

FEANTSA FORUM

2023 UNITED IN TIMES OF CRISIS

PROGRAMME

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9:00 - 14:00

FEANTSA
General Assembly

14:30

Working Spaces

FEANTSA
Administrative
council

15:30 - 18:00

Site visits

18:30 - 19:30

Meet the Team

9:00 - 11:00

Opening Plenary
Keynote Address
Panel Discussion

11:30 - 13:30

Breakout Session 1

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Breakout Session 3

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FEANTSA General Assembly

Room Wijken - Only FEANTSA members

14:30

Working Spaces

FEANTSA Administrative Council

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15:30 - 18:00

Site visits

18:30 - 19:30

Meet the team

Café/Bar

19:30

Dinner

SITE VISITS

Site visits take place across the City of Stockholm. Two weeks before the Forum begins, participants registered for site visits will receive an information pack putting them in touch with the site visit organisers and other practical information.

All-in-one housing solutions: Bobyrån, Stockholms Stadsmission (Stockholm City Mission)

Lundagatan 55, Stockholm, Sweden

Bobyrån is Stockholm City Mission's housing agency for individuals experiencing homelessness. Bobyrån matches people outside of the housing market with suitable housing solutions and manages Stockholm City Mission's Housing First service, that currently has 30 tenants. Bobyrån also operates a rental agency that connects tenants within the target group to suitable housing solutions rented out by private individuals. Their unique management approach focuses on providing soft value services and support to both tenants and rental partners, ensuring that tenants receive the necessary level of support (if required) and that The Rental Law is followed. During this site visit you will learn more about their comprehensive offering.



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Meeting place in central Stockholm: Mariatorget, Stockholms Stadsmission (Stockholm City Mission)

Mariatorget 10, 118 48, Stockholm, Sweden

Stockholm City Mission's Mötesplats Mariatorget is a meeting place aiming to combat increasing inequality, social gaps, and involuntary isolation in society. This cultural landmark, a former church located in central Södermalm, is open to everyone regardless of their background or personal circumstances. Mötesplats Mariatorget offers lunch and group activities during the day and a combination of lectures, social work, and cultural activities in the evenings. The unit also provides various activities for youth and their families. During the site visit you will learn more about these activities.

Stockholm City's Housing First unit

Malmskillnadsgatan 58 , 118 72 , Stockholm, Sweden

Stockholm City has been working with Housing First since 2010, with a clear political assignment to reduce homelessness. Here, persons entering the Housing First programme can be supported through peer support, participate in study circles, etc. Meet also with "Street business", a social enterprise that creates opportunities for vulnerable persons to work and get an income.

Capio Care: Multidiscipline Care Centre for Homeless People

Pelarbacken, Östgötagatan 10, 11625, Stockholm, Sweden

Capio care for homeless people is a multidiscipline care center who offers both general- psychiatric- and addiction care. There is also a dentist and footcare in the same place. Not everyone has the opportunity to get to this reception, therefore healthcare staff helps out in other geographical locations in Stockholm area. Right next to the healthcare center is also a social service office and a civil office for homelessness. Capio works on assignment of the Stockholm region.

Sweden Voices of the Streets, The Whole Human Being, Hela Manniskan

Norr tullsgatan 37 113 27, , Stockholm, Sweden

Sweden Voices of the Streets is a choir made up by people in homelessness, offering fellowship and other social support. Meet the members and hear a few songs! Also, get to know the NGO Hela Människan, conducting the choir, among many other activities.

Unit for Men in Acute Homelessness, Stockholm City Mission, BoCenter

Fleminggatan 115, 112 45, Stockholm, Sweden

BoCenter is Stockholm City Mission's unit for men experiencing acute homelessness. The unit provides meals, social support, activities, and judicial and economic advice to clients. Emergency housing is also offered in the same building.

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WORKING SPACES

Working spaces are more informal settings where participants can gather to learn about projects, services, innovations and policies. Working spaces kick off at 14.30 and will end at different times depending on the specific working space. They all take place on site.

