

THE FUTURE OF CITIES

OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND THE WAY FORWARD

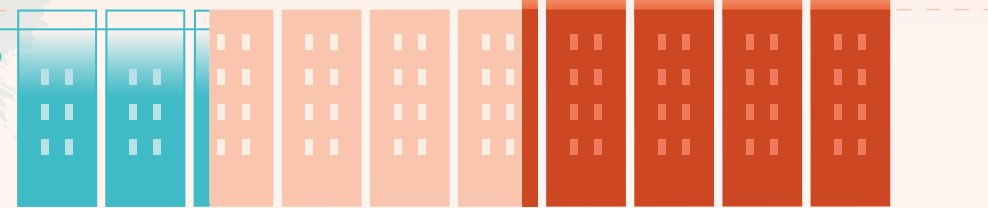
KEY MESSAGES

POPULATION WILL INCREASE IN SOME EUROPEAN CITIES AND DECREASE IN OTHERS

In the last 15 years, urban population has grown by **22% globally** and by only **1% in Europe**.

By 2050, EU citizens will live...

▼ 10%



22%
in declining cities

36%
in stable cities

42%
in increasing cities

▲ 10%

Some small cities in **Eastern Germany, Spain, Latvia, Lithuania and Bulgaria** will experience

▼ **>25% pop. loss**

Some cities such as **Vienna, Prague, Budapest, Munich and Bologna** will experience

▲ **25-50% pop. growth**

Some cities such as **Luxembourg, Stockholm and Brussels** will experience

▲ **>50% pop. growth**

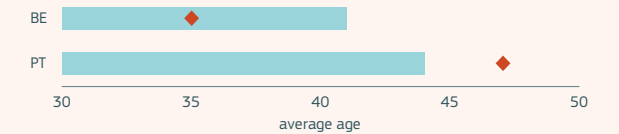
Cities need to be more accessible and inclusive to all ages



By 2070, a European citizen will live **8 years longer**. This ageing population will require adaptations, especially in spatial infrastructure

Frequently, people living in the capital are younger, but this is not always the case...

In **Brussels**, people are on average 6 years younger than in the rest of Belgium



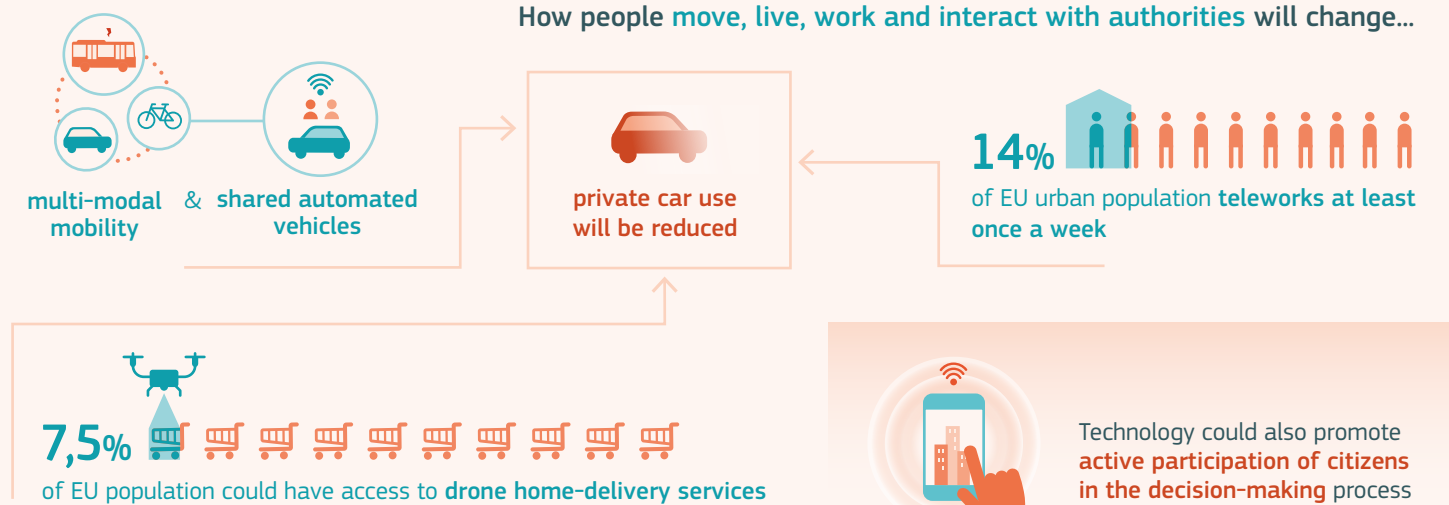
In **Lisbon**, people are on average 3 years older than in the rest of Portugal

Almost half of all buildings in Europe are **over 70 years old**

Optimising public space is crucial to increase sustainability and quality of life in cities.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES WILL TRANSFORM LIVING IN CITIES

How people move, live, work and interact with authorities will change...

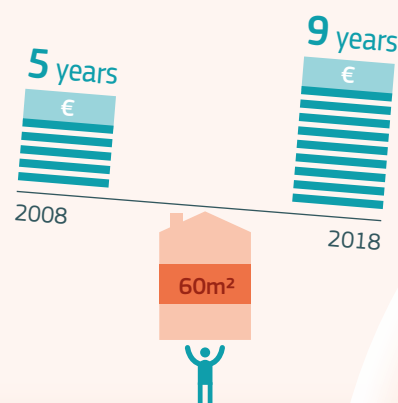


These technologies will need to be **interoperable, integrated, and implemented in an inclusive way**

HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE WILL NEED TO BE ADAPTED

Housing is getting increasingly **unaffordable** in major cities, especially for **low-to-moderate income households**

In Munich, to buy an apartment a worker would need:



TOGETHER, CITIES HAVE IMMENSE POTENTIAL TO ACHIEVE GLOBAL GOALS

Supporting **global commitments** and providing **local solutions**
They can push for behavioural and institutional changes

Influencing greatly the **fight for sustainability**
They are responsible for 70% of GHG emissions

Functioning as **innovation and creativity hubs**
With high concentrations of educated people and financial means, cities can scale up solutions quickly



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