



Open call : Repurposing vacancy to create affordable housing solutions

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 2024

Background

FEANTSA is seeking to **assess potential strategies for turning unused or underused spaces into sustainable and affordable housing solutions** to help tackle homelessness and housing exclusion. With the support of Laudes Foundation, we want to **identify different forms of vacant real estate - residential, commercial, religious, industrial, or even cultural, that can be transformed into affordable housing.**

Although repurposing existing vacant buildings cannot provide all the answers to Europe's housing needs, it can still go a long way in making a significant contribution.

What are we looking for?

Through this call we are looking for **examples of inspiring case-studies of the transformation of vacant buildings into affordable housing to respond to unmet needs.** These may include projects, policies or other initiatives that have achieved a positive or significant impact, based on existing evidence or data.

Selected case-studies will be presented to a wider European audience to help inspire more ambitious and effective action in this field.

This is an opportunity to showcase bold, creative, and impactful action to help turn empty buildings into decent homes for people who need them.

Expected results and objectives

A number of the projects proposed through this call will be presented throughout the year as **case study publications** on FEANTSA's social media and website.

We will also seek to publish a range of **insights into the lessons learned from these projects**, based on any shared challenges that were encountered during their development and implementation.

Ultimately, all these insights will be published in a **report mapping vacancies and providing guidance on adequate repurposing of vacant spaces**.

This project aims to:

- Involve stakeholders across multiple sectors (associations, social landlords, local authorities...)
- Showcase the key elements for success to help ensure widespread best practices and help replicate solutions in other contexts
- Raise awareness and promote innovative solutions on repurposing vacant spaces to work towards the alleviation of homelessness and the housing affordability crisis
- Illustrate how climate ambitions and the right to adequate housing can reinforce each other by tackling vacant spaces

How to submit a proposal?

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