Youth Homelessness - Latest Trends, Challenges and Opportunities

Location: Room 4

This session will provide a space to explore the latest trends, challenges and opportunities when working on youth homelessness. As homelessness continues to rise in Europe we are witnessing new trends, and this will be a space to examine the youth focus.

Housing First Europe Hub – Activities and How to Get Involved

Location: Room 3

This is an open networking session for all Housing First Europe Hub Partners and Associates, as well as anyone interested in engaging with the Hub's work on advocating for systemic change based on the Housing First approach, training on Housing First and Housing First for Youth, research and knowledge sharing, as well as support for national Housing First networks.

The session will include a short overview of the Hub's activities and opportunities, as well as ample time for questions, answers and discussion.

Please contact Samara.Jones@HousingFirstEurope.eu for more information.

Navigating the Social Impact of the Green Transition

Location: Hustega

Join us for an interactive and informative working space to explore how the environmental transition is impacting FEANTSA members (service providers, cities, shelters, housing providers, etc.) . We encourage everyone to attend and participate in this session, as it promises to be a valuable learning experience for all. Don't miss out on this chance to network and gain insights from fellow members on how they address challenges and opportunities arising from the transition. Activities will include among others the exploration of needs, opportunities and barriers to renovate buildings of homeless service, affordable housing and housing first providers.

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9:00 - 11:00

9:00 - 9:15

Opening Plenary

Kjell Larsson, President of FEANTSA

9:15 - 9:45

Keynote Address

Elisabeth Hammer: How A Society Without Homelessness is Possible

9:45 - 11:00

Panel discussion

Realising our European Ambitions of Ending Homelessness

- Minister Karine Lalieux, Minister of Pensions and Social Integration in charge of People with Disabilities and the Fight Against Poverty, Belgium
- Minister Ione Belarra, Minister of Social Rights and 2030 Agenda, Spain
- Yves Leterme, Chair of the European Platform for Combatting Homelessness
- Elisabeth Hammer, Managing Director of Neunerhaus, Austria
- Stefan Olsson, Deputy Director General, DG Employment, European Commission
- Juha Kaakinen, Professor at Tampere University, Finland

Chair: Ruth Owen, Deputy Director of FEANTSA

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 - 13:30

Breakout Session 1

11:30 - 13:30

WORKSHOPS

War in Ukraine: Housing & Reception of Refugees

Insights from National Housing First Platforms

Capturing Women's Homelessness

Insights from Coalitions on Youth Homelessness

11:30 - 13:00

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Making the Right to Housing Tangible

11:30 - 12:15

SPOTLIGHT
ON

Spotlight on Wales

Spotlight on Loneliness and Homelessness

12:30 - 13:30

IN
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WITH

La Cloche: The role of community in combatting homelessness

Swedish Experts

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Lunch

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Breakout Session 2

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WORKSHOPS

Preventing Homelessness

Insights and Practices in
Combatting LGBTIQ
Homelessness

Governing the right to
accommodation for asylum
seekers in Europe

Trauma Informed Care in Practice

14:30 - 15:15

SPOTLIGHT
ON

Overdose Prevention
and Reducing Drug
Related Harm in
Finland

Spotlight on: Germany

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IN
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Communications
Professionals: Housing
exclusion & responsible
communication

14:30 - 16:00

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European Funds

Cost of Living Crisis & Homeless
Services

16:30 - 17:00

Coffee break

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Breakout Session 3

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Research on Homelessness: National Strategies and Models of
Prevention

Rolling Evaluations of services

Fundraising v. Advocacy: How do we align messaging around
homelessness?

For profit homeless services

Housing Innovations: Developing Affordable Housing

19:30

Dinner

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OPENING PLENARY

Location: Event Arena

Opening Plenary

Kjell Larsson, FEANTSA President.

Keynote Address: Elisabeth Hammer, How A Society Without Homelessness is Possible.

Elisabeth Hammer is the Managing Director of Neunerhaus, an organisation providing support for people experiencing homelessness in Vienna, and chairwoman of BAWO, the umbrella organisation for the homelessness sector in Austria.

