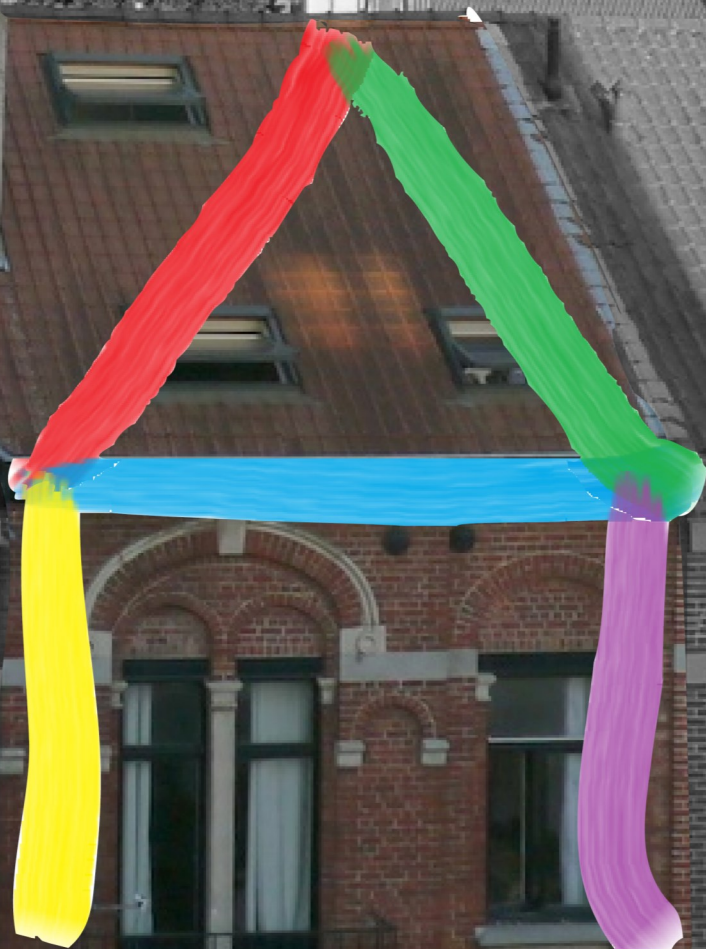


Leveraging the European consensus to win the fight against homelessness

9-10 June 2016
Palais d'Egmont
Brussels, Belgium



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Background and EU context

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Focus on some of the innovation in Belgian cities, including the results of the Housing First Belgium experiment**
- 2. Debate the European consensus, and ways to move forward together politically at EU level**
- 3. Showcase good practice in the field of homelessness across Europe in order to drive innovation to promote effective pathways out of homelessness**
- 4. Organise strategic discussions in a wide range of areas related to homelessness (health, housing, employment, migration, youth, prevention, and more)**
- 5. Visit and discover some of the approaches to tackling forms of homelessness in Brussels**

In 2010 the Belgian Presidency of the EU organised a European consensus conference on homelessness together with FEANTSA (the European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless) and the European Commission. The aim was to establish together with all relevant stakeholders a European consensus on some of the most essential questions related to homelessness. The consensus would then become the basis for a stronger role of the EU in the fight against homelessness. After two days of deliberation following the consensus conference, the jury, under the skilled chairmanship of professor Frank Vandenbroucke, formulated a consensus on the six questions selected by the stakeholders:

1. What does homelessness mean?
2. Ending homelessness: a realistic goal?
3. Are housing-led policy approaches the most effective methods of preventing and tackling homelessness?
4. How can meaningful participation of homeless people in the development of homelessness policies be assured?
5. To what extent should people be able to access homeless services irrespective of their legal status and citizenship?
6. What should be the elements of an EU strategy on homelessness?

We believe that the European consensus reached in 2010 is still highly relevant and has not lost its potential to unite forces at European level to reverse the worrying European trend of rapidly growing homelessness. But we cannot ignore that during the last 5 years the world has moved on and the EU is now facing some new and unprecedented challenges. It is time to take stock of the progress made on the conclusions and recommendations of the jury, and to discuss how to further leverage the 2010 European consensus to progress on homelessness in the current political context in the EU.

