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FEANTSA FORUM 2025

FULL PROGRAMME



FEANTSA, in cooperation with host organisation **Emfasis**, are proud to present the **FEANTSA Forum 2025**.

Taking place on the 13th and 14th of May in Athens, the FEANTSA Forum is the largest event on homelessness in Europe. Attended by service workers and housing providers, researchers, lawyers, policy makers, and anyone else committed to ending homelessness, the FEANTSA Forum is the chance to connect with and learn from each other's knowledge and experiencing.

For more information and updates, keep an eye on our social media channels and our [website](#).

Venue: The President Hotel, Leof. Kifisias 43, Athina 115 23, Greece

The President Hotel is advantageously situated near two metro stations and other means of public transport. Its quiet yet cozy atmosphere makes it the perfect spot to hold this Forum.

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13.05 Overview

09:00-13:00

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - FEANTSA MEMBERS ONLY

ROOM: ATLAS 1+2

The annual General Assembly for the FEANTSA membership. Coffee break from 11:00-11:30.

DROP IN SESSION: FEANTSA MEMBERSHIP

ROOM: TBC

Are you considering FEANTSA membership? In this session, you can ask questions about how your organisation can become part of FEANTSA and learn more about how FEANTSA works, along with the benefits and responsibilities of joining the only European NGO focused exclusively on the fight against homelessness. This is a drop-in session, so feel free to join at any time between 9:00 and 13:00.

14:30-16:00

WORKING SPACES - FIRST SESSIONS

ROOM: VARIOUS

A variety of working spaces are available, see page 4 for more details.

16:30-18:00

WORKING SPACES - SECOND SESSIONS

ROOM: VARIOUS

A variety of working spaces are available, see pages 5 to 6 for more details.

14:30-23:00

SITE VISITS

Site visits to various services throughout Athens. Times and locations vary. See pages 7 to 9 for more details.

DINNER

Offered by the Greek Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family Affairs (AC).

Working spaces

14:30-16:00

MONITORING HOMELESSNESS IN GREECE

ROOM: ATLAS 1

The working space Monitoring Homelessness in Greece aims to facilitate a focused discussion among municipalities, experts, and relevant stakeholders on improving the collection, evaluation, and harmonization of data concerning homelessness in Greece. This initiative seeks to identify existing gaps, explore good practices, and promote better methodologies for monitoring homelessness at the local and national levels.

MEET THE HOUSING FIRST EUROPE HUB

ROOM: ATLAS 2

This session provides an opportunity to learn more about the work of the Housing First Europe Hub, including its research, capacity-building, and training activities. Participants will also receive updates on the state of Housing First across Europe and have the chance to exchange experiences and best practices. The session is designed as a networking opportunity for Hub partners and associates, and all newcomers – those interested in Housing First and the Housing First Europe Hub are very welcome to join.

PRESENTATION EPOCH PRACTICE

ROOM: EUROPE B

EPOCH Practice, co-financed by the European Commission, and implemented by FEANTSA, aims to strengthen mutual learning and capacity building on homelessness through webinars, training sessions, study visits, research, and other dissemination tools for representatives from EU Member States in charge of national homelessness policies. This session presents the past 18 months of Epoch Practice activities, and allows interested stakeholders to engage directly with the project team. All welcome.

TURNING PICS D'OR INTO A EUROPEAN EVENT

ROOM: COSMOS

Join us for an open working session dedicated to expanding “Les Pics d’Or” into a European event. This initiative from FAP aims to highlight and satirise hostile urban measures that marginalise the homeless. With the presence of Sarah Coupechoux, a representative from the organisation, we will explore strategies to engage participants and audiences from across Europe, fostering a more inclusive and widespread impact.

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

ROOM: EUROPE A

This will be a space to take stock of FEANTSA’s work on youth homelessness and discuss current and future priorities. We will also explore how the FEANTSA Youth network should work, in both contents and processes.

Working spaces

16:30-18:00

PRESENTATION COMHOM PROJECT

ROOM: ATLAS 1

Launched in January 2025, COMHOM is a three-year initiative funded by the European Social Fund Plus. It focuses on transforming the way homelessness is tackled by leveraging data, digital tools, and a standardised monitoring and evaluation framework. By addressing the fragmentation of homelessness services and fostering collaboration, COMHOM aims to set new benchmarks for efficiency, innovation, and effectiveness. Project coordinators Sant Joan de Déu Serveis Socials Barcelona will present COMHOM and explain how organisations across Europe can engage with it.

