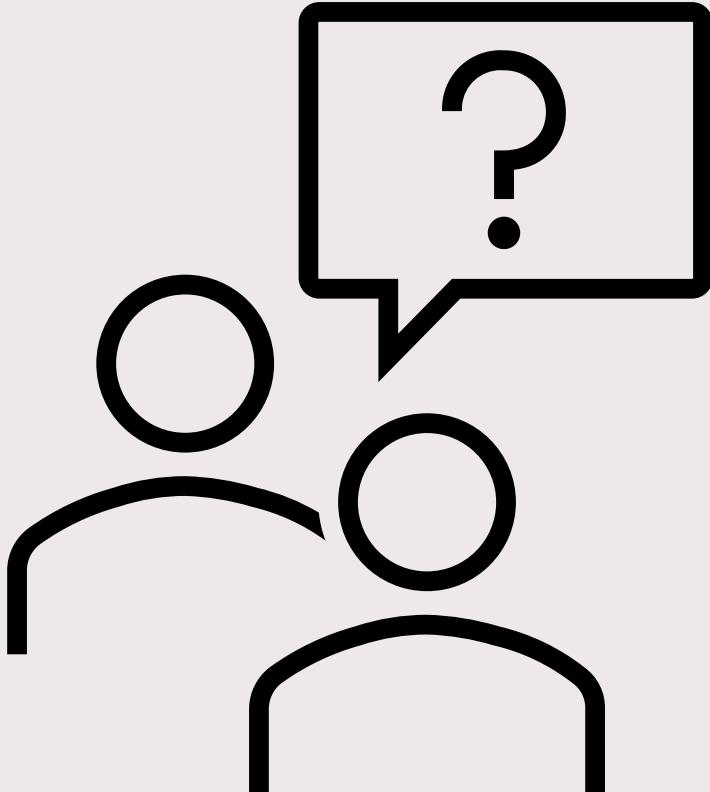
1. Active transportation in built environment
2. Sensing the city & Citizen science
3. Green, social & inclusive city & Virtual Reality
4. Computer simulations and digital twins in urban planning

2 individual & 2 group assignments

Sign up in Canvas

→ group of 3 students - Sensing the City & citizen science assignment

11 → group of 3 students – VR experiment



Examination – Assignments

Questions Assignment:

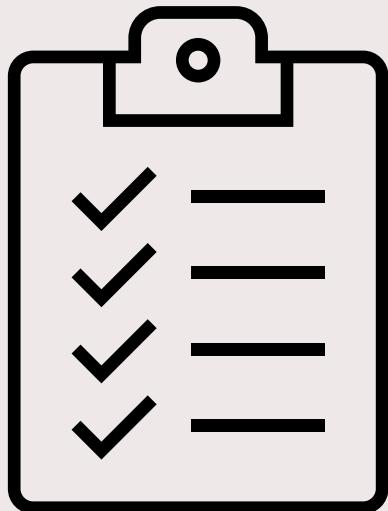
→ Students can ask questions about the assignment, on campus or via Canvas Discussions

Assignments need to be uploaded
→ in Canvas- see Deadline!

Feedback/mark for assignment:

→ within 2 weeks in Canvas

Examination - Grade



For each assignment **100 (assignment 2)** or **200 points (assignments 1, 3 & 4)** can be obtained

Final Grade = Sum points for the assignments/70 &

!A minimum of 50 (assignment 2)/100 points (assignments 1, 3 & 4) per assignment is required!

Assignments can be revised before the **end of the Exam period, but only in case of a score below 60 (assignment 2)/120 (assignment 1, 3 & 4) points**

Literature Introduction

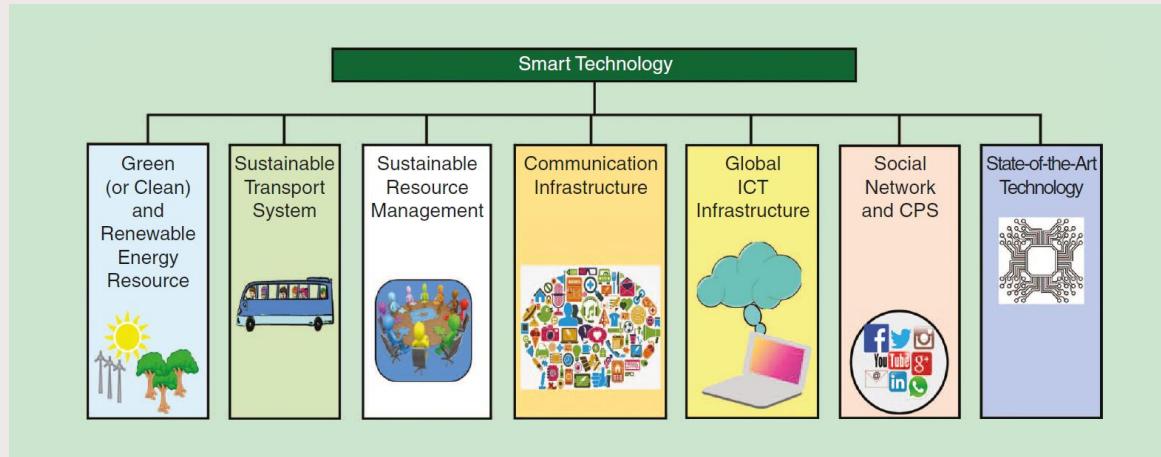
Literature

Nieuwenhuijsen, M. J., & Khreis, H. (Eds.). (2019). *Integrating human health into urban and transport planning : a framework*. Springer - Chapter 1: Urban and Transport Planning, Environment and Health

Giles-Corti B, et al (2022). What next? Expanding our view of city planning and global health, and implementing and monitoring evidence-informed policy

WHO (2024). Sustainable cities Health at the heart of urban development

Hye Su Jeong , Haejoo Chung (2024). Bridging Smart Technologies and Healthy Cities: A Scoping review using WHO's 6P Framework. *Sustainable Cities and Society*

