

## **Innovative Urban Lighting Policies for Better Health and Wellbeing**

## **Research aims:**



Understand the impact of indoor and outdoor lighting on health and wellbeing



Understand how the health and well-being impacts of lighting connect to **urban diversity and inequality** 



Ensure that **urban lighting design and policy making are better informed** by research and evidence





- How can lighting support active ageing?
- How can lighting address specific issues of ageing such as **visual impairment, fall-prevention, cognitive incapacities, social exclusion**?
- How can lighting support **access to public space and active participation** in civic life?

## Light is important to health and wellbeing because...

... good lighting design in the home can support **safety, sociability, pleasant atmosphere and activity**.



... **people's biological clocks** react sensitively to different types of light at different times of the day, with impacts on health and wellbeing such as tiredness, insomnia, headaches, mental health issues, increased risk of disease.



... it impacts **atmospheres and feelings of safety** in public space, with implications of social activity, inclusion and access



... sensitive use of light can **support diverse users and uses of urban space.** 





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