That is why the Belgian Public Planning Service - Social Integration and FEANTSA decided to co-organise a European conference in Spring 2016 centred on the consensus reached in 2010 and to reinterpret and re-evaluate the consensus in light of new emerging challenges for Europe: increasing poverty, economic pressure on Eurozone and other countries, waves of refugees arriving from further afield, and more.

To this end, FEANTSA is using its annual European policy conference, bringing together 300 homelessness practitioners from across Europe and beyond. This is the only European event of its kind, and it will take place this year in the city of Brussels, Belgium. As always, it will showcase various innovative practices to address the causes and symptoms of homelessness, and stimulate political debate on current and future challenges. Set in a difficult political context with the homelessness sector under mounting stress, there is a greater need than ever of European support to channel energy and resources towards lasting solutions.

Programme overview

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*This is a two-day conference based at the heart of Europe in the city of Brussels taking place on **Thursday 9th June and Friday 10th June** in the « Palais d'Egmont » (city centre). It is organised in cooperation with FEANTSA, the Belgian Public Planning Service - Social Integration, Housing First Belgium and Steunpunt Algemeen Welzijnswerk.*

THURSDAY 9th JUNE 2016

9:00-17:15

Housing First in Europe Conference – Latest Evidence for Policy and Practice

Hosted by the Belgian Public Planning Service - Social Integration, Housing First Belgium, and FEANTSA. The objective is to share inspirational Housing First practices and formulate ambitious Housing-led recommendations. Results of the Housing First Belgium social experimentation will be presented and the Housing First Guide Europe will be launched (project of the Stavros Niarchos foundation). This national event is especially for Belgian practitioners, with some limited places for European participants.

The programme will have a morning focus on more political debates surrounding Housing First in Belgium, Europe and beyond, including the participation of various high-profile speakers. The afternoon will be organised in 10 different thematic workshops on Housing First.

14:00-19:00

Networking Hotspots

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14:00-16:00 BRUSSELS SERVICE VISITS to show the realities of service provision approaches in the Brussels region, and network with local practitioners. These visits will be decentralised across the city.

Please arrive at **17.00** at the Egmont Palace to collect your badges for the following hotspots.

17:30-19:00 EUROPEAN NETWORK MEETINGS.

These are meetings of existing European networks which look at a specific aspect of homelessness. These will take place in the conference venue.

17:30-19:00 CREATIVE SPACES

These are informal meetings to exchange ideas on emerging issues of interest, with a view to reinforcing or building new transnational dynamics. These will take place in the conference venue.

20:00 Conference dinner in the city centre of Brussels

FRIDAY 10th JUNE 2016

FEANTSA EUROPEAN POLICY CONFERENCE 2016

9:00—17:30

Leveraging the European Consensus to Win the Fight against Homelessness

This is the main European policy conference with a focus on presenting and discussing innovative practices from across Europe and beyond. There will be an opening plenary discussion about consensus-building on homelessness at EU level, followed by two sessions of workshops before and after lunch (ten in total), and a final closing plenary debate with key European stakeholders.

NB This conference is fully open to European and Belgian participants. We can welcome up to 400 participants.