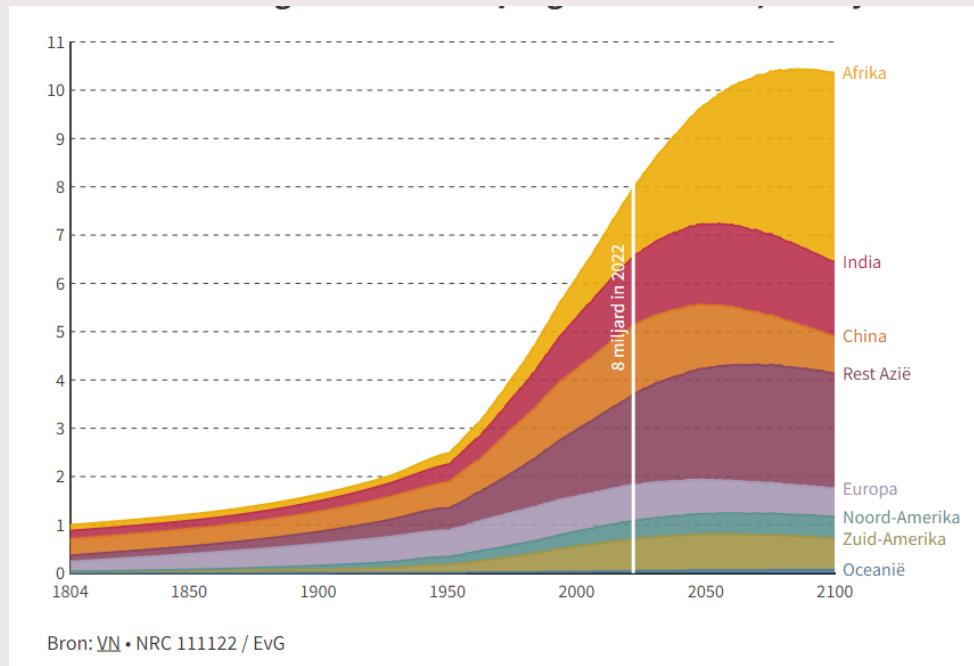


Urban Trends, Problems & Challenges

World Population

(in billion)

- During the 20th century the world population grew from 1.65 billion to 6 billion
- In 1970, there were roughly half as many people in the world as there are now
- World population reached 8 billion in 2022
- Global population projected to peak around 10.4 billion in the 2080s



Urban Age

The majority of people live in a city

- 100 years ago, two in every 10 people lived in urban areas
- by 1990, 40 percent, 3.4 billion
- and by 2010 exceeded 50 percent

In 2050, 70% of the World's population will live in cities, 6.4 billion

→ growing importance of cities in modern economies



Cities

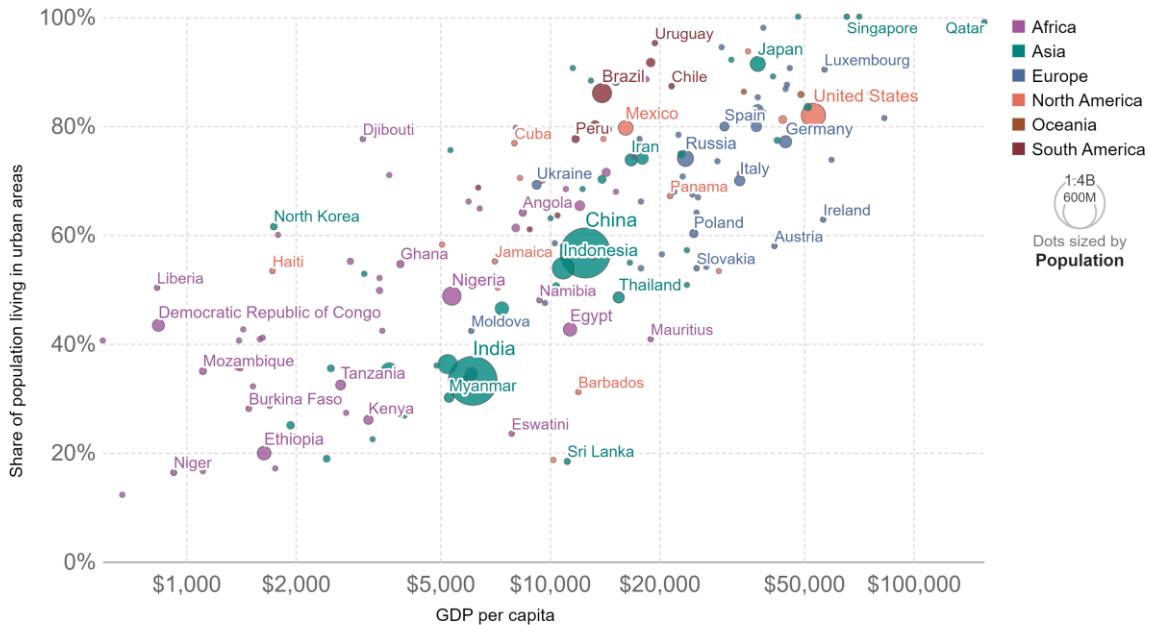
are engines of
economic growth

→ accounting for
80% of the global
Gros Domestic
Product

Urban population vs. GDP per capita, 2016

Share of the total population living in urban areas versus gross domestic product (GDP) per capita, measured in 2011 international-\$.

Our World
in Data



Source: OWID based on UN World Urbanization Prospects (2018), Maddison Project Database 2020 (Bolt and van Zanden (2020))
OurWorldInData.org/urbanization • CC BY

but Cities also:

- consume around 75% of global primary energy
- are responsible for 70% of the global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- led to growth of slums, sprawl, housing and infrastructure shortages, social segregation, and exclusion
- accompanied by motorization, has caused congestion and hazardous air pollution

