



## NET4Age-Friendly Manifesto

**WHY:** This document is prepared by COST Action 19136 - International Interdisciplinary Network on Smart Healthy Age-friendly Environments (NET4Age-Friendly, <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA19136/>) to outline the intentions, motivations, and views towards promoting existing and fostering new emerging ecosystems for active and healthy living.

**WHEN:** The CA19136 is active from 21/10/2020 until 20/10/2024

**TO WHOM:** The audience of this document is both the numerous (490+) participants of CA19136, as well as other stakeholders including the members of current EU-level initiatives, projects, and organisations working in synergy towards promoting social innovation, inclusive communities, accessible environments, and independent living, while furthering the European collaboration and innovation space.

### **MOTIVATION:**

- Demographic and societal changes fuel one of the most significant social transformations of the 21st century.
- New innovative solutions are necessary to ensure the sustainability of quality health and care and improve the quality of life of all citizens.
- ICT can help but only if utilized by multidisciplinary teams of experts from different domains as a building block of more inclusive environments.
- Promote socio-technical, innovation, technology-enabled and supportive ecosystems where actors work together to deliver value to their end users on a wider scale and with the desired impact.

### **GOALS:**

- NET4Age-Friendly fosters collaboration among the network of stakeholders working on implementing **Smart Healthy Age-Friendly Environments (SHAFE)** across Europe and with other regions of the world.
- NET4Age-Friendly aims to promote a global approach and international cooperation with the collection, synthesis, and sharing of knowledge between local and regional stakeholders (citizens, research, public authorities, NGOs and companies).
- NET4Age-Friendly aims to provide the conceptual framework to facilitate future discussions, identify gaps, and fuel future work toward making SHAFE a reality.
- NET4Age-Friendly aims to promote further the socio-technical ecosystems for SHAFE and a sustainable European society, through a lifelong approach that includes all ages, genders, ethnicities, educational and cultural contexts, economic conditions and many others.