

08h45 – 09h15	Registration & Coffee
09h15 – 09h30	Welcome and Introduction Welcome by József Hegedüs, Metropolitan Research Institute Opening by Ian Tilling, FEANTSA
09h30 – 11h00	PLENARY SESSION (AUDITORIUM A) Chair: Volker Busch-Geertsema, DE
09h30 – 10h00	<p>Péter Győri, HU: Turning into Nobody? The Decades of Losing Ground</p>  <p><i>Dr. Péter Győri is Chairman of Shelter Foundation, Budapest and a lecturer at the ELTE and ORZSE University. His main research and publication topics are non-governmental social and housing organizations, social housing policy, history, homelessness, the evolution of homelessness in Hungary, local authority management, household-economy of poor families. He is also founder of the February 3rd Working Group, which has been organizing homeless counts in Hungary since 1998. He is the retired deputy director of the Policy Department of the Budapest Methodological Centre of Social Policy (BMSZKI), the homeless service provider of the City of Budapest. He has played a key role in the development of homeless provision in Hungary.</i></p> <p>Even if the title of the presentation seems to be an exaggeration, it wishes to express that homeless people have pauperized during the last decades. This process went along with the severe impoverishment and decline of a broader social stratum, which only to a certain extent can be captured with the help of labour market statistics. The phenomenon can be best described by the changes in the composition of the homeless population in Hungary. The yearly homeless survey results demonstrate that the Hungarian homeless people are increasingly old and ill, and they are more and more marginalised in the labour market. Moreover, addictions are becoming more widespread, and more and more homeless people have psychiatric illness. All this poses new challenges for the provision system.</p>
10h00 – 10h30	<p>Tim Aubry, CA: Housing First As an Evidence-Based Practice for Ending Chronic Homelessness: The Current State of Knowledge and Future Directions for Research</p>  <p><i>Dr. Tim Aubry is a Full Professor in the School of Psychology and Senior Researcher at the Centre for Research on Educational and Community Services at the University of Ottawa, Canada. He is currently holder of the Faculty of Social Sciences Research Chair in Community Mental Health and Homelessness. Over the course of his career, Dr. Aubry has collaborated on research projects with community organizations and government, contributing to the development of effective social programs and policies. He was a Member of the National Research Team and the Co-Lead of the Moncton site in At Home / Chez Soi Demonstration Project of the Mental Health Commission of Canada. In 2012, he received the Contribution to Evaluation in Canada award from the Canadian Evaluation Society. He is a Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association and the Society for Community Research and Action (Division 27 of the American Psychological Association). Dr. Aubry teaches graduate courses at the University of Ottawa in community psychology and program evaluation.</i></p> <p>The accumulation of research conducted on Housing First (HF) in North America and Europe has established it as an evidence-based approach to ending chronic homelessness. A close look at the findings of studies on HF programs shows them to achieve consistently positive outcomes in terms of helping a majority of individuals to leave homelessness and achieve housing stability in regular housing. However, research to date has not found HF to be effective for the most part in facilitating social and economic integration. The keynote presentation will present a review of this research with a focus on its interpretation and limitations, and how it can be used to inform the improvement of HF programs. Future directions for research on HF will be discussed.</p>