A LOOK INTO LONG-TERM HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR MIGRANTS

ROOM: COSMOS

This session will bring together stakeholders who work to empower migrant communities, including asylum seekers and refugees, to access long-term safe and affordable housing solutions. We will explore lessons learned, causes of homelessness among migrants and facilitate discussions about long term solutions, including how/if we can work with Housing First for migrants.

RESULTS OF THE EU HOMELESSNESS COUNTING PROJECT

ROOM: ATLAS 2

The EU Homelessness Counts Project, funded by the EU Commission, was launched to harmonise data collection on homelessness across Europe. The project aims to create a shared approach using the ETHOS Light framework, helping cities adopt common definitions and methodologies to improve the accuracy and comparability of homelessness counts. In 2024, the first project year, 15 cities across Europe participated in the project, laying the groundwork for a more unified data collection process.

This session will present key findings from the first year of data collection, sharing insights into challenges, successes, and lessons learned. Whether you are a policymaker, researcher, or practitioner, we invite you to join the discussion and learn how this initiative is shaping the future of homelessness data in Europe.

INTERACT PROJECT

ROOM: OLYMPIA

INTERACT is a three-year initiative funded by the European Social Fund Plus. It addresses the complex challenges faced by women experiencing homelessness, focusing on intimate partner violence, substance use, and mental health issues. With a transnational consortium of organisations from Greece, Italy, Germany, Portugal, Iceland, and Romania, the project offers tailored, trauma-informed support, empowering women to find a way out of homelessness.

Working spaces

16:30-18:00

DYNAMIC CONFERENCE ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS: THE NECESSARY MILITANT PERSPECTIVE

ROOM: ORION

Laurent d'Ursel presents his dynamic conference on ending homelessness at the FEANTSA Forum. A dynamic conference is a tool for popular education developed by French activist Franck Lepage. It combines the forms of lecture, theatrical monologue and stand up. This dynamic conference draws on work with a group of homeless activists in Brussels (Le Syndicat des immenses), as well as Laurent's experience as an artist, activist, founder of an NGO, and landlord in Brussels. It shows in an engaging and amusing way that ending homelessness is technically possible, humanely desirable, and financially viable. By making these facts more widely known, societally convincing and politically engaging, the conference aims to contribute to a collective societal decision to end homelessness.

THE ROLE OF REAL-TIME DATA IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS – NORDIC INSIGHTS

ROOM: EUROPE B

Accurate and timely data is essential for designing effective homelessness policies and strategies. Traditional data collection methods, such as point-in-time counts, provide valuable insights but often fail to capture the dynamic nature of homelessness. This session explores how real-time data systems, such as By-Name Lists and local dashboards with aggregated data, can enhance service coordination, support early intervention, and strengthen long-term prevention strategies.

Building on recent OECD research and experiences from Nordic countries, we will discuss both the opportunities and challenges of integrating real-time data into policy and practice. The session will highlight key lessons from different national and local approaches, providing insights into how data-driven strategies can accelerate progress towards reducing and ultimately ending homelessness.

Join us to explore how innovative data solutions can drive systemic change and improve homelessness responses at all levels.

Site visits

15:00-17:00

ATHENS SOLIDARITY CENTER (KENTRO ALLILEGIIS ATHINA)

Organised by Solidarity now, the center supports vulnerable groups, including refugees, migrants and Greeks affected by the economic crisis. It provides services such as legal aid, psychosocial support and educational programmes to promote social inclusion and cohesion.

14:00-15:30

15:30-17:00

DOCTORS OF THE WORLD GREECE

DELIGIORGI (NEAR METAXOURGIO STATION)

The project aims to protect & support women & their children during the asylum application process & to quickly find sustainable solutions for their normal life in the country. The Open Accomodation Center operates by offering all the necessary services to women and their children according to their special needs, in order to utilise their time spent in the Open Center.

<https://astepforward.mdmgreece.gr/en/the-project/>

15:00-17:00

21:00-23:00

EMFASIS NON-PROFIT

a privately-funded Non Profit initiative. Since 2013 its objective is restoring the dignity of individuals facing multiple forms of homelessness. In Athens they operate streetwork shifts on the street & 3 mobile support units, mapping those in visible & invisible homelessness. They also have dedicated teams for emergency weather conditions, across Greece. Emfasis support programmes include temporary accommodation, rent & utilities subsidy and health emergency coverage.

