

PROJECT: Investigating accessibility for vulnerable social groups in urban areas. Social, environmental and technological extensions.

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DESCRIPTION: Today's cities are plagued by various problems that significantly affect their functioning and the quality of life of their inhabitants. One of these is the accessibility of the inhabitants, either at the macro-scale, i.e. what can be reached, or at the micro-scale, i.e. what possibilities they have to move around in the urban environment. Particular emphasis should be placed on vulnerable social groups who are not only unable to be served but are also excluded from the public street space, with the result that lack of accessibility equates to social exclusion. In modern cities, the social exclusion that manifests itself through lack of accessibility must be addressed through innovative and effective solutions, with a view to equal participation in the city. Therefore, solutions are needed, especially of a research nature, to pave the way for the future and the adoption of ultimately effective practices.