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Fostering inclusive urban
futures:
gender and care
perspectives in city making

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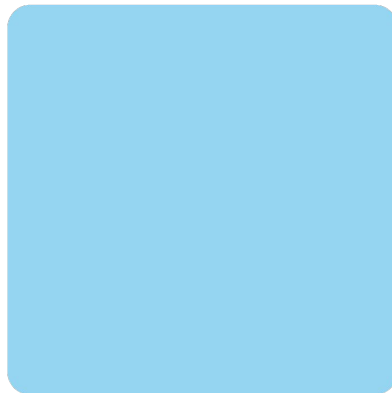


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Session 2 - Guidelines for inclusive city making and exercise

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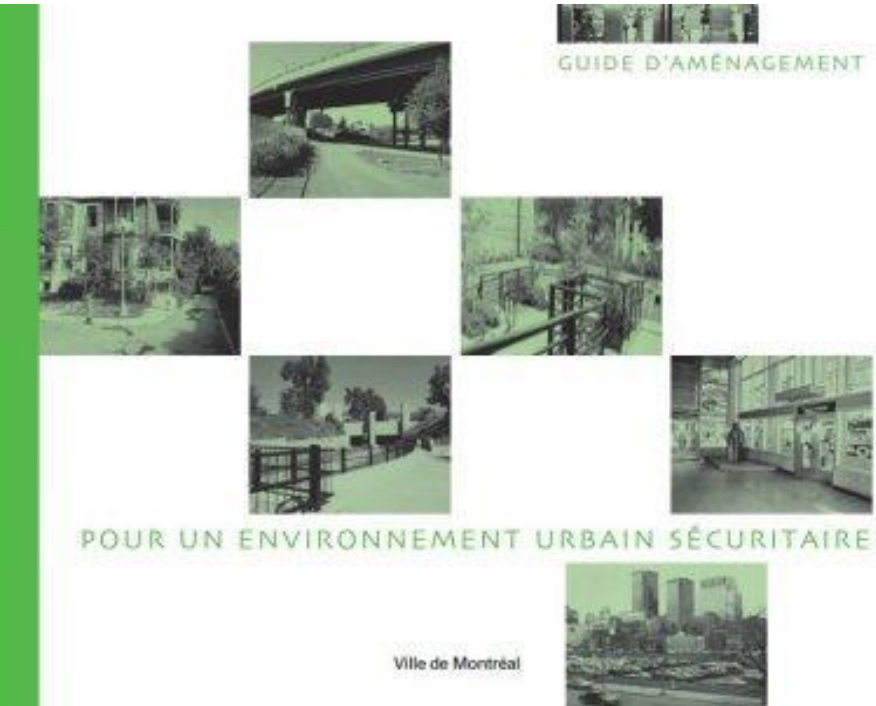
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1.Femmes et Ville - Urban Quality Indicators

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Program “Femmes et Ville” (Women and the City)
Montreal, Canada 1988 – 2004



Femmes et Ville - Urban Quality Indicators

6 Principles for Ensuring Safety in Public Space from a Gender Perspective

- 1



Be able to recognize where you are and where you are going
(signage, orientation)
- 2



Be able to see and be seen
(visibility, maintenance of vegetation, lighting of spaces)
- 3



Be able to hear and be heard
(traffic, social uses of the space)
- 4



Be able to escape and seek help
(formal and informal surveillance of public space)
- 5



Public space should be clean and well-maintained
(design, maintenance)
- 6



There should be collective action: women's centers
(community participation in the appropriation of public space)

2.Guidelines integrating gender and care perspectives in city making

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1. Safety & Security

- physical
 - psychological
- i.e. signage (maps), visibility & hearability*



2. Accessibility

- physical *i.e. ramp*
- social *i.e. only a specific social group of people?*
- financial
- digital



3. Vitality

(multiple simultaneous space uses i.e. offices, shops, residences, recreational areas)



4. Equipment / Urban Infrastructure (quality, adequacy, maintenance)



5. Gender/ Inclusive representations (advertisements, street /station names, art on public space, signage, symbols, etc.)