<https://www.emfasisfoundation.org/>

13:00-15:00

EPANODOS – REINTEGRATION CENTER FOR RELEASED PRISONERS DERIGNI 28-30, ATHENS

<https://epanodos.org.gr/>

Site visits

17:00-19:00

GREEK FORUM OF REFUGEES (ELLINIKO FORUM PROSFYGON)

STOURNARI 57, ATHENS - 10432

It provides legal & social assistance to refugees & asylum seekers in Greece. It aims to defend the rights of refugees & support their integration into Greek society.

www.refugees.gr

12:00-15:00

ITHACA LAUNDRY

KOUMOUNDOUROU SQUARE

Ithaca operates the first Mobile Laundry Unit for the Homeless in Europe, providing both hygiene services—by offering clean clothes to homeless individuals—and employment opportunities, as homeless people and people from other vulnerable groups work within the unit to support others experiencing homelessness. Additionally, Ithaca offers psychosocial support and job counseling to those in need, taking a holistic approach to their reintegration.

<https://ithacalaundry.gr/ithaca/schetika-me-emas/>

15:00-17:00

MAZI HOUSING

17:00-19:00

PEONIOU 6, VICTORIA

Mazí exists to end homelessness and social exclusion for people who have experienced displacement in Athens. They support young men to move from living on the streets, in camps or in precarious housing into long-term independent housing. Working with our talented team and expert partners, they gather the practical tools and soft skills to pave their own way to self-reliance.

<https://mazihousing.org/>

Site visits

15:00-17:00

NOSTOS

NOTARA & METSOVOU, PEDIO AREOS

NOSTOS Organization for Social Integration is a not-for-profit Civil Society Organization aiming at alleviating the effects of social exclusion and unemployment felt by several socially vulnerable groups. The target is to incorporate those facing difficulties into the social web and the labor market. This is achieved by the provision of a multiplicity of services and activities of social and educational character.

NOSTOS was founded in 1995 by local Pontian Associations and their Federation, initially aiming at facilitating the social integration of Greek origin returnees from the ex-Soviet Union. Following our constitutional aim to combat social exclusion, we have since then gradually expanded NOSTOS services to other socially vulnerable groups in an effort to respond to arising social problems. Today NOSTOS is a well-respected Social Service steadily engaged.

14.05 Overview

09:00-11:00

OPENING PLENARY

Kicking off with a welcome to the Forum, a keynote presentation on *The Role of Shelter in Addressing Residential Instability* from Eoin O'Sullivan, School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College, Dublin, and a panel discussion on *Ending homelessness: responsibility and role of the homeless shelter sector*.

11:30-13:30

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, AND IN CONVERSATION WITH'S

The first round of informative sessions, looking at *Housing First*, *staff well-being*, *migration*, *sex work* and much more.

14:30-16:30

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, AND IN CONVERSATION WITH'S

Following lunch, the second round of sessions cover topics such as asylum seekers, a special look at *homelessness in Greece*, and *peer work*.

17:00-18:00

CLOSING PLENARY

From the University of California, Margot Kushel will speak about the importance of evidence-based policies to tackle homelessness effectively. She will share her views on what evidence is important and what evidence is missing. She will also share her experience on how to make service providers and policy makers more receptive to evidence and how to make researchers more interested in policy and service-relevant research.

CONFERENCE DINNER

Opening Plenary

09:00-09:20

WELCOME SPEECH

Jules Van Dam, President of FEANTSA

Mr. Konstantinos Gloumis Atsalakis, General Secretary for Demography and Housing Policy, Greece

Ms. Maria Stratigaki, Deputy Mayor for Social Solidarity and Equality of the Municipality of Athens

Heracles Moskoff, Greek Ministry of Migration and Asylum, Greece

09:20-09:50

THE ROLE OF SHELTER IN ADDRESSING RESIDENTIAL INSTABILITY: RETHINKING THE HOMELESS SHELTER AS AN INSTITUTION

Eoin O'Sullivan, School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College, Dublin

09:50-11:00

ENDING HOMELESSNESS: RESPONSIBILITY AND ROLE OF THE HOMELESS SHELTER SECTOR

How does shelter fit in with the goal of ending homelessness? This panel will discuss what shelter is for, what it is like, and what its future should be.

Speakers:

Rina Beers, Valente, The Netherlands

Hana Košan, Kralji ulice, Slovenia

Martinho Dias, Crescer Na Maior, Portugal

Paulo Santos, Lisbon City Council, Portugal

11:30-13:30

NEXT STEPS IN HOUSING FIRST – BUILDING NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

ROOM: ATLAS 1

This workshop will explore the transition of Housing First from a project-based approach to its integration into national and municipal strategies. Speakers from different countries (including France, Austria, Germany and Greece) will share their experiences, highlighting key challenges, strategies for securing support, and funding mechanisms.

Following a panel discussion, where speakers will present insights on scaling up Housing First at different levels of governance. Participants will engage in group discussions facilitated by the speakers, allowing for deeper exchanges on best practices, common barriers, and practical solutions.

