

An aerial photograph of a historic European city, likely Gdansk, Poland, featuring a dense cluster of buildings with red-tiled roofs and a prominent church spire. A river flows through the foreground, with a large crowd of people gathered on a bridge or promenade. The sky is filled with dramatic, golden-hour clouds.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS IN KRANJ

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CITY MUNICIPALITY OF KRANJ

- Third largest city in Slovenia – app.58.000 inhabitants
- One of the eleven city municipality in Slovenia
- First city municipality in Slovenia which endorsed Homeless Bill of Rights



BREZDOMNI DO KLJUČA



- Network of organisations working with the homeless people named „Brezdomni do Ključa“, meaning homeless people getting a key to their own home
- 33 different organisations from all over the Slovenia

HOW WAS THE BILL ENDORSED?

- Representation of the Bill of Rights at the network meeting
- The main goal- endorsement in all city municipalities in Slovenia
- Lobbying in Kranj – introducing the Bill- mayor reviewing it- green light- city council- all votes in favour

PROGRAMS WORKING WITH HOMELESS IN KRANJ

- Public kitchen (1997)



1997- 30 meals weekdays

2017- over 100 meals every day

- Shelter for homeless people (2008)

Daily center with night accomodation.

20-24 over night users (24 hours)

Approx. 30-40 users of daily activities



- Surplus food (2016)



54 families and individuals-together more than 100 people.

- Pro-bono clinic (2017)



For people without health insurance

Homeless people also have rights for annual financial support and possibility of registration of residence at the address of Social work centre.

Existing programs are short term assistance

BUT

We need more of those programs who will help people to exit from homelessness

NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION (2013-2020)

- Homeless people were first mentioned

Network of assistance should contain: preventive programs, information and advisory programs, housing support and implementation of aid and self-help, accommodation program, programs for social inclusion, activation programs aimed at improving employment opportunities.

A goal to year 2020

- 20 day centres for preventive programs and counseling
- 18 shelters with a capacity of 350 places
- 150 places in the housing support programs
- 10 programs of the organization and implementation of assistance, support and self-help

Homelessness is increasing- network decided to
written proposal for national strategy for homeless

Social care - Housing(home)-Job(job occupation)

Proposal written by all organizations in network,
arises from experience that detects professions and
especially people- the homeless

CONCEPT OF A HOMELESS MAN

- Definition that we want to be the "official" accepted definition is: A homeless man is a man without a home, that represent safe and suitable habitat with appropriate psycho-social network, with access to all institutional service that allows individuals to human dignity. Homeless man is a man who has been deprived of his human dignity.

DECRIMINALISATION OF HOMELESSNESS

- Law on Registration of Residence - every person have to have permanent address
 - Right interpretation of the laws

The law on the protection of public order and peace in Slovenia

„Articles-rules“ related to homeless people

- „Whoever begging for money or other material goods in the intrusive or abusive manner shall be punished by a fine of 41, 73 €. „
- „Staying or sleeping in public places or other available places that are not mentioned for sleeping and are disturbing others with that behaviour is punished by a fine of 83, 46 €.“

It is necessary to raise awareness of society and change the attitudes in order to developing solidarity and creating more favorable conditions in the community to integrate homeless people into it.

- In year 2015 on 10:10., Which is the World Day of homelessness in Slovenia we appeal people with frase "Step into the foreign shoes." In the end the question for all of us involved here, other public organizations, local practitioners, policy makers, government. Would you step into the foreign shoes, homeless shoes? Would you like to experience it? No? Then the vision for the future is clear. To change attitude towards homelessness and create such local and national strategies, laws that will help homeless people to deal with the situation and help exiting from it.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