Cities are

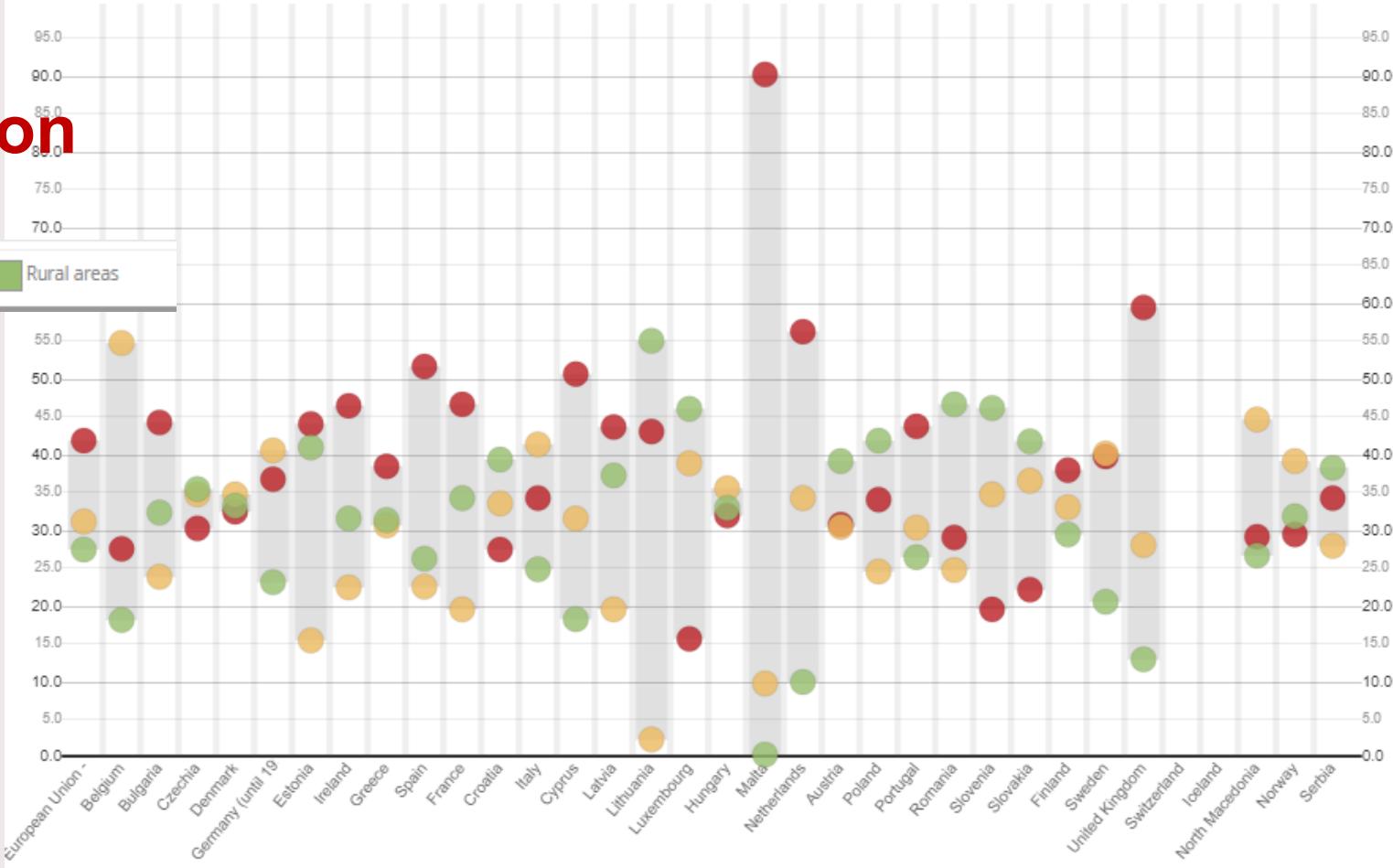
- where inequalities are most acute
(one-third of urban dwellers in the developing world, for example, live in slums)
- where threats to culture and heritage are rising
- where the heavy concentration of people and assets poses high level of challenges and disaster risks

→ increasing economic, social and environmental challenges



Urbanisation in Europe

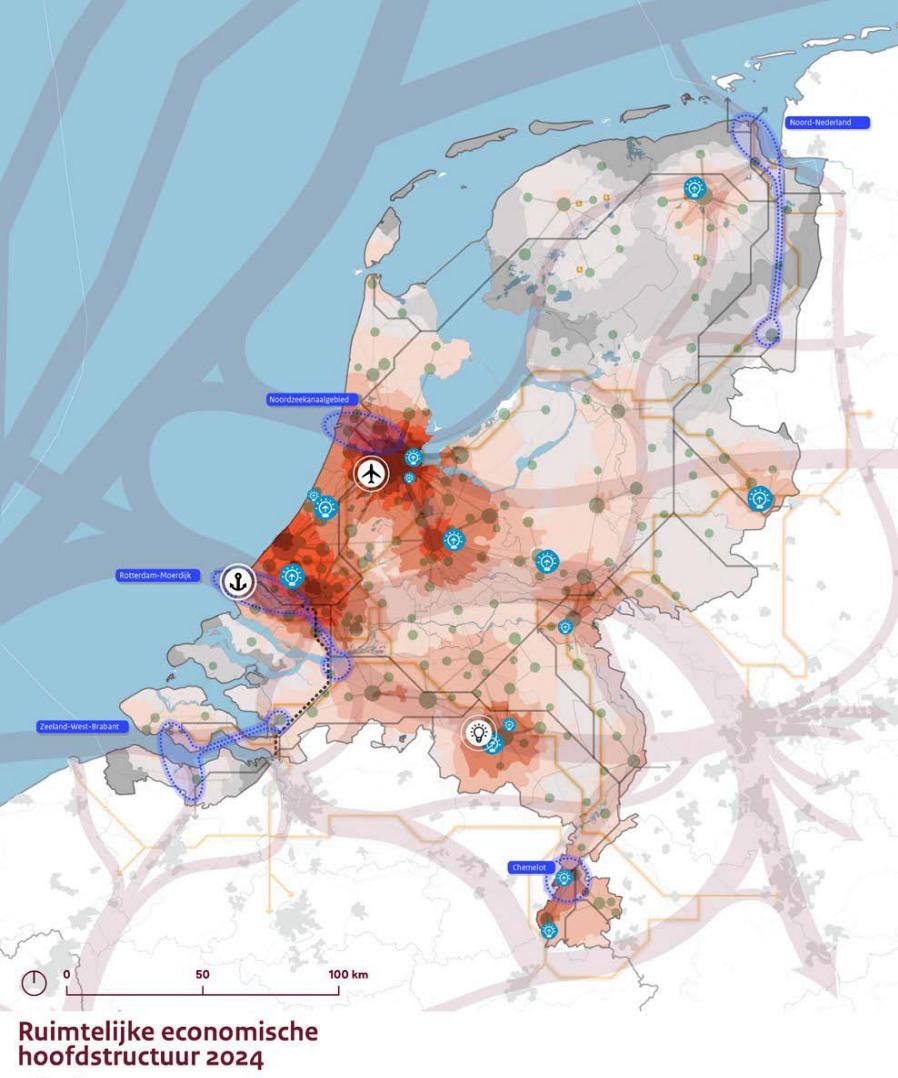
Distribution of population by degree of urbanisation,



(Eurostat, 2023)

Urbanization Netherlands





Legenda

Toegeweegde Waarde (2022):

- €127.000 of meer
- €78.000 - €127.000
- €35.000 - €78.000
- €22.000 - €35.000
- €12.000 - €22.000
- €6.000 - €12.000
- €4.000 - €6.000
- tot €4.000

Bron: LISA, uitgewerkt door Bureau Louter, 2022

Industrieclusters

- 5 energie intensieve industrieclusters

Bron: Voorontwerp Noto Ruimte, 2024

Economische kerngebieden

- Brainport Eindhoven
- Mainport Amsterdam - Schiphol
- Mainport Rotterdam

Goederenstromen

- Grootte in tonnages (indicatief)

Bronnen: NOVI, 2021; Voorontwerp Noto Ruimte, 2024; Vereniging Deltametropool, 2022

Daily Urban Systems:

- Bevolking per gemeente

Pendel

Grootte in verhouding tot het aantal inwoners per gemeente en, respectievelijk, het aantal bewegingen tussen steden.

Als een gemeente meerdere kerken heeft wordt gebruik gemaakt van de centrale locatie tussen de kerken (bevolkingscentroïde).