THURSDAY 9th JUNE 2016

Housing First in Europe Conference – Latest Evidence for Policy and Practice

9:00-17:15

8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:30	Welcome in the presence of Her Majesty, Queen Mathilde <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Julien Van Geertsom, President of the Belgian Public Planning Service - Social Integration, and Chair of the Conference.• Elke Sleurs, Belgian State Secretary for Combating Poverty
9:30-11:00	Chair: Julien Van Geertsom <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>How has Canada scaled up Housing First?</i> Cameron Keller, National Director of the Canadian experiment At Home/Chez Soi 2009-2013• <i>Political perspective in European countries.</i> Ministers from European countries• <i>Panel discussion:</i> Volker Busch-Geertsema, Head of the European Observatory on Homelessness, & Sam Tsemberis, Founder of Pathways to Housing, USA; Faculty Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University Medical Center
11:00-11:20	Coffee break
11:20-12:30	Spread and growth of Housing First practices and evidences in Europe Chair: Mike Allen, FEANTSA President <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Latest evidence from the Belgian experiment.</i> Coralie Buxant, Coordinator of Housing First Belgium• <i>Launch of the Housing First Guide Europe.</i> Maria-Jose Aldanas, Project officer, FEANTSA & Nicholas Pleace, University of York, UK• <i>Panel discussion:</i> Cameron Keller, National Director of the Canadian experiment At Home/Chez Soi 2009-2013, and Michael Langwiesner, Vice-Chair, Eurocities
12:30-13:30	Lunch break



Workshop Session I

13:30-15:00	<p>1: Successfully changing the paradigm to end homelessness Chair: Sam Tsemberis, Founder of Pathways to Housing, USA; Faculty Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University Medical Center</p> <p><i>“Step forward” - When an emergency social service develops a Housing First program.</i> Laurence Bourguignon, Samu Social Brussels, Belgium</p> <p><i>From Hostel to Housing First: Experiences by the Salvation Army in Finland.</i> Eero Untamala, Development Coordinator. Y-Foundation, Finland</p>
	<p>2: Social inclusion: back to the community or back to work? Chair: Teresa Duarte, Director Associação Para o Estudo e Integração Psicossocial (AIEPS)Portugal</p> <p><i>How to apply the Individual Placement and Support model to the Housing First target group?</i> Silvano Gueli, Promarex—Vocational Rehabilitation Charleroi and Catherine Depasse, CPAS de Charleroi & Housing First Belgium</p> <p><i>The impact of a gradual return to work for the homeless people.</i> Catherine Paquemar, Premières Heures - Emmaüs France</p>
	<p>3: Landlords: public and private partners Chair: Roberto Bernad, Project Evaluation and Quality Director in RAIS Foundation, involved in Housing First Programme, Spain</p> <p><i>The role of the “capteur logement” to improve access to housing and housing retention.</i> Arnaud Jacquinet, Relais Social de Liège & Housing First Belgium</p> <p><i>Different forms of social housing - advantages and challenges.</i> Maria Clemensen, head of the act-team and Housing First in Copenhagen, Denmark</p>
	<p>4: How can interdisciplinary support better answer the multiple and complex needs of the Housing First target group? Chair: Pascale Estecahandy, Coordinator of the «Un Chez Soi d’abord» programme, France</p> <p><i>The added values and specific challenges of a support team composed from various Institutions of a local network.</i> Renaud De Backer - Relais Social de Namur & Housing First Belgium (Belgium)</p> <p><i>Multiply skills on a Housing First team to support the recovery process.</i> Olivier Vilt and Bruno Torregrossa, Coordinators – Un Chez soi d’abord, Lille/ Paris, France</p>
	<p>5: Providing Support in Housing First: user’s choice, recovery and a strengths-based approach Chair: Peter Brepoels, policy officer at Steunpunt Algemeen Welzijnswerk, Belgium</p> <p><i>Supporting the user’s choices as a Housing First team.</i> Kimberley Van Daele, OCMW Ghent & Housing First Belgium; Sanne Coremans, CAW Antwerpen & Housing First Belgium</p> <p><i>Recovery and a strengths-based approach.</i> Judith Wolf, Professor of Social Care and head of Impuls, the Netherlands Center for Social Care Research, at Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Center, The Netherlands</p>
15:00-15:30	Coffee break