Elisabeth is also the author of "Look Instead of Looking Away: How a Society Without Homelessness is Possible", which she will draw on during her keynote. Presenting innovative approaches from Vienna and Austria, she will outline how a vision and broad commitment to ending homelessness can be created. She will highlight the unique contribution social organisations can make in driving change and implementing services with real systemic impact. Leveraging this creativity, experience and engagement of the social sector is critical to ensuring that strategies to end homelessness are successful. She will also discuss the power and potential of cooperation between the social sector, housing industry/housing policy and political actors, and reflect on the role we can all play in achieving the vision of a society without homelessness.

Panel Discussion: Realising our European Ambitions of Ending Homelessness

This panel will provide an insight into how EU countries are delivering on the Lisbon Declaration's goal to prevent and end homelessness in Europe. The speakers will share insights into national strategies around ending homelessness, approaches to data collection and innovations to both prevent and end homelessness. As part of the conversation, the speakers will discuss the role of the European Platform for Combatting Homelessness to realise the goals of ending homelessness in Europe.

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BREAKOUT SESSION 1

WORKSHOPS

War in Ukraine: Housing & Reception of Refugees

Location: Room 2

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has led to an estimated 8 million people fleeing the country looking for protection in Europe. This has resulted in incredible strain on accommodation and housing services in host states. In this workshop, results from research into the Long-term Housing of Ukrainian Refugees in Europe will present identified options for long-term housing solutions for refugees. Additionally, challenges and solutions at the national level will be presented by a service provider supporting Ukrainians fleeing the war.

Speakers

- Marcin Tylman, Foundation for Activation and Integration, Poland
- Eszter Somogyi, MRI, Hungary

Chair: Simona Barbu, FEANTSA

Insights from National Housing First Platforms

Location: Event Arena

This workshop will focus on the supporting role that National Housing First Platforms play in delivering and scaling up Housing First, as well as promoting systems change based on housing-led and Housing First approaches. Speakers during this session will reflect on the challenges and advantages to working together across different sectors, how to develop and deliver high-quality training on Housing First, and how to build and maintain partnerships within Housing First networks.

Speakers

- Kjell Larsson, Swedish Housing First Platform, Swedish Associations of City Missions, Sweden
- Melanie Schmit, Housing First Netherlands, HF Netherlands, The Netherlands
- Juha Soivio, Finnish Housing First Development Network, Y-Foundation, Finland
- Mike Allen, Good Practice Platform Ireland, Focus Ireland, Ireland
- Giuseppe Dardes/Abele Sangiorgio, Housing First Italia, Fio.psd, Italy

Chair: Samara Jones, Housing First Europe Hub

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Capturing Women's Homelessness

Location: Room Wijken

There is growing evidence that women experiencing homelessness are not a subgroup of the homeless population, but in some cases the majority. This workshop will explore how to measure the scale of women's homelessness and how to improve our understanding of women's circumstances and experiences, to develop services and better address their needs .

Speakers

- Lucy Campbell, London Women Rough Sleepers' Census, UK
- Sarah Lotties, BAGW, Germany

Chair: Dalma Fabian, FEANTSA

Insights from Coalitions on Youth Homelessness

Location: Hustega

Coalitions for Youth Homelessness are growing in Europe. First pioneered in Canada, the A Way Home model has now been adapted in Belgium, Wales, Scotland, Austria, Denmark and Ireland. In Europe, these coalitions have put youth homelessness on the policy agenda and successfully advocated for specific legislation around youth homelessness and the establishment of youth-oriented services. This workshop will showcase the work of coalitions, and how they were set up, and participants will have the opportunity in smaller groups to explore how they could adapt the coalition model in their respective countries.