Bron: CBS uitgewerkt door PosadMaxwan, 2022

Environmental Economic structure

(Min Economic Affairs, 2024)

Campusen

- Volvassen

Grootte in verhouding tot het aantal innovatieve bedrijven
Bron: Innovatiepotter, 2023

Energie hoofdinfrastructuur

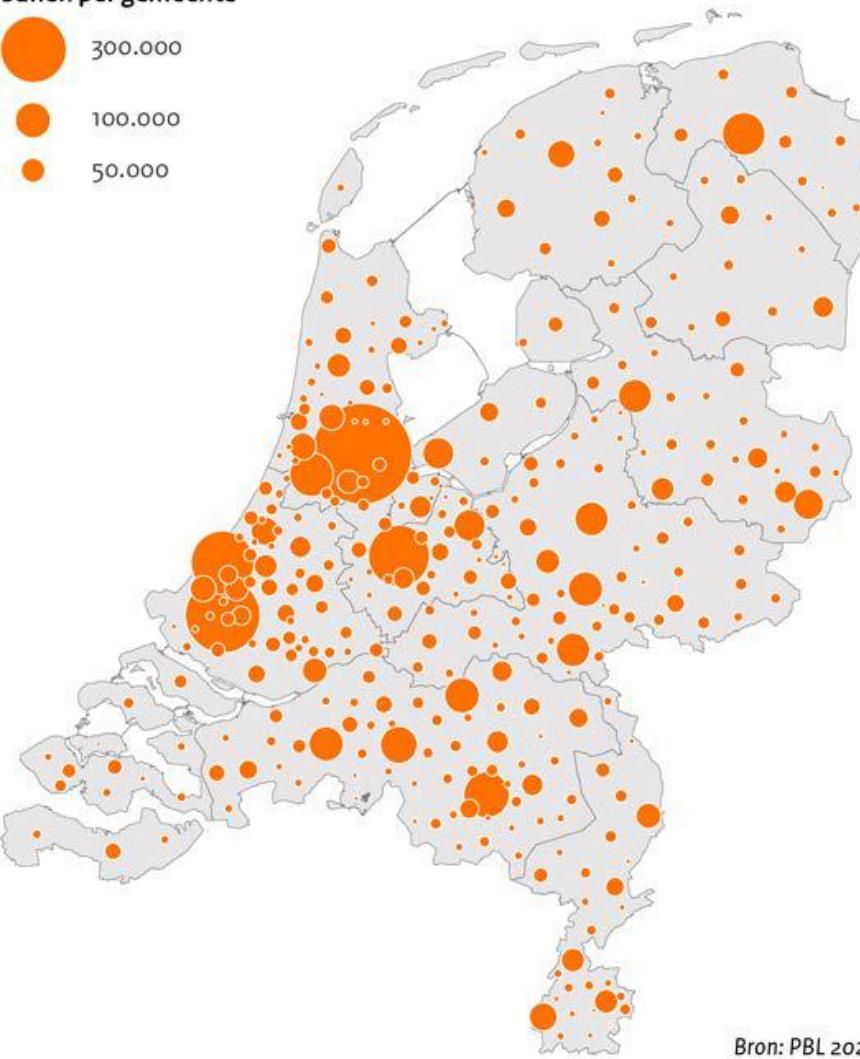
- Hoogspanningsnet (220 kV en 380kV)

- Aangewezen buisleidingen tracé (Bkl)

- Leidingstrook (LSNED)

Bron: Programma Energie Hoofdstructuur, 2023

banen per gemeente



Jobs in NL in 2022

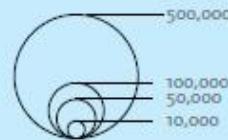
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Bron: PBL 2024



Urbanization Lower SES Less Healthy

City
Commuting zone
Rural area



Inhabitants per municipality, 2014

Source: RIVM, adaptation by PBL

Life expectancy

85

84

83

82

81

80

79

78

Low

Median

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Inhabitants in municipalities with a higher socio-economic status have a longer life expectancy