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Safety & Security *physical*

- Ramps, good quality pavements, handrails where appropriate

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Safety & Security *physical*

- Reduce vehicle speeds
- Install pedestrian crossings on roads to enhance safety

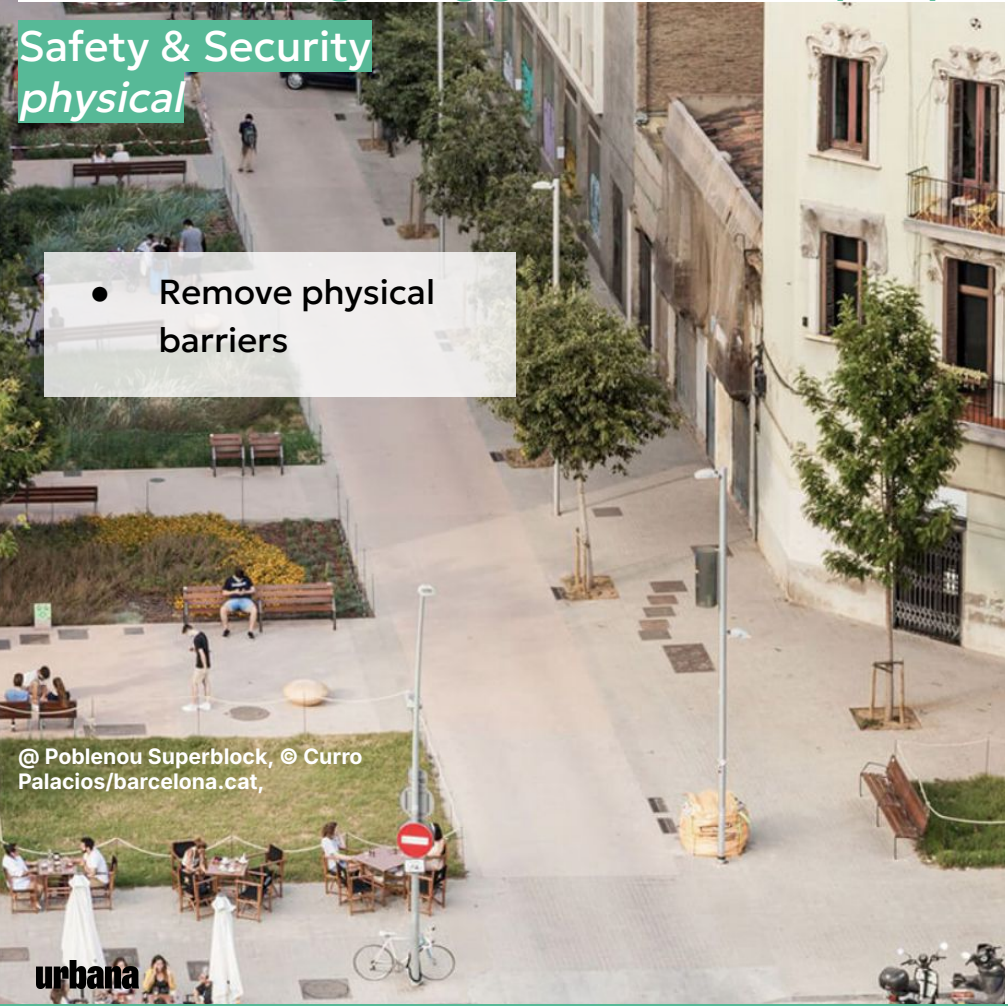
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Safety & Security *physical*

- Remove physical barriers



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Safety & Security *psychological*

Ensure proper “Wayfinding”

- Provide clear and inclusive signage, so that everyone, including persons with different abilities can navigate their surroundings
- Prioritise entrances and exits close to public transport links and/or busy locations

Madrid Rio Park



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Safety & Security *psychological*

Visibility: “to see and to be seen”

- Unobstructed visual connection
- Transparent fences in the process of construction works



