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### Highlights:

- Facilities with garden use green spaces more often than facilities without garden
- Access to green spaces is a main reason to visit green spaces
- Gardens are important for active recreation and socialization
- Gardens are lacking possibilities for nature observation
- More efforts are necessary to consider age-sensitive amenities

### Abstract

Urban green spaces (UGS) are increasingly acknowledged for their importance for the well-being of urban populations. However, studies are lacking the consideration of the demand and use of UGS by different population groups and connecting UGS with social infrastructure. In an era of worldwide urbanization and ageing, this European study sheds light on the role of UGS for care facilities for elderly. 126 care facilities from 17 cities in Austria, Germany, Norway, Poland, Romania and Slovenia took part in an online survey. Administrations of care facilities gave insights on the (1) importance of gardens

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