Speakers

- An Rommel, Opgroeien & A Way Home Flanders, Belgium
- Anna Marie Bourke, Irish Coalition to End Youth Homelessness, Ireland

Chair: Stephen Gaetz, Canadian Observatory on Homelessness & Melanie Redman, A Way Home

SEMINARS

Making the Right to Housing Tangible

Location: Room 3

What does the right to housing mean in practice? This seminar will present examples from Germany in its recent national campaign on homelessness, which aims to integrate a human rights-based approach into the design of policies to end homelessness. It will also present the example of Spain and, more precisely, a Catalan bill which includes a subjective right to a "dignified residential space" and aims at eradicating rough sleeping in the region.

Speakers

- Martin Kositzka, BAGW, Germany
- Beatriz Fernandez, Arrels Fundació, Spain

Chair: Maria José Aldanas, Housing Rights Watch & FEANTSA

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SPOTLIGHT ON

Spotlight on Wales

Location: Room 5

This session will focus on the recent developments in Wales around homelessness. The homelessness legislation changed in 2014, introducing new duties for local authorities to assist all homeless households and placing a much greater focus on crisis prevention. In 2019, the Welsh Government set up the Homelessness Action Group to advise on next steps to end homelessness in Wales, leading to a new Strategy for Preventing and Ending Homelessness.

Speakers

- Jennie Bibbings, Shelter Cymru, Wales
- Ruth Power, Shelter Cymru, Wales

Chair: Ruth Owen, FEANTSA

Spotlight on Loneliness and Homelessness

Location: Room 4

Loneliness is a challenge for many people experiencing homelessness, with implications for both mental and physical health. This session will focus on how we can combat loneliness when working with people experiencing homelessness.

Speakers

- Maria Degerman, Y-Foundation, Finland

Chair: Freek Spinnewijn, FEANTSA

IN CONVERSATION WITH

La Cloche – The role of community in combatting homelessness

Location: Room 4

This session will be hosted by La Cloche, an organisation that works with local businesses to support people experiencing homelessness. Operating in cities across France, La Cloche helps local businesses to identify their role in combatting homelessness through offering accommodation, food, access to showers, meals, hot drinks, internet, charging facilities etc.

Speakers

- Sebastien Kfoury, La Cloche, France

Chair: Anna Bajomi, FEANTSA

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Sweden's Experts on Homelessness

Location: Room 5

This session will provide an insight into the latest developments around homelessness in Sweden. It will offer an overview of the latest report on homelessness in Sweden which captures the recent profiles and demographics of people experiencing homelessness, while also sharing updates from the recently adapted Swedish Strategy on Homelessness, identifying how Sweden will address homelessness and invest in Housing First in the coming years.

Speakers

- Åsa Paborn, Spokesperson Homelessness, Swedish Association of City Missions
- Pernilla Parding, Swedish City Missions
- Karolina Skog, expert homelessness Stockholm City Missions and former head of investigation on homelessness

Chair: Jonas Wahlstrand, General Secretary, Swedish Association of City Missions

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

WORKSHOPS

Trauma Informed Care in Practice

Location: Room 3

This session will focus on how to deliver trauma informed services. Taking the example of a trauma informed care gynaecological services for women and people experiencing homelessness, this workshop will explore the core principles of trauma informed care and how they can be adapted to different services for people experiencing homelessness.

Speakers

- Boroka Feher, BMSZKI, Hungary
- Tamas Gerencser, BMSZKI, Hungary
- Piros Cleese, BMSZKI, Hungary

Chair: Dalma Fabian, FEANTSA

To evaluate the session: <https://flinga.fi/s/FYXYKC7>

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Preventing Homelessness

Location: Event Arena

Preventing homelessness is key if we want to end homelessness, but to date there is still a lack of attention given to the triggers around prevention. This workshop will explore two practices around prevention. From Finland participants will learn about the recent legislation around housing advice services, a cost-effective measure in preventing and eradicating homelessness. From Canada, participants will learn about the Family and Natural Supports programme, which aims to prevent homelessness by maintaining healthy relationships with family and community for people at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness.