Workshop Session II

15:30-17:00	<p>6: Finding the homes: innovative ways of providing housing for Housing First services Chair: Juha Kaakinen, Director of Y-Foundation, Finland</p> <p><i>Creation of social housing with private investors.</i> Emilie Meesen, Infirmiers de rue, Bruxelles & Housing First Belgium & Véronique Foubert, Social Rental Agency in Molenbeek, Belgium</p> <p><i>Non-scattered housing, challenges and added-values.</i> Gilles Rod and Sam Schmitz, CNDS, Luxembourg</p>
	<p>7: Leveraging networks to address the Housing First complexities Chair: Petter Dahle, Deputy head at Housing First Network, Norway</p> <p><i>The added values of networking in the implementation and evaluation and on solving case management.</i> Karolien Scheppens, CAW Hasselt & Housing First Belgium</p> <p><i>Building a network around housing first: a communitarian approach.</i> Caterina Cortese, Social Policy and Research Officer, fioPSD, Italy</p>
	<p>8: Encouraging housing retention and recovery for tenants with addictions Chair: Tino Ruyters, Free Clinic, Belgium</p> <p><i>Housing First and Harm reduction: tools and values.</i> Muriel Allart, Coordinator of the Housing First project at SMES-B/Housing First Belgium</p> <p><i>Lessons learned in the Turning Point Scotland Housing First Programme.</i> Patrick McKay, Operations Manager, Turning Point Scotland, United Kingdom</p>
	<p>9: Getting started: Tools available for workers and policy makers Chair: Pascale Taminiaux, Project manager, King Baudouin Foundation, Belgium</p> <p><i>How to start Housing First as an organisation or as a support team?</i> Housing First Belgium evaluation team, Belgium</p> <p><i>Housing First Guide Europe.</i> Maria Jose Aldanas, Project officer, FEANTSA</p>
17:00-17:15	<p>10: Ask the real experts: the added value of hands-on experience in teams and in developing innovative policies Chair: Christine Mahy, Director of the Walloon Network for Fighting against Poverty, Belgium</p> <p><i>Experts by experience: Hands-on experts in poverty and their added value in implementing innovative public policies.</i> Olivier Van Goethem & Janetta Danyiova Belgian Public Planning Service - Social Integration</p> <p><i>The role of the Peer worker in a Housing first service,</i> Rebecca Sloan, Senior worker, Housing First Project Changing Lives, United Kingdom</p>
	<p>Concluding remarks by Julien Van Geertsom and Xavier Prats Monné, Director General, DG SANTE, European Commission</p>

Networking Hotspots 14:00-19:00

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The hotspots are divided into three types: Brussels service visits, European network meetings, and Creative Spaces.

1. BRUSSELS SERVICE VISITS

14:00-16:00

Transit: A low-threshold emergency service open 24/7 targeting homeless people with substance abuse problems. Includes services such as needle exchange facilities, supported housing, street outreach, and work with former offenders.

Diogènes: Street outreach for homeless people: meeting, support, advice throughout their homelessness experience.

CAW Brussels PUERTO/Maison de la Paix: Outreach advice services in the home to support vulnerable adults (psycho-social support, budgetary and administrative support). A big part of the service beneficiaries move directly from the street to a home. They recently set up a project called "Home and Health" for formerly homeless people developing symptoms of early ageing.

FAMI-HOME: Organisation providing outreach support in the home (psychosocial, administrative, budgetary), with an ongoing housing inclusion project providing collective housing solutions for homeless people.

DoucheFLUX: Brussels visit proposed by formerly homeless tourist guides (Christophe and Martial)- providing a different perspective of the city.

123 Woningen: Temporary occupation of buildings in Brussels, with a view to conversion into housing solutions. This visit will take you to one of the buildings occupied by the organisation in question, highlighting the way tenants from all backgrounds (students, artists, formerly homeless people, undocumented migrants) are building a community and alternative solution to traditional housing choices.

Un Logement pour Tous: Brief introduction to the social rental agency approach in the Brussels region (finding social housing solutions in the private rented sector), followed by a closer look at different housing forms provided by this organisation (classic tenancies, transitional housing, and "habitat solidaire").

SAMU SOCIAL : The Samusocial offers free emergency support (shelter, street outreach, primary health care, psychosocial support) to homeless people in Brussels. In Winter, this organisation offers more than 1000 beds per night to homeless people. It recently set up a Housing First programme aimed to provide housing and support packages to young people (18-25 years old) with substance abuse problems and/or psychological disorders – this HF programme will be the focus of the visit.

How to get there?

