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## Definition

Post-Occupancy Evaluation was created for assessing buildings and is commonly used for this purpose nowadays. POE is based on the concept that, by asking users about their needs and experiences in the built environment, better spaces can be designed (Boarin et al., 2018). One of the main definitions for Post-Occupancy Evaluation is the following: (...) the process of evaluating buildings in a systematic and rigorous manner after they have been built and occupied for some time. POEs focus on building occupants and their needs, and thus they provide insights into the consequences of past design decisions and the resulting building performance. This knowledge forms a sound basis for creating better buildings in the future. (Preiser, Rabinowitz, & White, 1988, p. 3.). Although POEs are commonly used in the building scale, there are limited examples of POEs in large scale, including communities, cities and regions despite its highlighted importance by various researchers (e.g. Churchman & Ginosar, 1999, p. 267; Hofer, 2008, p 1-2). As POEs of buildings, the neighborhood scale POEs should also include both quantitative and qualitative assessments, which allows the construction of a multi-layered picture of the state of the neighborhood (Hofer, 2008)

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