Speakers

- Järvinen Mirka, ARA, Finland
- Heidi Walter, A Way Home Canada

Chair: Caterina Cortese, Fio.psd, Italy

Insights and Practices in Combatting LGBTIQ Homelessness

Location: Room 2

How can we better support LGBTIQ people experiencing homelessness? This workshop will share both research and practices. Participants will hear from recent research in Denmark mapping the experiences of LGBTIQ people experiencing homelessness. From Germany participants will get an overview of a series of national guidelines proposed by BAGW on supporting trans and intersex people experiencing homelessness, in addition to hearing from a women's homeless service working with trans women.

Speakers

- Filip Valente Madsen, Projekt Udenfor, Denmark
- Natalie Haug, Diakonie Frankfurt und Offenbach, Germany

Chair: Robbie Stakelum, FEANTSA

Governing the right to accommodation for asylum seekers in Europe

Location: Lidingo

The right to accommodation for people in search of protection is ensured through European asylum legislation and is an integral part of any effective asylum system. Currently, Member States fail to comply with their obligations leaving asylum seekers (and refugees) in homelessness, evident in countries like Belgium, France, and the Netherlands. This workshop will examine how the right to accommodation for asylum seekers is implemented (or not) at the national level, will present operational challenges of the homelessness sector, and will explore actions for enforcing this right under EU law.

Speakers

- Sébastien Roy, Samusocial, Belgium
- Adèle Croise, Federation des Acteurs de la Solidarite, France

Chair: Simona Barbu, FEANTSA

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European Funds

Location: Room 4

This session will look at experiences using European Funds around combatting homelessness, while outlining important opportunities related to funds in the months ahead. The workshop will hear from recent experiences in Germany where European funds are being used to recruit housing officers in North Rhine-Westphalia to support people experiencing homelessness in finding housing. Latvia's first Housing First programme, funded by the European Social Fund, will be presented.

Speakers

- Volker Busch-Geertsema, European Observatory on Homelessness
- Karlis Laksevics, Housing First, Latvia

Chair: Ruth Owen, FEANTSA

Cost of Living Crisis & Homeless Services

Location: Hustega

The cost-of-living crisis is having a dual impact on homeless services. On one hand, more people are at risk of homelessness than before, while simultaneously services are battling inflation to keep managing services on existing, or cut budgets. This seminar will address both of these challenges.

Speakers

- Jules van Dam, Tussenvoorziening, Netherlands
- Karolina Więckiewicz, Habitat for Humanity Poland

Chair: Sanna Tiivola, No Fixed Abode, Finland

SPOTLIGHT ON

Overdose Prevention and Reducing Drug Related Harm in Finland

Location: Room 5

In Finland, around five people per week will die of drug-related incidents. A majority of drug deaths happen among people who experience homelessness. The Blue Ribbon Foundation provides services for homeless people and, within these services, encounters people at high risk of overdose death.

This session will give background information on overdose deaths and the reality of drug use in Finland. The session will showcase the Blue Ribbon Foundation's approach to preventing drug overdose and supporting safer drug use among young people experiencing homelessness.

Speakers

- Suvi Helle, Blue Ribbon Foundation

Chair: Rocio Urias Martinez, FEANTSA

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Spotlight on Germany

Location: Room Wijken

This session will showcase recent developments around combatting homelessness in Germany.

Speakers

- Werena Rosenke, BAGW, Germany
- Andre Riemer, Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building

Chair: Freek Spinnewijn, FEANTSA

IN CONVERSATION WITH

Communications Professionals: Housing exclusion and responsible communication

Location: Room Wijken

This session will address the question of how to communicate impactfully about housing exclusion without compromising the ethics of our cause. We will reflect on some of the dilemmas of practice in an increasingly polarised communication context dominated by the political agenda.

Speakers

- Andrea Jarabo, Provivienda, Spain

Chair: Rocio Urias Martinez, FEANTSA

BREAKOUT SESSION 3

SEMINARS

Research on Homelessness: National Strategies and Models of Prevention

Location: Event Arena

This session will present the research conducted by experts in the context of Mutual Learning events organised by the European Platform on Combatting Homelessness. The first presentation will provide an overview of the key elements required for effective homelessness strategies to end homelessness by 2030, while the second presentation will focus outlining models for the prevention of homelessness.

