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Background

The challenge for architects, designers and urban planners is to create an environment that is aesthetically appealing and at the same time responds to the functional and psychosocial needs of people. The question is how architects can improve the built environment for the well-being of all people. The focus is on creating an environment that is friendly, accessible, safe, healthy and satisfying the requirements of a wide range of people. As a European initiative, the New European Bauhaus (NEB) crosses various disciplines to come up with tangible, sustainable, beautiful and inclusive solutions improving our daily lives. NEB strives to give citizens an active role in shaping their environment and draws on cultural and urban innovation to build a sustainable and resilient society.

Target

This special issue is focused on research in the field of human-centred design, architecture and urban planning that accepts the diversity of people, their different needs and requirements in the built environment. The method of Design for All is based on the analysis of human needs and aspirations and requires the involvement of users in the participatory design process. This special issue aims to present and discuss a multidisciplinary human-centred design methodology that implements knowledge from social, psychological and neuroscience fields into architectural, urban and design work. Attention is paid to the psycho-social aspects of the environment and the study of the impact of the environment on people and their health and well-being. In connection with human-centred design approach, an expanded understanding of the attributes of universally accessible environment is also applied, which includes physical, sensory and information accessibility, visitability, adaptability and flexibility of the environment for a wide range of people to ensure an inclusive environment.

We welcome original contributions that present the multidisciplinary research, as well as practice-based case studies on this topic of Design for All that represent a human-centred approach.

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