Noordenveld

Rozendaal (close to Arnhem) has the longest life expectancy

Haarlemmermeer

The Hague

Utrecht

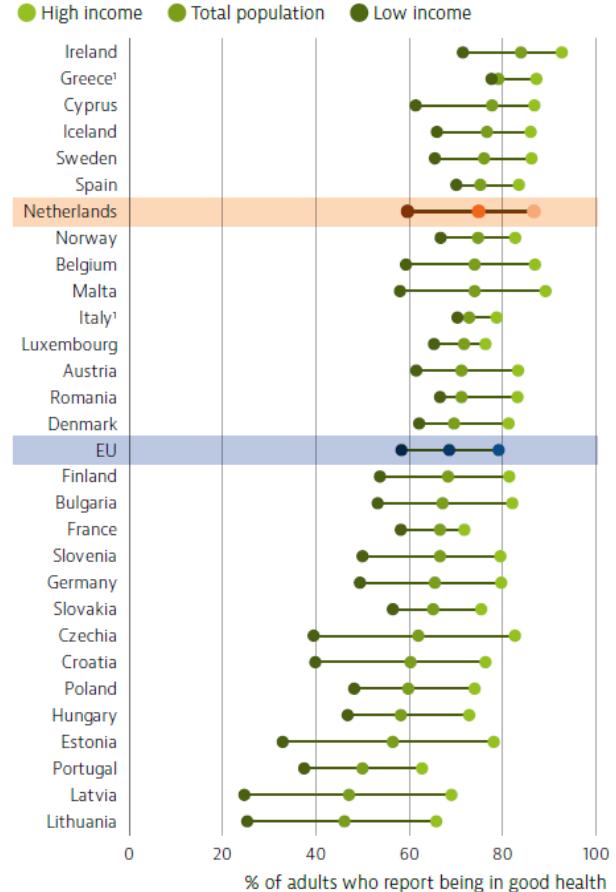
Rotterdam

Amsterdam

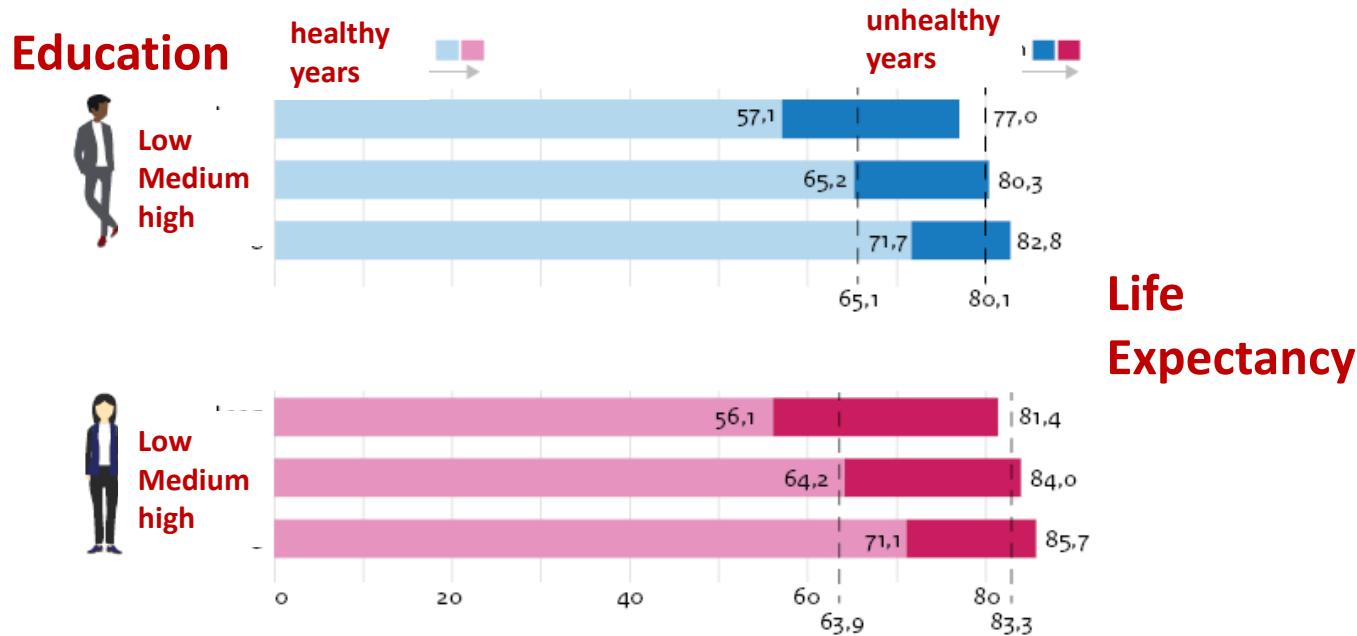
Residents in cities have a shorter average life expectancy

Differences Income & Health

Figure 4. Inequalities in self-reported health by income level are relatively large in the Netherlands



Life Expectancy born 2017-2020



Cities are challenged by

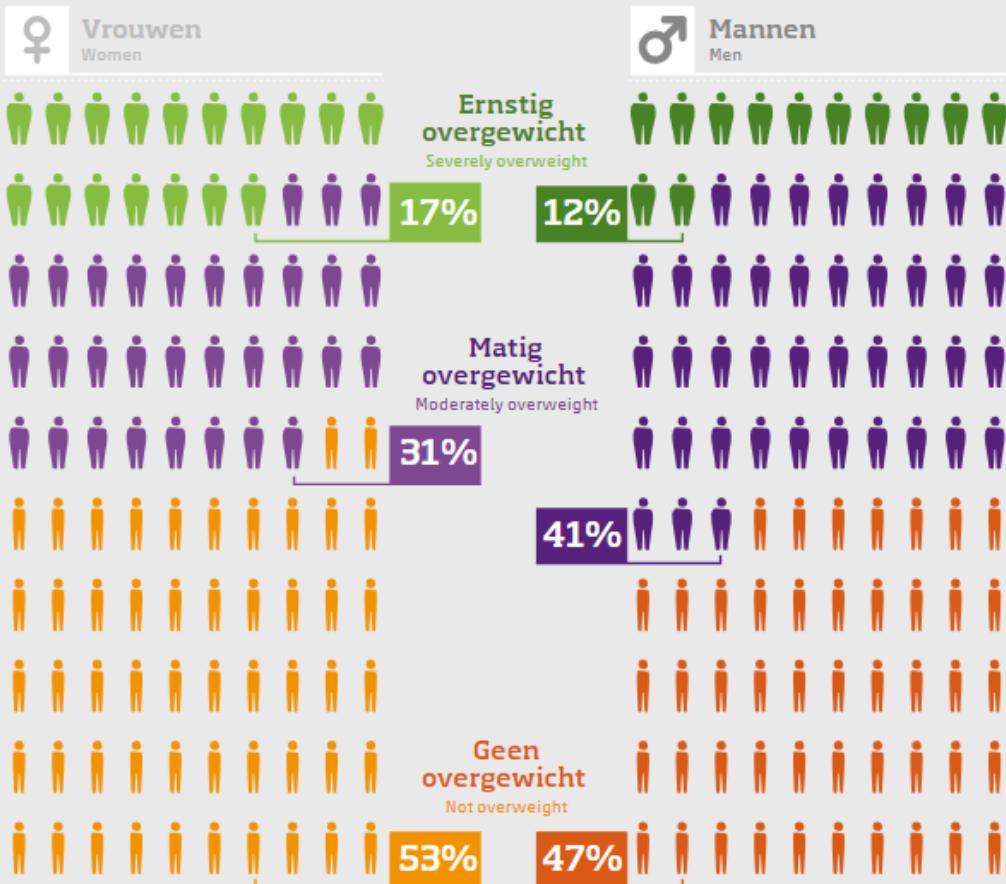
Increases in the frequency of chronic diseases, obesity and sedentary lifestyles

→ Physical inactivity is a major contributor to these problems

→ Physical inactivity is the fourth leading risk factor for global mortality
(WHO, 2022)

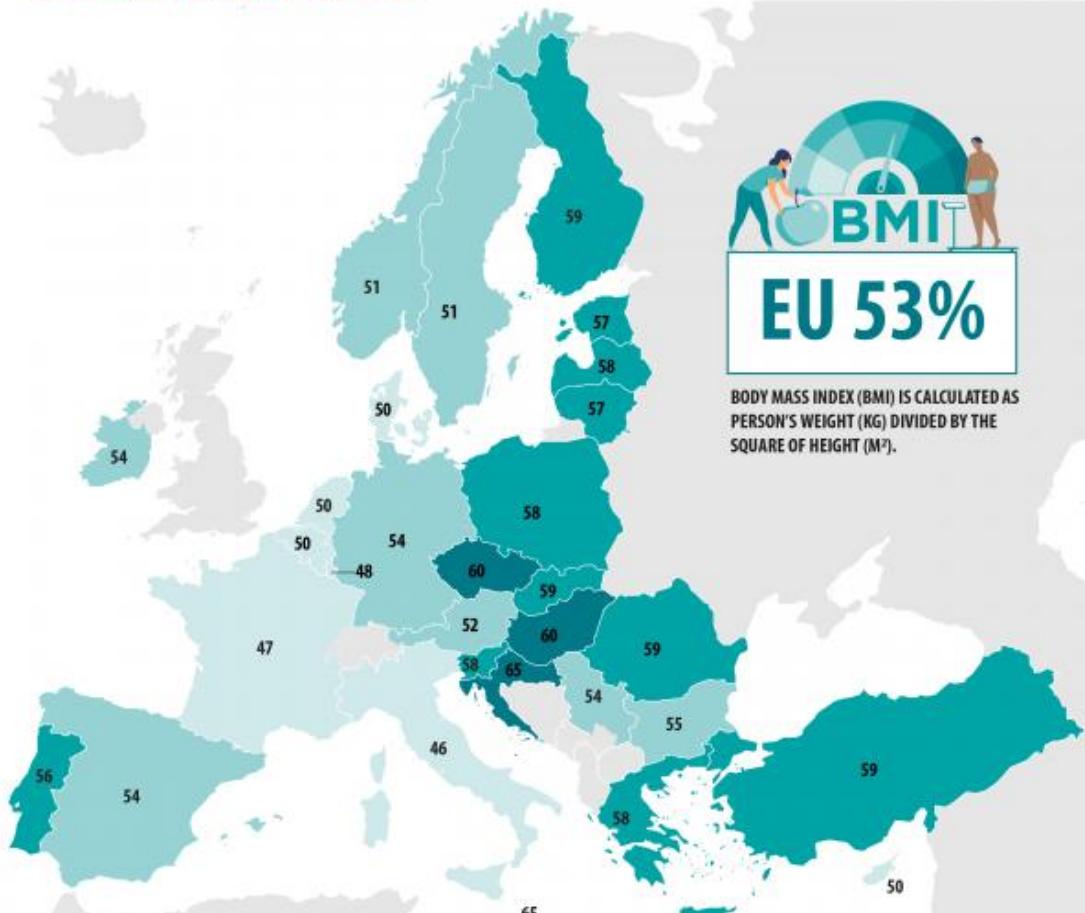
Hoeveel volwassenen hebben overgewicht?