Speakers:

Stephania Ntereli, ARSIS, Greece

Rolf, Jordan, Deutscher Verein, Germany

Emine Oezkan, Housing First Austria, Austria

Raphaël Bouloudnine, Un chez soi d'abord, France

Julia von Lindern, Bundesverband Housing First, Germany

11:30-13:30

ENDING MIGRANTS' HOMELESSNESS IN AN INCREASINGLY HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT

ROOM: ATLAS 2

Homelessness among migrants is rising across Europe, driven by restrictive migration policies that worsen destitution and create a hostile environment for exiled people and support organisations. This workshop will explore strategies and collaborative approaches to advocate for and support displaced individuals in securing stable housing and fostering inclusive communities.

Speakers:

Rick Henderson, Homeless Link, UK

Maria Papathanasiou (PhD), Psychologist, Educator, Greece

Dimitrios Georgiadis (PhD), Post Doctoral Researcher and Director of the Private office of the General Secretary for Vulnerable Persons and Institutional Protection, Greece

Younous Muhammadi, Greek Forum of Refugees, Greece

Marthe Yonh, Cités Caritas, France

Workshops

14:30-16:30

HOMELESS POLICIES UNDER RIGHT-WING POPULIST GOVERNMENTS: STRATEGIES FOR THE HOMELESS SECTOR

ROOM: ATLAS 1

The workshop will discuss the impact of populist right-wing governments on homeless policies and services. The workshop will look at the challenges and try to uncover some opportunities as well. A variety of issues will be covered such as the impact on political ambition, funding, housing first programme, homeless migrants, etc.

Speakers:

Boroka Feher, BMSZKI, Hungary

Jules van Dam, Valente, The Netherlands

Agnese Ciulla, fio PSD, Italy

Juha Kahila, Y-Saatio, Finland

14:30-16:30

CREATING SAFE SPACES: WHAT WORKS AND WHY FOR WOMEN-ONLY HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

ROOM: OLYMPIA

This interactive workshop will explore what works and why in women-only homelessness services. We will explore the gender specific risks and needs of women experiencing homelessness and how women-only services can address them. Through the examples of two women-only day centres from Lyon and Glasgow, we will share key challenges and lessons learnt from setting up and running women-only safe spaces for women experiencing homelessness.

Speakers:

Méabh Savage, SETU, Ireland

Anne Kahlhoven, Au Tambour!, France

Claire Longmuir, Simon Community Scotland, Scotland

'In conversation with'

11:30-12:25

DOES EU ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS MATTER? (Q & A)

ROOM: ORION

The session will allow participants to question Mr. Jiri Svarc and Mr. Michele Calandrino from DG EMPL, who are driving forces behind the EU work on homelessness, about the current and future role of the EU in the fight against homelessness. There will be space for both policy related questions and practical questions related to funding and learning opportunities.

Speakers:

Michele Calandrino, Team Leader on Homelessness, Directorate-General for Employment, social affairs and inclusion (DG EMPL)

Jiri Svarc, Head of Unit, Unit D.1. Social Policies, Child Guarantee SPC Directorate-General for Employment, social affairs and inclusion (DG EMPL)

14:30-15:25

INVESTMENT IN HOUSING SOLUTIONS: EUROPE CAN HELP!

ROOM: ORION

European investment in social and affordable housing has been growing in recent years. It is about to get a further boost with the EU's Affordable Housing Plan. In this context, Emilia Postolache will explain how European investment can be mobilised for housing solutions to homelessness. She will focus on the role of the Council of Europe Development Bank and draw on her experience co-chairing the funding working group of EPOCH.

Speakers:

Emilia Postolache, Council of Europe Development Bank

12:35-13:30

FREE MOVEMENT & HOMELESSNESS: WHAT CAN THE EU DO?

ROOM: ORION

20 years after the approval of the Free Movement Directive, intra-EU migrants make up a significant number of the homeless population in the largest cities of Western and Northern Europe. Annie Berendsen will discuss homeless EU citizens' access to social support and shed light on the role the EU has or should have in supporting this particular group.

Speakers:

Annie Berendsen, De Regenboog Groep, The Netherlands

15:35-16:30

HOMELESSNESS AMONG ASYLUM SEEKERS IN BRUSSELS – A 'RECEPTION CRISIS' OR A STRUCTURAL DENIAL OF RIGHTS?

ROOM: ORION

Since 2021, Brussels has experienced a persisting absence of reception for applicants for international protection. Referred to as a 'reception crisis', this reflects a deeper, structural denial of fundamental rights. The director of the Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers takes the hot seat to reflect on what led to this situation, systemic barriers faced by applicants, policy shortcomings, and pathways to ensure dignified reception conditions.