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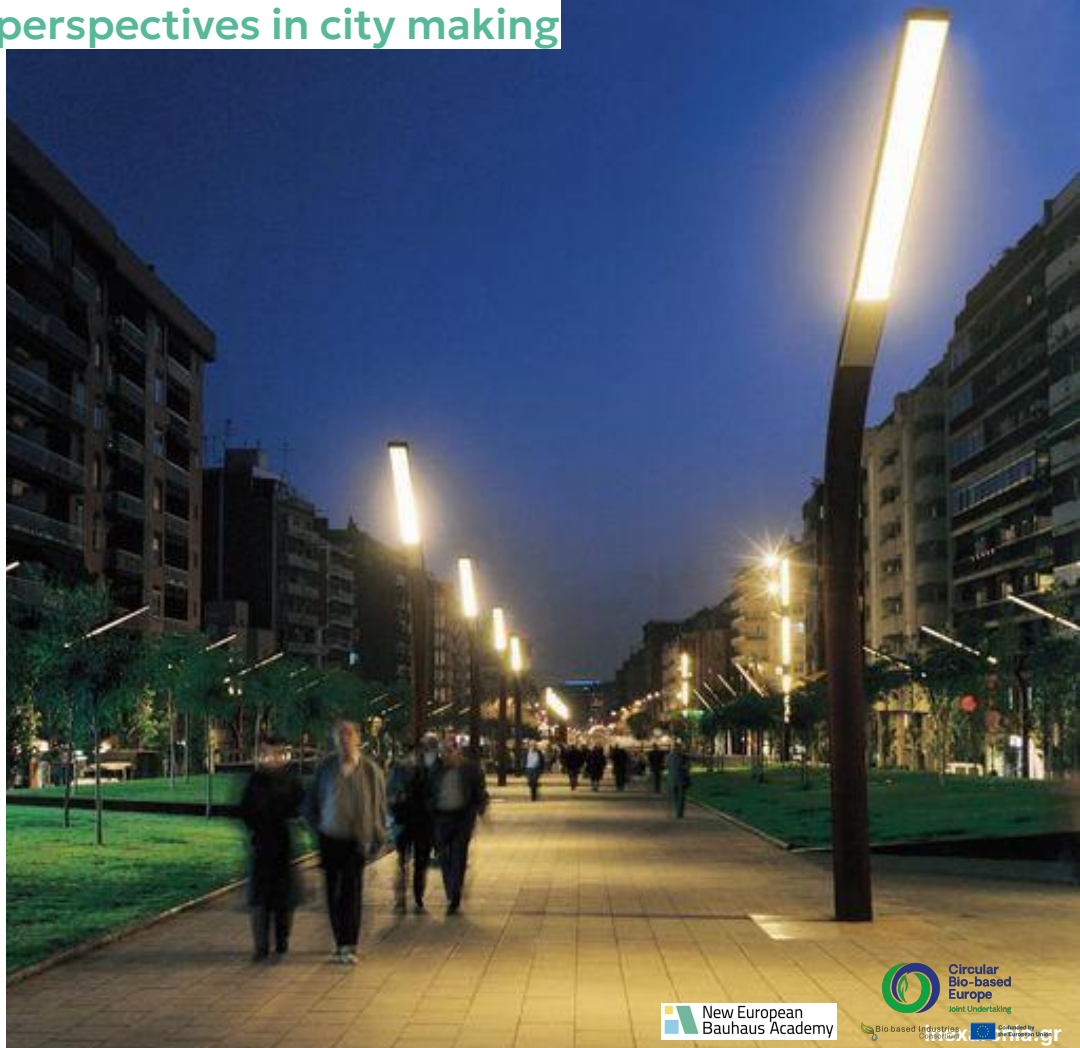
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Visibility: “to see and to be seen”

- Provide appropriate lighting to avoid dark spots, ensuring excessive vegetation is not blocking it

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Safety & Security *psychological*

Visibility: “to see and to be seen”

- Human-scaled lighting rather than floodlights
- Low and even light rather than bright lights that create strong contrast

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Safety & Security *psychological*