FEANTSA will be providing the participants with directions to all of the service visits.

2. EUROPEAN NETWORKS/ CREATIVE SPACES

17:30-19:00

EUROPEAN NETWORK MEETINGS

What are European Networks?

These are existing networks set up with the help of FEANTSA, which look at a specific aspect of homelessness.

Where will the meetings take place?

At the conference venue

HOPE, Homeless People in Europe: This meeting is directed at people who are experts by their past experience of homelessness. They will be welcomed by Brussels-based participation experts from La Strada.

HABITACT : European forum of exchange on local homeless strategies, hosted by La Strada, semi-public agency providing logistical and data support to homeless organisations. After a focus on the Brussels and Ghent homelessness policy models, there will be an exchange of views between local policy-makers from different EU countries.

Informal ministries forum: hosted by the Belgian Public Planning Service - Social Integration, this meeting will bring together national and regional civil servants responsible for homelessness. They meet on an annual basis and the impact of EU developments on their work.

FEANTSA Youth: a network of people working with young homeless people and young people at risk of homelessness. The focus of the meeting will include: launching a human and housing rights guide for young people, a focus on a Canadian model to prevent and collaborate to end youth homelessness, the role of a right to aftercare for people leaving the youth system, and finally developing advocacy youth actions.

European network of homeless health workers: Hosted by Infirmiers de Rue which provides outreach by paramedical teams, follow-up and housing - mainly Housing First - for homeless people in Brussels. This session will focus on the importance of the continuity of global care for homeless people and will facilitate a knowledge exchange between stakeholders and medical and also other professionals. This hotspot is directed to service providers working with people who are homeless or recently housed.

EU Homeless and Mobile Citizens Network: hosted by FEANTSA, broaching the key theme of EU free movement (update on latest developments, jurisprudence, and emerging challenges).

CREATIVE SPACES

What are Creative Spaces?

These are informal meetings to exchange ideas on emerging issues of interest, with a view to reinforcing or building new transnational dynamics.

Where will they take place?

At the conference venue

Communications and homelessness: How do we communicate on homelessness in 2016? How can we use the techniques and technology available to us to not only aid homeless people, but also to mobilise the public and policy-makers? This hotspot will feature the presentation of the S.I.M.O.N. app by Simon Community Northern Ireland and Scotland. There will also be a chance for participants to share their own practices and ideas.

Homeless, not addressless: Streetcorner workers from Belgium would like to discuss the importance of providing homeless people with a postal address. In Belgium, homeless people can have a postal address, or 'reference address' which is a postbox where mail can be delivered and which gives them an administrative 'fixed abode' so that benefits can be paid etc. Does this exist in other European countries and does it offer the advantages it is designed to offer?

Women and homelessness: presentation of European DAPHNE project results "Women Rough Sleepers in Europe: Homelessness and Victims of Domestic Abuse" by Professor Kate Moss (Wolverhampton university, UK). This will be followed by an exchange about different challenges and solutions to women's homelessness, with a focus on homeless women's exposure to violence both as a cause and consequence of their homelessness, and will look at further potential areas of European cooperation.

Train in Stations: a new project to train station agents on homelessness: Hosted by Gare Européenne et Solidarité, the network of railway companies developing Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives in the field of homelessness and poverty, this hotspot will focus on a new module to train station agents on social issues. ANSA – Agence Nouvelle des Solidarités Actives (France) and Europe Consulting Onlus (Italy), pilot and partner in Train in Stations, will discuss the evolution of homelessness in railway areas and the importance of providing station agents with the necessary tools to interact with marginalised people and with the network of third sector organisations providing social services.

Homeless Theatre Group: Written and performed by homeless people, a theatre performance will be carried out by members of key Belgian organisations giving a voice to people with experience of homelessness: DAK and Front Commun SDF.

Environmentally sustainable solutions for homeless people: presentation of the Archi-human concept initiated by Belgian architect Luc Schuiten. The concept has a double objective: firstly to build individual housing units for homeless people, and secondly the regeneration of unexploited/underused neighbourhoods. This presentation will be the starting point for creative European exchanges on this theme.