Speakers:

Pieter Spinnewijn, FEDASIL, Belgium

Adele Croisé, FAS, France

11:30-12:25

HARM REDUCTION, SUBSTANCE USE AND HOMELESSNESS: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE

ROOM: OLYMPIA

The relation between substance use and homelessness is complex and deeply interconnected. Harm reduction strategies are crucial in addressing the rights and well-being of people experiencing homelessness who use drugs. This seminar will examine the state of harm reduction in Europe before shifting to a more practical perspective, addressing key challenges and future direction.

Speakers:

Joana Moura, C-EHRN, The Netherlands

Martinho Dias, Crescer Na Maior, Portugal

Malu Salazar, De Regenboog Groep, The Netherlands

11:30-12:25

CHALLENGES OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FOR HOMELESS SERVICES: ARE THERE LESSONS FROM IRELAND?

ROOM: COSMOS

The way homeless services are procured is an important factor in how they are designed and delivered. In this seminar, we will explore how the tendering process for homelessness services in Ireland shapes outcomes. We will then look at what the relevant EU rules on public procurement of social services are, and how they can best be applied to protect and promote quality. The seminar is both an opportunity to recognise challenges and to learn about inspiring practice.

Speakers:

Mike Allen, Focus Ireland, Ireland

Mathias Maucher, Social Services Europe, Belgium

11:30-12:25

LIVES ON THE MARGINS: EXPLORING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HOMELESSNESS AND SEX WORK

ROOM: EUROPE A

The access to safe, stable housing is often very difficult for sex workers, and homelessness is or has been a reality for many. Speakers will explore what this means in practice and what solutions could look like for sex workers facing homelessness.

Speakers:

Sabrina Sanchez, European Sex Worker Rights Alliance, The Netherlands

Stéphane Boyer, European Sex Worker Rights Alliance, The Netherlands

Mauro Striano, Alias Brussels, Belgium

Moran Perez, Red Umbrella Athens, Greece

Seminars

11:30-12:25

WELL-BEING OF STAFF: AN URGENT CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS SECTOR

ROOM: EUROPE B

Supporting staff wellbeing is essential for delivering effective, relationship-based services for people experiencing homelessness. However, many homelessness services lack a proactive approach to staff mental health and wellbeing support. In this session, we will explore practical strategies for both organisations and staff to promote wellbeing. We will highlight the findings of a recent membership study in this area and showcase a best practice from a Housing First program in Dublin.

Speakers:

Gerard Spillane, Focus Ireland, Ireland

12:35-13:30

MAKING SENSE OF EU DATA ON HOMELESSNESS

ROOM: OLYMPIA

Despite substantial progress in the measurement and operationalisation of homelessness, challenges remain in producing reliable, comparable, and context-sensitive data. This seminar will examine recent European level data sources on homelessness from national governments, the 2021 Population and Housing Census, and retrospective accounts from the EU-SILC Housing Difficulties module. We will highlight both meaningful advancements and persistent gaps in homelessness data and discuss some of the new insights regarding prevalence and distribution of homelessness across Europe.

Speakers:

Dora Welker, FEANTSA

Freek Spinnewijn, FEANTSA

12:35-13:30

VACANT BUILDINGS: UNDER-EXPLOITED POTENTIAL TO HOUSE HOMELESS PEOPLE

ROOM: COSMOS

This seminar will explore the unused potential of vacant spaces across Europe as a sustainable and innovative solution to address the growing housing and homelessness crises. Drawing from a comprehensive report, case studies and on-site experiences, speakers will discuss the current state of vacant properties and assess their potential for transformation into affordable, adequate and much needed housing.

Speakers:

Charifa Mahamoud, FEANTSA

Dimitra Siatitsa, University of Athens, Greece

Emmanuel de Lutz, Habitat et Humanisme, France

Seminars

12:35-13:30

COLLECTIVE COMPLAINTS IN ACTION: TURNING LEGAL VICTORIES INTO ADVOCACY TOOLS.

ROOM: EUROPE A

This seminar will examine how collective complaints under the European Social Charter can be transformed from legal victories into powerful advocacy tools. It will showcase practical strategies for leveraging legal decisions to influence policy, raise public awareness, and enhance the protection of vulnerable groups, with a focus on the Woonzaak case and FEANTSA v. Belgium complaint.