Hearability: “to hear and to be heard”

- Ensure good hearability by considering noise levels in urban spaces nearby noisy roads/urban areas

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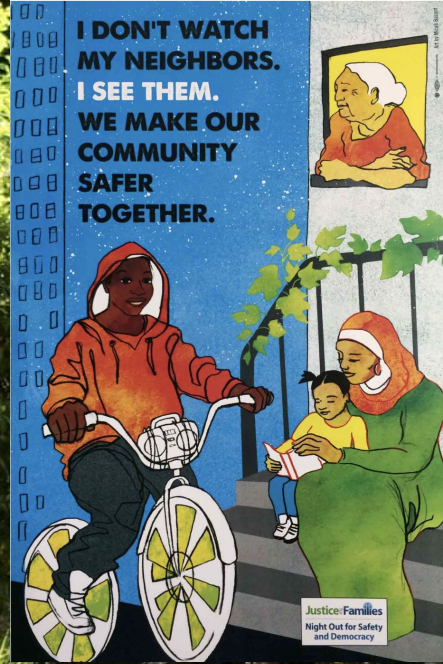
Safety & Security psychological

Visibility: “eyes on the street”

- Elements and/or facilities that provide informal surveillance

“Eyes on the street”

Jane Jacobs



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Safety & Security *psychological*

- Eliminate underpasses and overpasses (if not possible installation of mirrors to improve visibility)



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Accessibility *physical*

- Eliminate physical barriers for people with mobility challenges (e.g., using wheelchairs) and/or people with disabilities
- Access should be via safe and well-used routes

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Accessibility social

- Create inclusive and welcoming spaces for diverse social groups, including different ages, genders, and abilities

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Accessibility social

- Ensure access to shaded rest areas and urban green areas during periods of extreme heat

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Accessibility *financial*

- Ensure that public spaces and urban areas are accessible to all income levels

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Accessibility financial

- Ensure accessibility on foot and/or via public transportation, with well-connected routes and multiple transport options (if possible)

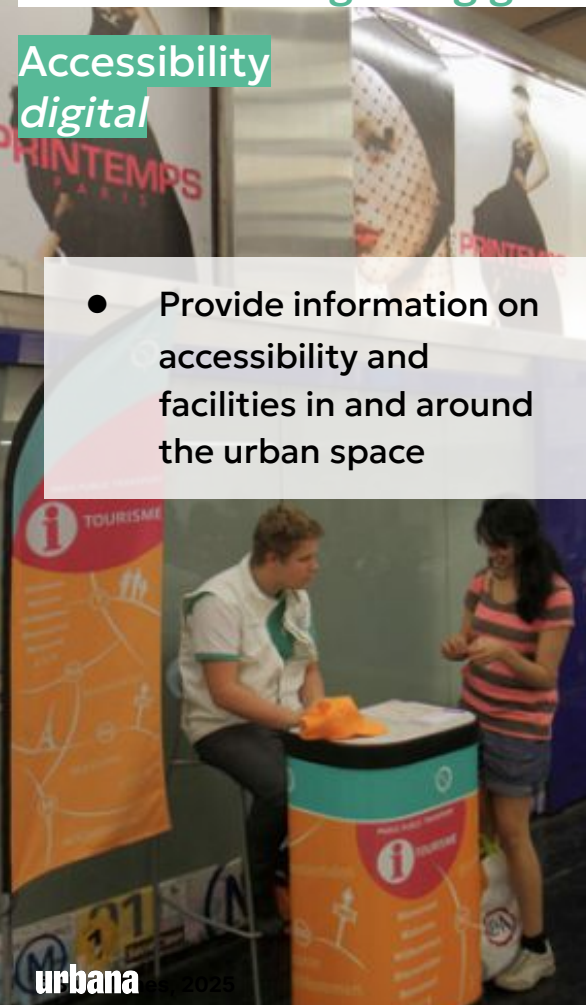


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Accessibility digital

- Provide information on accessibility and facilities in and around the urban space