FRIDAY 10th JUNE 2016

FEANTSA ANNUAL EUROPEAN POLICY CONFERENCE

Leveraging the European Consensus to Win the Fight against Homelessness

9:00-17:30

8:00-9:00	Registration
Plenary session I	
9:00	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, Marianne Thyssen (tbc) Julien Van Geertsom, President Belgian Public Planning Service - Social Integration Danny Lescrauwaet, FEANTSA Belgium Mike Allen, FEANTSA President
9:30	Keynote address – Following up on the European consensus reached in 2010 <i>Reflections on the European consensus on homelessness reached in 2010, on the evolution of the European social agenda since, and questions to the panel of experts.</i> Keynote speaker: Frank Vandenbroucke, President of the 2010 European Consensus Conference Jury and former Belgian Minister for Social Affairs
10:00 – 11:00	Panel discussion – Debating the consensus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert Aldridge, Chief Executive, Homeless Action Scotland, UK Boróka Féher, Researcher, BMSKI, Hungary Peter Fredriksson, Special Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Finland Emmanuelle Grange, Head of Unit, European Commission Eoin O’Sullivan, Coordinator, European Observatory of Homelessness and Editor, European Journal of Homelessness Moderator: Mike Allen, FEANTSA President <i>The moderator will take the six consensus conference questions answered in 2010 and invite the panel members to reinterpret them in the light of recent problems and opportunities.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What does homelessness mean? Ending homelessness: a realistic goal? Are housing-led policy approaches the most effective methods of preventing and tackling homelessness? How can meaningful participation of homeless people in the development of homelessness policies be assured? To what extent should people be able to access homeless services irrespective of their legal status and citizenship? What should be the elements of an EU strategy on homelessness?
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break

Workshop session I:

Inspiring Practices – What’s New in the Field?

11:30 – 13:30	<p>1: Homelessness: highlighting different gender perspectives, challenges, and solutions Chair: Christian Perl, BAWO policy adviser, Austria</p> <p><i>Specific challenges encountered by homeless fathers.</i> Marleen Heylen, CAW De Kempen, Belgium</p> <p><i>The vital role housing plays in tackling and responding to domestic abuse.</i> Gudrun Burnet, DAHA, UK</p>
	<p>2: Innovative housing solutions for homeless people Chair: André Gachet, Advisor, FAPIL, France</p> <p><i>Good quality housing for very vulnerable people: the Domus project.</i> Sara Waelbers, Housing support worker, CAW Antwerpen, Belgium</p> <p><i>Can empty housing genuinely be converted into real solutions for homeless people?</i> Bronagh D'Arcy, Development Director, Túath Housing, Ireland</p>
	<p>3: Experience the Shared Solutions participatory methodology in practice Key question to participants: “How can co-production be an effective way to deliver services?”</p> <p>Facilitators: Sanna Tivola, No Fixed Abode, Finland David Kidd, Glasgow Homelessness Network, Scotland</p>
	<p>4: Effective health interventions for homeless people – building bridges across sectors Chair: Dalma Fabian, Policy officer, FEANTSA</p> <p><i>Data matching: understanding the impact of homelessness on health services.</i> Neil Hamlet, National Health Service, Scotland, UK</p> <p><i>Mental health and homelessness: providing support to frontline workers working with homeless people.</i> Mahe Aja, Psychologist, Coordinator of the mental health support team, SMES-Belgique, Belgium</p>
	<p>5: Are you in? Building a European movement to end street homelessness Chair: David Ireland, Director, Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF), UK <i>BSHF in partnership with FEANTSA is coordinating the European End Street Homelessness Campaign - a new pan European movement of cities, working together to permanently house Europe’s most vulnerable people and end chronic street homelessness in those cities by 2020.</i></p> <p><i>Speakers will talk about the experience of three of the early participating cities in the campaign Barcelona, Valencia, and London.</i></p> <p>Marta Olaria, Advocacy officer, Arrels Fundació, Spain Luis Perea (Strategic Development Director) and Begoña Pastor (Director for Mediterranean Area), RAIS Fundación, Spain Petra Salva, Director of Services, St. Mungos, UK</p>
13:30 –14:30	Lunch buffet

Workshop session II:

Political Debates – How to Leverage the Consensus?

