



**22 March 2019**

## **Fourth Overview of Housing Exclusion in Europe 2019**

**14:00 – 17:30 European Social and Economic Committee, Brussels**  
**19:00 – 22:00 Cinéma L’Aventure, Brussels**

### **Launching seminar**

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#### **Draft agenda**

Discussion about the new FEANTSA/Abbé Pierre Foundation overview of housing exclusion and homelessness in Europe. Launch organised jointly by FEANTSA, the European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless, Abbé Pierre Foundation, and with the support of EESC.

*Interpretation available in English & French*

**Accreditations and welcome coffee 14:00 – 14:30**

#### **1. Opening 14:30 – 14:50**

- Welcome by EESC
- Foreword by FEANTSA & Fondation Abbé Pierre

#### **2. Highlights from the Report “Fourth Overview of Housing Exclusion in Europe 2019” 14:50 – 15:45**

- Presentation by Chloé Serme-Morin (FEANTSA) & Sarah Coupechoux (Fondation Abbé Pierre)
- Discussion with the room

#### **3. Panel: What is needed for transitioning to a housing-led and prevention-based system of ending homelessness in Europe? 15h45-16h30**

- Chair: Ruth Owen (Policy coordinator, FEANTSA)
- Panelists:
  - Eoin O’Sullivan (Lead Editor, European Observatory on Homelessness)
  - Olga Martinez de Briones (Policy officer - DG Empl & Social Affairs, European Commission)
  - Jules van Dam (Federatie Opvang, The Netherlands)
  - Christine Vanhessen (Director, AMA - Belgian federation of homeless shelters, Belgium)
- Discussion with the room

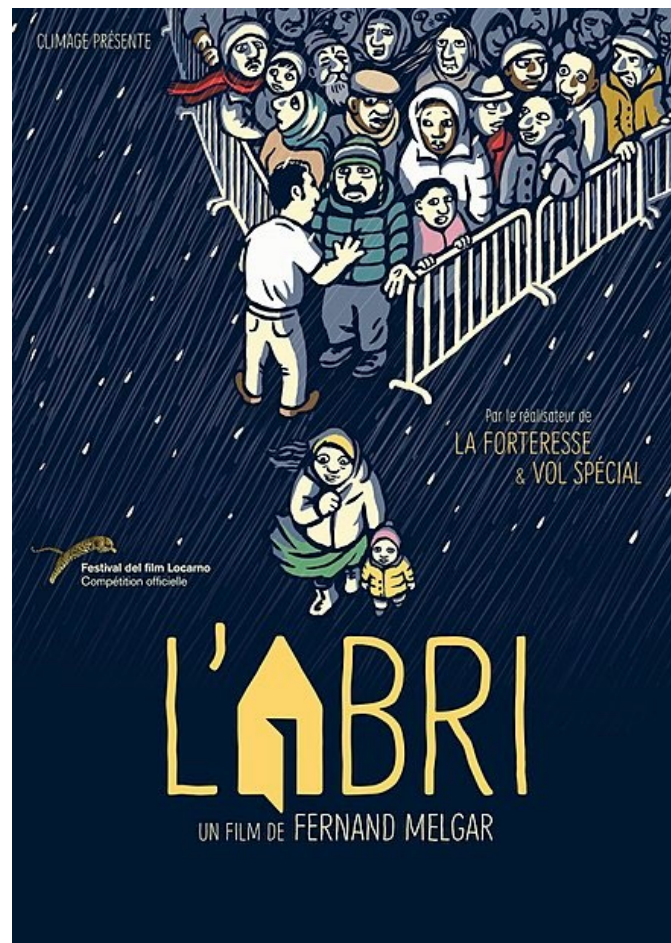
**5. Roundtable: What if... housing exclusion was at the top of the European agenda for the coming years? 16:30 – 17:15**

- Chair: Freek Spinnewijn (Director, FEANTSA)
- Discussants:
  - Laurent Ghékière (Europe Head of Office, USH, France)
  - Jan Cornillie (candidate SP Flanders, Belgium)
  - Jean Lambert (MEP Greens, UK)
  - Thierry Cornillet (MEP, ALDE, France) *tbc*
  - Veronica Lope Fontagné (MEP EPP, Spain) *tbc*

**6. Closing session 17:15-17:30**

- Manuel Domergue (Fondation Abbé Pierre)

**Screening of “L’Abri” & drinks reception  
19:00 – 22:00 at Cinéma L’aventure, Rue des Fripiers 15,  
Bruxelles  
Documentary by Fernand Melgar – FR, subtitles EN**





## Background

The 2020 deadline is approaching for the European Union's cohesion policy, yet its objective - the fight against poverty and social exclusion by 2020 - remains unattainable. With this 4th report on homelessness and housing exclusion, FEANTSA and the Abbé Pierre Foundation ask: what is meant with "European cohesion" when another Europe, deprived of a home or even a shelter, is being left behind?

This report explores the state of emergency housing in Europe, in order to attract the attention of all decision-making bodies in Europe on the overcrowded, precarious and inadequate nature of our shelter systems. The European institutions, the Member States and local authorities, as legislators and warrants of the implementation of public policies, must take their due part of responsibility in this situation, which is worsening each year in most European countries.