Speakers:

Joy Verstichele, Vlaams Huurdersplatform, Belgium

Maria Jose Aldanas, FEANTSA, Belgium

12:35-13:30

PREVALENCE AND IMPACT OF VIOLENCE ON HEALTH OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

ROOM: EUROPE B

People experiencing homelessness report high rates of violence—including experiences of both physical and sexual assault. This seminar will examine data from several primary data collection projects from California, the United States, that collected robust survey and qualitative data on the experience of violence. We will discuss findings from the California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness, a large representative study of adult homelessness in California and from the HOPE HOME study, a longitudinal study of older homeless adults. We will discuss findings and implications for research and practice in Europe. In addition to findings, we will discuss challenges with collecting these data, including best practices to avoid retraumatizing people and secondary trauma amongst those who collect the data.

Speakers:

Margot Kushel, University of California, USA

14:30-15:25

HOMELESSNESS IN ENGLAND: HOW DID WE GET HERE?

ROOM: ATLAS 2

Twenty years ago, the UK's homelessness policies were seen as an example to follow. Recently, the Financial Times called Britain the "world's worst" performer on homelessness. This seminar will explore how this happened, and what's needed to turn the tide.

Speakers:

Matthew Downie, Crisis UK, UK

Rick Henderson, Homeless Link, UK

Seminars

14:30-15:25

HELPING HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS USE ENERGY SAVING OPPORTUNITIES: SOME EXAMPLES FROM EUROPE

ROOM: COSMOS

Many buildings used by homeless service providers are inefficient, resulting in high energy costs and discomfort for staff and clients. Renovations can cut expenses, improve services, and create more welcoming and dignified spaces. While the EU promotes upgrading the least-performing buildings, funding gaps, administrative hurdles, and technical constraints often stand in the way.

In this session, we will explore key renovation challenges through research from Poland and Hungary and explore a promising example from Lithuania. Join us to discuss practical solutions for energy-efficient, high-quality spaces in homeless services.

Speakers:

Jakub Wilczek, Ogólnopolska Federacja na rzecz Rozwiązywania Problemu Bezdomności, Poland

Bernadett Horváth-Takács, Hajléktalanokért Közalapítvány/Public Foundation for the Homeless, Hungary

Aida Karčiauskienė, Caritas Lithuania, Lithuania

14:30-15:25

TACKLING HOMELESSNESS IN GREECE: HOPE AND PROGRESS IN TIMES OF AUSTERITY

ROOM: EUROPE A

Despite economic hardship and austerity measures, Greece has actively worked to address homelessness. This workshop will explore the evolving landscape of homelessness in the country, focusing on key challenges, good practices, and forward-looking solutions. Experts, policymakers, and practitioners will share insights on how housing-led approaches, emergency support services, and inclusive social policies could be integrated to provide more effective support for people experiencing homelessness.

Speakers:

Mrs. Joanna Pertsindiou, Greek Housing Network

Mrs. Ioanna Gouseti, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens, Greece

Mr. Lazaros Petromelidis, Associate on Housing Policy at the Mayors Office, Greece

Mrs. Maria Dimitriadi, Representative from the Greek Housing Network

Mr. Stelios Kampouridis, Deputy Head of the Social Housing Policies Department, Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family Affairs, Greece

Seminars

14:30-15:25

PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS: EXAMPLES OF WHAT WORKS - HOW TO BECOME A PEER WORKER

ROOM: EUROPE B

This seminar will explore the diverse pathways to becoming a peer worker, featuring three speakers who will share their personal experiences. The discussion will address key questions, including what peer work means to them, why they chose this path, and how they navigated the process despite the lack of formal recognition in many countries. The session will also examine the challenges and gaps that persist in establishing peer work as a recognised profession.

Speakers:

Khadim Diagne, Fondazione Casa della Carità, Italy

Tii Juden, No Fixed Abode, Finland

15:35-16:30

HOMELESS FIRST! PRIORITISING HOMELESS PEOPLE IN SOCIAL HOUSING ALLOCATION

ROOM: ATLAS 2

Social housing is one of the most important resources to respond to homelessness and housing exclusion, but due to local allocation systems this can be challenging in practice. This seminar will discuss proposals and mechanisms to prioritise people experiencing homelessness in access to social housing.

Speakers:

Emma Byrne, Focus Ireland, Ireland

Tom Pedersen Rønning, Odense Municipality, Denmark

15:35-16:30

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF INVISIBILITY: HONOURING PEOPLE WHO DIED HOMELESS

ROOM: COSMOS

This seminar will highlight initiatives aimed at making visible the lives of people who die homeless in the streets, shelters, hospitals... By honouring their memory, the speakers work to prevent and address these tragedies while advocating for a shared ambition of European collaboration.