How many adults are overweight?



Overweight population (BMI \geq 25)

% of adult population, 2019



Facts (WHO)- Physical inactivity

Caused by:

- built environment of cities & neighborhoods
- less physically demanding work
- increasing use of automated transport,
- technology in the home
- more passive leisure activities

→ increase in sedentary lifestyles & less physical activity
major threat to public health

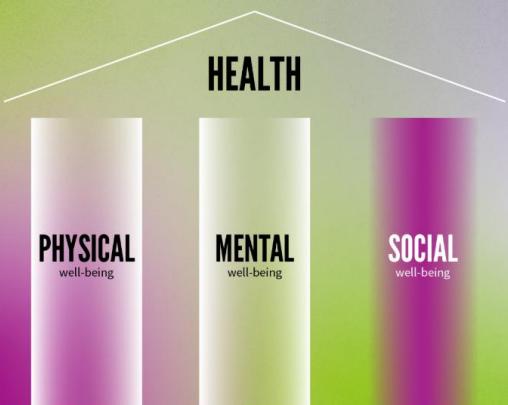
→ PA is any force exerted by skeletal muscles that results in energy expenditure above rest

Key facts about physical inactivity in the European Region

- 1 Each year, 1 million people dies from causes related in some way to physical inactivity.
- 2 Each year, 8.3 million disability-adjusted life years are lost due to physical inactivity.
- 3 It is estimated that more than one third of adults are not sufficiently active.
- 4 It is estimated that more than 70% of adolescents do not meet the PA recommendations.
- 5 The general trend in the Region is towards decreasing levels of PA.
- 6 Girls are less active than boys, and women are less active than men.

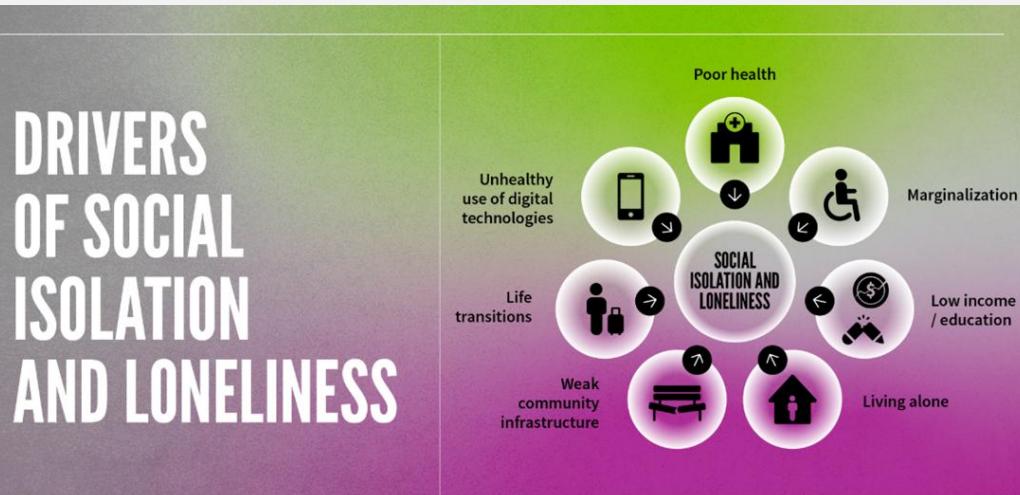
SOCIAL HEALTH: THE MISSING PILLAR

WHO defines health as complete **physical**, **mental** and **social well-being** – social health is not optional.



It affects
PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND REGIONS
Rates are highest among
YOUNG PEOPLE
and in
LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES

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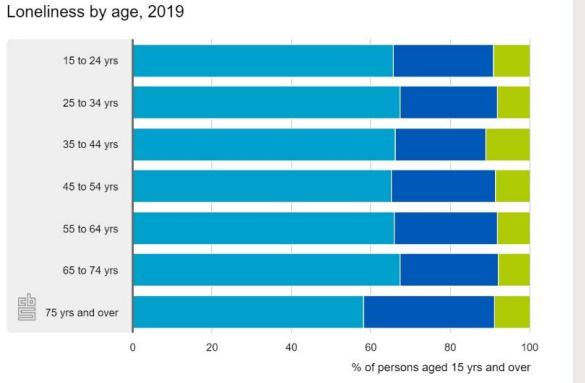
(WHO, 2025)

Challenges Loneliness

(CBS, 2019)



(© Hollandse Hoogte / Stijn Rademaker)



Loneliness and living environment



Conclude - Urbanization Trends 1

Around 50% of the world's population currently lives in an urban environment, and this is increasing:

Opportunities

Cities are important for economic growth

A high concentration of people makes it easier to supply a larger part of the population with adequate health and water services, & improve the efficiency of energy, water and land use

Conclude - Urbanization Trends 2

Challenges:

The increasing number of people migrating to urban areas leads to:

- congestion & air pollution
- housing and infrastructure shortages
- increased demand for a limited pool of resources including energy, water, green spaces, cultural heritage, education and healthcare services
- social segregation, and exclusion
- In general, lower health & life expectancy

Healthy Cities

Healthy City

A healthy city is one that puts **health, social well-being, equity and sustainable development** at the centre of local policies, strategies and programmes based on core values of the right to health and well-being, peace, social justice, gender equality, solidarity, social inclusion and sustainable development and guided by the principles of health for all, universal health coverage, intersectoral governance for health, health-in-all-policies, community participation, social cohesion and innovation



(WHO, 2020)

Healthy Cities & Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Healthy cities – key to SDG attainment

Action in cities can drive progress towards multiple SDGs:

- Reduce air pollution (SDGs 3.9 and 11.6)
- Combat noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and related risks like obesity (SDG 3.4)
- Access to public transport with special attention to women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons (SDG 11.2)
- Sanitation and waste management (SDGs 3.9 and 11.6)
- Equity (SDG 10)
- Access to safe public and green spaces, particularly for women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities (SDG 11.7)
- Climate action – climate resilience (SDG 13)



Healthy Cities Action Domains

(WHO, 2020)

text

WHO European Healthy Cities Network: Urban solutions



Smart Cities

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McKinsey & Company



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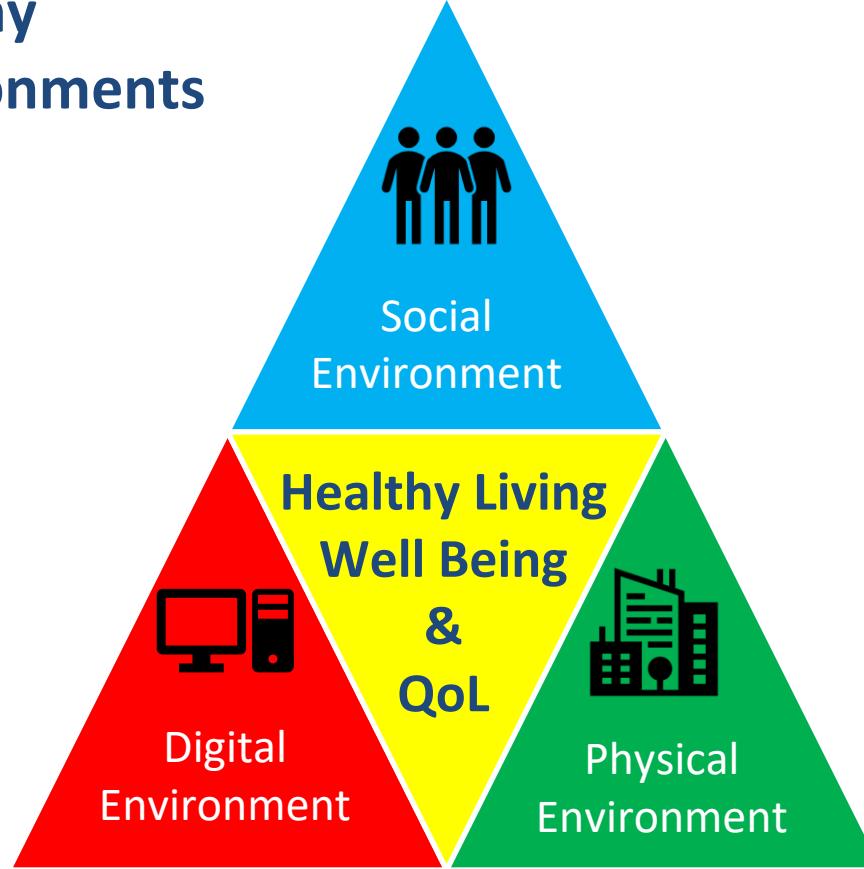
An innovative city that uses information and communication technologies (ICTs), clever urban planning and design and citizen participation to improve quality of life, efficiency of urban operation and services, and competitiveness, while ensuring that it meets the needs of present and future generations with respect to economic, social and environmental aspects (Kondepudi, 2014)



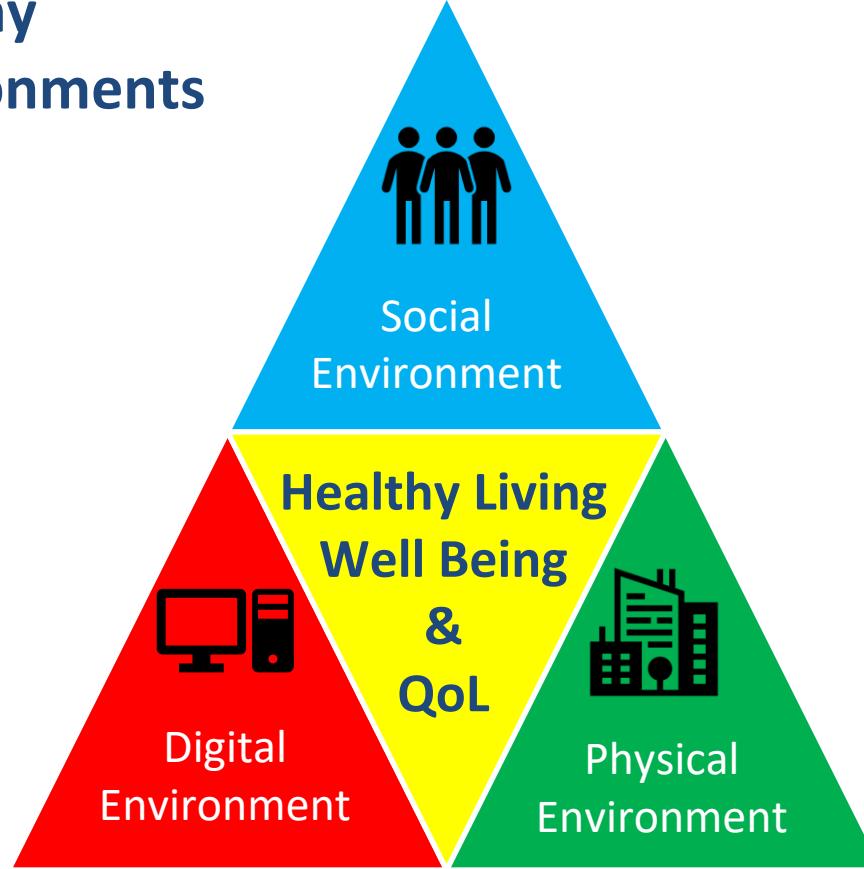
(Future-city.nl, 2021)