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Vitality

Diverse and mixed uses throughout the day and night through:

- appropriate infrastructure
- space programming, (e.g., meeting spaces, play areas for children, rest areas, etc)

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Vitality

Continuous coexistence of diverse people

- Eventual activities that dynamise spaces and their surroundings
- Greater presence of people in green spaces, esp. at night, to meet, connect, help each other



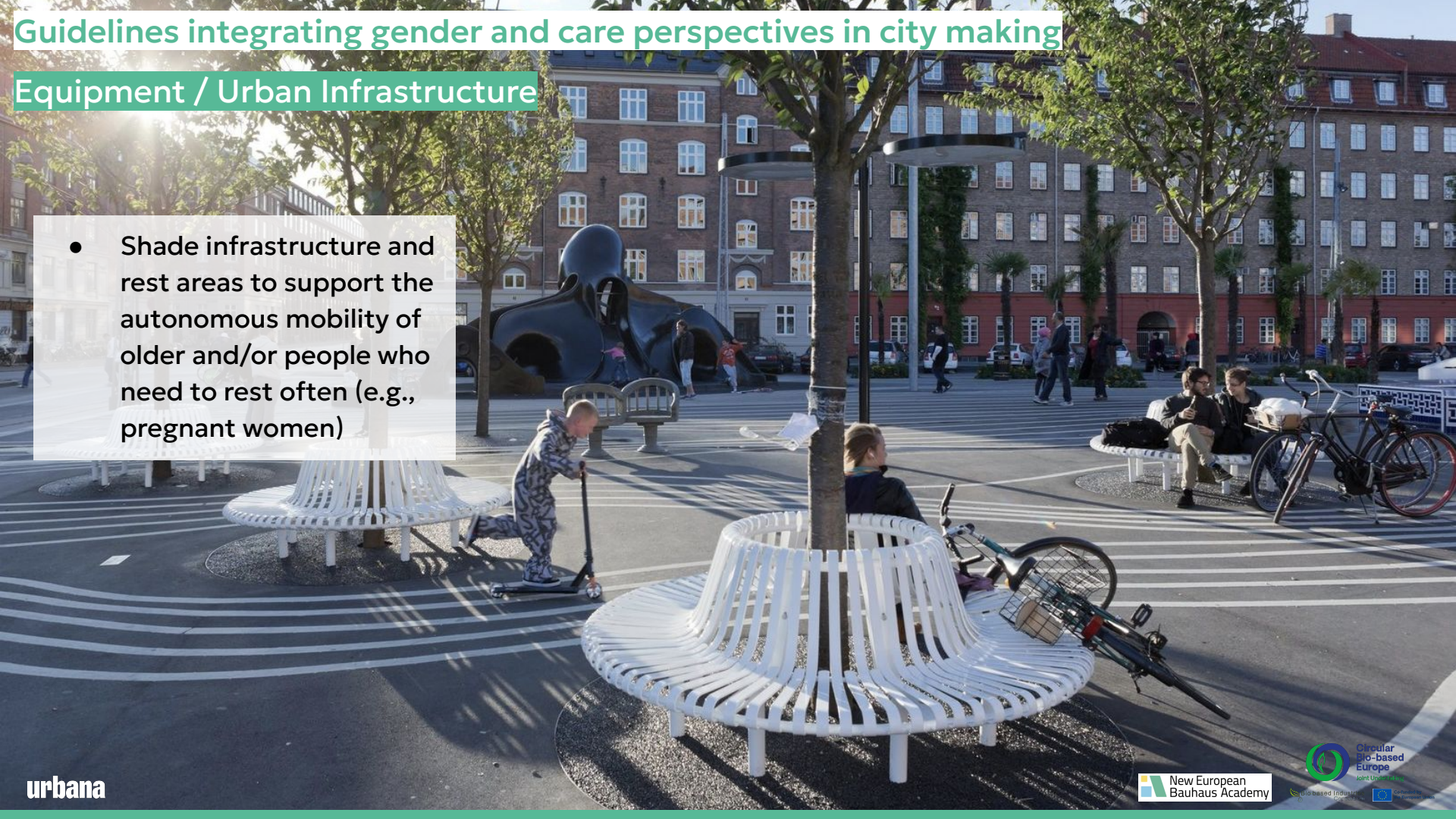
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Equipment / Urban Infrastructure