Speakers

- Eoin O'Sullivan, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
- Peter Mackie, University of Cardiff, Wales

Chair: Michele Calandrino, European Commission

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For profit homeless services

Location: Room 2

There has been an increase in the number of commercial organisations providing services for people experiencing homelessness to generate a profit. This seminar will provide an overview of the research published by the European Observatory on Homelessness around commercial and for-profit services in the homeless sector.

Speakers

- Albert Sales, Pompeu Fabra University, Spain
- Marcus Knutagård, Lund University, Sweden

Chair: Volker Busch-Geertsema, European Observatory on Homelessness

Fundraising v. Advocacy: How do we align messaging around homelessness?

Location: Room 4

Do homelessness services perpetuate negative stereotypes of homelessness in the name of fundraising? There can often be tension between how we advocate and describe homelessness to policymakers versus how we present homelessness to the public to generate sympathy and fundraise. How can services navigate this dilemma and create consistent messaging?

Speakers

- Mike Allen, Focus Ireland, Ireland
- Kjell Larsson, Swedish Associations of City Missions, Sweden

Chair: Samara Jones, FEANTSA & Housing First Europe Hub

Rolling Evaluations of services

Location: Room 5

How do we know if services are effective? In order to ensure we remain on the right track in reducing homelessness, we should consistently review and evaluate the efficacy of services. This seminar will present two approaches, from Canada Dr. Alex Abramovich will share how he evaluates services as an independent academic and support changes to improve the service, while from Ireland, Lisa O'Brien will talk through the approach of Focus Ireland in doing a service review.

Speakers

- Alex Abramovich, Centre for Addiction & Mental Health, Canada
- Lisa O'Brien, Focus Ireland

Chair: Freek Spinnewijn, FEANTSA

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Housing Innovations: Developing Affordable Housing

Location: Room Wijken

In Sweden, social housing is a highly stigmatised concept, with little government funding available for social housing stock. When services are unable to tap into an adequate social housing stock to house people, where can they turn? What other options are available? This workshop will explore alternative housing solutions.

Speakers

- Jean Baptiste Lesort, Habitat et Humanisme
- Albert Terrones, City of Mataró, Spain

Chair: Pernilla Parding, Swedish Association of City Missions

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GET TO KNOW OUR INNOVATIVE FORMATS

Workshops

Lasting 2 hours, these sessions are dynamic with a strong focus on participant engagement. Workshops will usually have two speakers who will share their expertise or experiences on a given topic. The overall session will be designed to allow participants to share their knowledge, challenges, and solutions, with time and space for breakout groups to allow for better exchanges

Seminar

Lasting 1.5 hours, these sessions are more traditional, with a stronger focus on the expertise of the speakers. The speakers will present for longer, followed by dedicated Q&A time where participants may engage with the speaker.

In Conversation with...

Lasting 1hr. FEANTSA has a rich network and expertise. These sessions are a space to meet with an expert in our field. There is no specific presentation, just a conversation with the expert where participants can ask them questions and get their insights.

Spotlight on....

Lasting 45 mins. There are so many topics that FEANTSA can't fit everything into a workshop, particularly for emerging or developing topics. These sessions will include a 20 minute presentation by an expert on a specific topic, who will share their knowledge, followed by time for questions and answers among participants.

THE VENUE

Practical information before registration

Skogshem & Wijk



Hustegavägen 1, 181 24 Lidingö, Sweden <https://skogshem-wijk.com/>

The FEANTSA Forum will take place on Lidingö, an island in the inner Stockholm archipelago, about 45 minutes to 1 hour away from Stockholm Centralstation. The venue is located in the middle of nature and offers plenty of opportunities to meet other participants and chat over a cup of coffee, indoors and outdoors.

For those sleeping at Skogshem & Wijk, we recommend booking the dinner option in our registration form, as the closest restaurants cannot be reached by foot.