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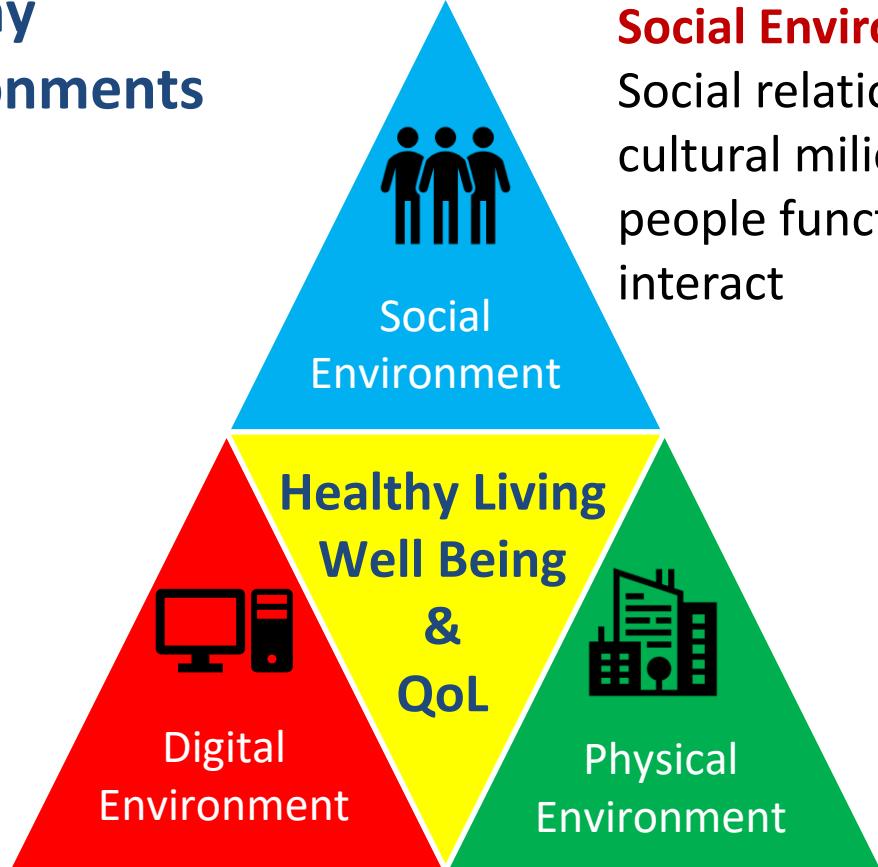


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Physical Environment
Natural and built environment in which people live, learn, work, recreate, play, and travel

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Social Environment

Social relationships, and cultural milieus within people function and interact

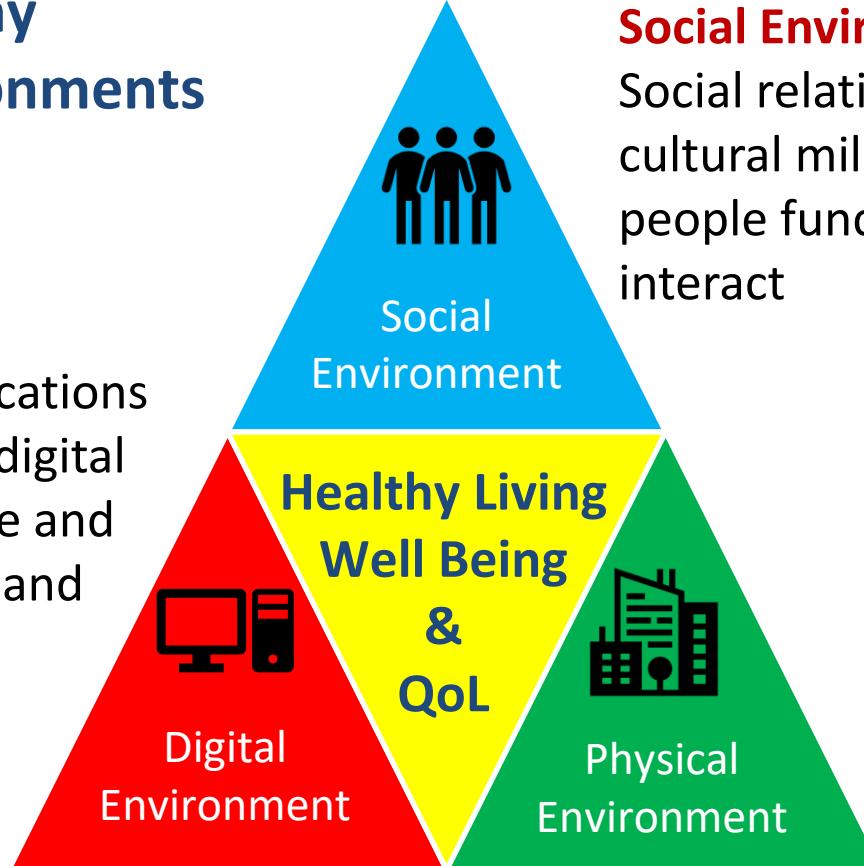
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Digital environment

Integrated communications environment where digital devices communicate and manage the content and activities within it



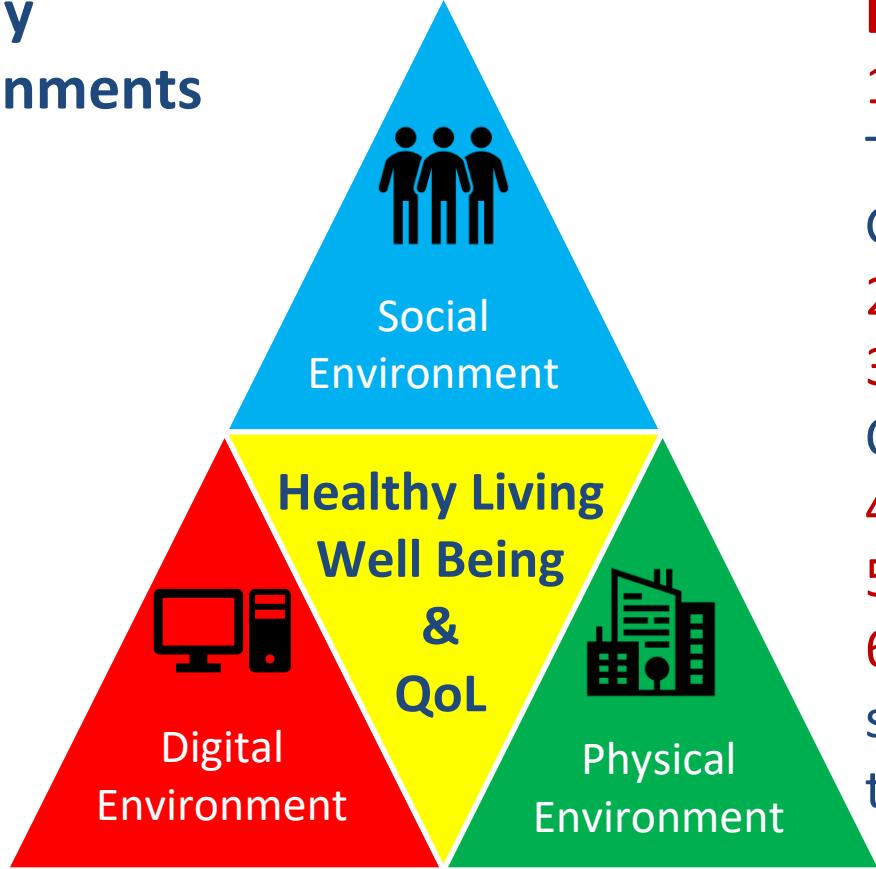
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Lectures

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- 2-Vital city
- 3-Sensing the city & Citizen Science
- 4-Green city & VR
- 5-Social & Inclusive city
- 6&7- Computer simulations and digital twins in urban planning

Questions?

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