Speakers:

Gill Taylor, Museum Of Homelessness, UK

Adèle Lenormand, Collectif Les Morts de la Rue, France

Seminars

15:35-16:30

ART AND HOMELESSNESS: CREATIVITY FOR SOCIAL IMPACT

ROOM: EUROPE A

This session will explore the transformative power of art in addressing homelessness and the positive social change it can foster. David, an internationally acclaimed artist and activist, will share insights into the One Festival of Homeless Arts, which showcases powerful works by artists who have experienced homelessness. Sarah will present the C'est Pas Du Luxe festival, which fosters artistic collaboration between marginalised communities, professional artists, and cultural organisations. Together, they will discuss how creativity can amplify voices and create meaningful social connections for those facing homelessness.

Speakers:

Sarah Coupechoux, FAP, France

David Tovey, One Festival of Homeless Arts, UK

Tiphaine Guérin, Fédération des acteurs de la solidarité (FAS), France

15:35-16:30

ACCESS TO ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR LGBTIQ+ ASYLUM SEEKERS

ROOM: EUROPE B

LGBTIQ+ asylum seekers arriving in Europe may be confronted with specific challenges. For example, collective accommodation may expose them to more discrimination and violence. In this seminar, we'll learn about what adequate accommodation means for LGBTIQ+ asylum seekers and how to provide it.

Speakers:

Chrysoula Andritsopoulou, NOSTOS, Greece

Eleni Manara, NOSTOS, Greece

Anastasia Papanastasiou, UNHCR, Greece

Athina Simoglu, UNHCR, Greece

Closing plenary

17:00-18:00

CLOSING PLENARY: RESEARCH LESSONS FOR EFFECTIVE POLICIES AND SERVICE DELIVERY

ROOM: ATLAS 1+2

Margot Kushel will speak about the importance of evidence-based policies to tackle homelessness effectively. She will share her views on what evidence is important and what evidence is missing. She will also share her experience on how to make service providers and policy makers more receptive to evidence and how to make researchers more interested in policy and service-relevant research

Speaker:

Margot Kushel, University of California, USA

TIMETABLE - 13.05

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14:30	MONITORING HOMELESSNESS IN GREECE	MEET THE HOUSING FIRST EUROPE HUB
15:00		
15:30		
16:00	Coffee Break	
16:30	PRESENTATION OF THE COMHOM PROJECT	RESULTS OF THE COUNTING PROJECT
17:00		
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	Room: Olympia	Room: Cosmos
09:00		
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11:00	Coffee Break	
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14:30		TURNING PICS D'OR INTO A EUROPEAN EVENT
15:00		
15:30		
16:00	Coffee Break	
16:30	INTERACT PROJECT	A LOOK INTO LONG-TERM HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR MIGRANTS
17:00		
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TIMETABLE - 13.05

	Room: Europe A	Room: Europe B
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11:00	Coffee Break	
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14:30	YOUTH HOMELESSNESS	PRESENTATION EPOCH PRACTICE
15:00		
15:30		
16:00	Coffee Break	
16:30		THE ROLE OF REAL-TIME DATA IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS – NORDIC INSIGHTS
17:00		
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Room: Orion

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Coffee Break

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**DYNAMIC CONFERENCE ON
ENDING HOMELESSNESS:
THE NECESSARY MILITANT
PERSPECTIVE**