- Well-maintained urban equipment
- Meet the diverse needs of all users, including areas to facilitate care work

Mamifera, Equal Saree, Barcelona, 2023





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Equipment / Urban Infrastructure

- Shade infrastructure and rest areas to support the autonomous mobility of older and/or people who need to rest often (e.g., pregnant women)

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Equipment / Urban Infrastructure

- Help points / Information desks
- Alert buttons



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Equipment / Urban Infrastructure

- Help kiosks
- Harassment reporting kiosks



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Gender/ Inclusive representations

- Implement non-sexist, non-discriminatory, inclusive signage



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Gender/ Inclusive representations

- Increase visibility of women and other vulnerable groups' stories in public spaces at a symbolic level (e.g., art installations, statues, street names, etc)



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2. Collective / Individual exercise

Instructions

Duration of the activity 20'

Use the "Urban Quality Criteria" to:

1. Evaluate the current situation in a chosen area (your city, neighborhood, etc.)
2. Draft design proposals / ideas for your pilot area (i.e. How can the sense of safety/security in this area be improved? / What kind of urban equipment is needed to meet the needs of the local people? etc)


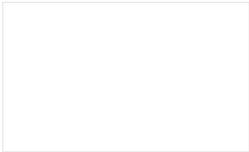
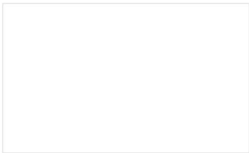
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



Duration of the activity 20'

The exercise can be conducted either on paper or using an interactive virtual whiteboard, such as Miro, Flinga etc.

Example

Name of the city / area / neighborhood

Photo of the area	Copy of Photo of the area
	 

Safety & Security	Accessibility	Vitality	Urban Infrastructure	Gender / Inclusive representations
				

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Exercise Steps

1. Prepare the necessary materials: paper, a pen, and post-it notes in different colors.
2. Print the Urban Quality Criteria and photographs of the intervention area.
3. Reflect on each criterion in relation to the area, and record your observations on individual post-it notes.
4. Attach the post-it notes to the corresponding photographs.
5. Gather and review all the results

Guiding questions

A. Safety and security

- Do you feel safe in this area during daytime?
- Do you feel safe in this area after dark?
- Is it easy to see what is happening around you in this area?
- Is it easy to find your way around this area?

B. Accessibility

- Is it easy to reach this area on foot, by bicycle, or by public transport?
- Are the paths, entrances, and walkways accessible for people with limited mobility (e.g., people who use wheelchair, baby strollers etc.)?
- Is it easy to move around the area without obstacles (e.g., steps, uneven surfaces, blocked pathways)?
- Is it easy to access important facilities (e.g., toilets, public services, shops) within or near this area?

C. Vitality

- Does the area feel lively and active during the day and/or after dark?
- Are there enough people around to make the area feel welcoming and vibrant?
- Are there cultural or community activities that bring life to the area?

Guiding questions

D. Equipment / Urban infrastructure

- Are there enough equipment in this area (e.g., benches, bins, public toilets, lighting)?
- If so, is it in good quality? Does it create comfort?
- Are there facilities in the area that respond to the needs of different age groups (e.g., children, teenagers, older people)?

E. Gender / Inclusive representations

- Do you feel that this area is welcoming and inclusive for people of all genders?
- Are there signs, symbols, or representations (e.g., art, street names, monuments) that reflect diversity and inclusivity?
- Do you feel that the area supports the presence and activities of different groups (e.g., women, teenage girls, LGBTQ+ people, older people)?

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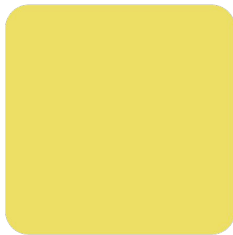
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