14:30 –16:30	<p>6: Access to adequate accommodation for asylum seekers and the role of the homeless sector Chair: Mauro Striano, Policy officer, FEANTSA</p> <p><i>Asylum reform in France and the evolving role of the homeless sector.</i> Juliette Delaplace, Migration policy officer, FNARS, France</p> <p><i>The impact of the rising tide of asylum-seekers on the homeless sector in Germany.</i> Thomas Specht, Director, BAG-Wohnungslosenhilfe, Germany</p>
	<p>7: Housing first/Housing led: Is it necessary to change the paradigm? Chair: Volker Busch-Geertsma, European Observatory on Homelessness</p> <p><i>The role of social experimentation in driving change in the homeless sector : observations from Belgium.</i> Coralie Buxant, Coordinator, Housing First Belgium</p> <p><i>European consensus-building to shift thinking in the homeless sector: key steps to launching the Housing First Europe online guide.</i> Maria-José Aldanas, Project officer, FEANTSA</p>
	<p>8: National strategy on homelessness – key to success or pitfall? Chair: Stefano Galliani, fioPSD, Italy</p> <p><i>Evaluation of the Danish homelessness strategy: mixed results.</i> Lars Benjaminsen, Researcher, SFI, Denmark</p> <p><i>Dutch homelessness strategy – the key role of local authorities.</i> Rina Beers, Senior policy officer, Federatie Opvang, The Netherlands</p>
	<p>9: How much does homelessness cost – the pros and cons of cost-efficiency argument Chair: Julia Wagnanska, Researcher, Poland</p> <p><i>Results of recent research on costs of homelessness in Belgium – reflection on implications for public policy</i> Danny Lescrauwaet, Steunpunt Algemeen Welzijnswerk, Belgium</p> <p><i>Human rights versus cost-effectiveness as drivers of public policy to address homelessness.</i> Julien Damon, Associate professor Sciences Po Paris, France</p>
	<p>10: How can we effectively work together to prevent and end youth homelessness? Co-chairs: Roswitha Harner and Pasi Ojala, Members of FEANTSA Youth</p> <p><i>Policy recommendations on ways to address the effects of homelessness on children and young people in Flanders.</i> Bruno Vanobbergen & Leen Ackaert, Childrens Rights Commissioner, Belgium</p> <p><i>A Way Home: innovative and effective model for prevention and collaboration to end youth homelessness in Canada</i> Melanie Redman, Executive Director, A Way Home, Canada Stephen Gaetz, Professor and Director of the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, York University, Toronto, Canada</p>
16:30-16:45	Tea Break

16:45	Remarks by Belgian Federal Minister for Social Integration, Willy Borsus
Plenary session II	
16:50 –17:30	<p>Concluding Plenary session: Ask Europe. What do other EU Stakeholders have to say on homelessness?</p> <p>Key question: What can other EU stakeholders do themselves to tackle homelessness? What alliances are possible?</p> <p>Moderator: Freek Spinnewijn, FEANTSA Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marc Calon, President, Housing Europe (tbc) • Denis Haveaux, Director, Red Cross EU Office • Joanna Maycock, Secretary-General, European Women’s Lobby • Nina Renshaw, Secretary-General, European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)

Practical information

Language policy

The main working languages of the conference will be **English/French/Dutch** (including in the workshops). For the Thursday networking hotspots, informal translation will be provided in the service visits, and the main working language of the European network meetings and Creative spaces will be English.

Deadline for registrations: 23 May 2016

Click [here](#) to register. Please note: the Thursday conference is free. The Friday conference has a registration fee to cover basic costs (lunch, translation, publications, etc). Please be sure to register quickly in order to get a place and to get your first choice of hotspots and workshops

Address of the conference venue

Egmont Palace: 8 Place du Petit Sablon, 1000 Brussels



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