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TIMETABLE - 14.05

	Room: Atlas 1		Room: Atlas 2		
09:00	OPENING PLENARY				
09:30					
10:00					
10:30					
11:00	Coffee Break				
11:30	NEXT STEPS IN HOUSING FIRST – BUILDING NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS		ENDING MIGRANTS’ HOMELESSNESS IN AN INCREASINGLY HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT		
12:00					
12:30					
13:00					
13:30	Lunch				
14:00					
14:30	HOMELESS POLICIES UNDER RIGHT-WING POPULIST GOVERNMENTS: STRATEGIES FOR THE HOMELESS SECTOR		HOMELESSNESS IN ENGLAND: HOW DID WE GET HERE?		
15:00					
15:30			HOMELESS FIRST! PRIORITISING HOMELESS PEOPLE IN SOCIAL HOUSING ALLOCATION		
16:00					
16:30	Coffee Break				
17:00	CLOSING PLENARY				
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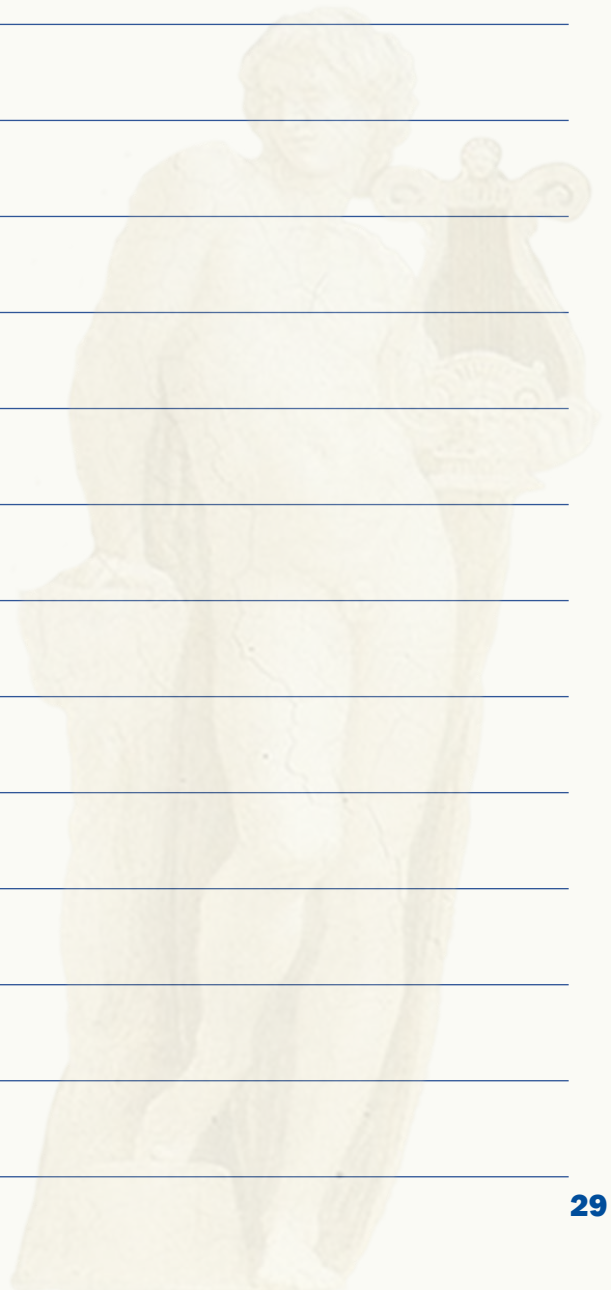
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11:00	Coffee Break			
11:30	HARM REDUCTION, SUBSTANCE USE AND HOMELESSNESS: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE		CHALLENGES OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FOR HOMELESS SERVICES: ARE THERE LESSONS FROM IRELAND?	
12:00				
12:30	MAKING SENSE OF EU DATA ON HOMELESSNESS		VACANT BUILDINGS: UNDER-EXPLOITED POTENTIAL TO HOUSE HOMELESS PEOPLE	
13:00				
13:30				
14:00	Lunch			
14:30	CREATING SAFE SPACES: WHAT WORKS AND WHY FOR WOMEN-ONLY HOMELESSNESS SERVICES		HELPING HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS USE ENERGY SAVING OPPORTUNITIES: SOME EXAMPLES FROM EUROPE	
15:00				
15:30			BREAKING THE CYCLE OF INVISIBILITY: HONOURING PEOPLE WHO DIED HOMELESS	
16:00				
16:30	Coffee Break			
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	Room: Europe A		Room: Europe B	
09:00				
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11:00	Coffee Break			
11:30	LIVES ON THE MARGINS: EXPLORING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HOMELESSNESS AND SEX WORK		WELL-BEING OF STAFF: AN URGENT CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS SECTOR	
12:00				
12:30	COLLECTIVE COMPLAINTS IN ACTION: TURNING LEGAL VICTORIES INTO ADVOCACY TOOLS		PREVALENCE AND IMPACT OF VIOLENCE ON HEALTH OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS	
13:00				
13:30	Lunch			
14:00				
14:30	TACKLING HOMELESSNESS IN GREECE: HOPE AND PROGRESS IN TIMES OF AUSTERITY		PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS: EXAMPLES OF WHAT WORKS - HOW TO BECOME A PEER WORKER	
15:00				
15:30	ART AND HOMELESSNESS: CREATIVITY FOR SOCIAL IMPACT		ACCESS TO ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR LGBTIQ+ ASYLUM SEEKERS	
16:00				
16:30	Coffee Break			
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11:00	Coffee Break
11:30	DOES EU ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS MATTER? (Q&A)
12:00	
12:30	FREE MOVEMENT & HOMELESSNESS: WHAT CAN THE EU DO?
13:00	
13:30	Lunch
14:00	
14:30	INVESTMENT IN HOUSING SOLUTIONS: EUROPE CAN HELP!
15:00	
15:30	HOMELESSNESS AMONG ASYLUM SEEKERS IN BRUSSELS – A ‘RECEPTION CRISIS’ OR A STRUCTURAL DENIAL OF RIGHTS?
16:00	
16:30	Coffee Break
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