



FEANTSA

## Membership of FEANTSA – INFORMATION

### About FEANTSA

FEANTSA, the European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless, was established in 1989 as a European non-governmental organisation and is the only major European network which focuses exclusively on homelessness at European level.

FEANTSA has about 100 member organisations coming from 27 European countries, including 25 Member States of the European Union. [Find out more about FEANTSA.](#)

### MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

There are three categories of membership: Full, Associate and Corresponding.

#### Full members are:

- Representative umbrella organisations with the primary aim of bringing together different organisations working with the homeless.
- Organisations focusing mainly on the issue of homelessness.
- Organisations, which have a key impact on the national and/or regional fight against homelessness, in the view of FEANTSA.
- Organisations illustrating clear advancement to these levels, in the view of FEANTSA.

In principle, full members shall be national non-governmental organisations, regional organisations may become full members, depending on the structure of relevant public policy.

**Associate members** are national or regional organisations, whose remit is not directly or primarily homelessness but does, in part, cover homelessness. Associate members are also local organisations, which fulfil the criteria for full membership, but are operating only in large urban or rural areas.

Full and associate memberships are confined to organisations from EU Member States.

**Corresponding members** are organisations that fulfil the criteria for full or associate membership, but are established in European countries that are not Member States of the European Union.

## **MEMBERS RIGHTS AND DUTIES**

The rights and duties of FEANTSA members vary depending on the type of membership.

The **rights of full and associate members** comprise:

- Access to information and publications (i.e. publications of the European Observatory on Homelessness, FEANTSA European reports and surveys, working group reports, etc.);
- Printed copies of all published reports;
- Access to the “members’ only” section of FEANTSA website where they can find information on staff exchanges, lobbying contacts or follow the internal functioning of FEANTSA. On this section, they also have access to FEANTSA’s Funding Directory where they can find out more about possible EU funding opportunities for their organisations and also learn about EU programmes;
- The opportunity to contribute to the monthly Flash articles and the FEANTSA Newsletter
- Networking opportunities including invitations to attend conferences, seminars, Information Markets, project visits, Information Forums or General Assembly meetings which are organised by FEANTSA in order to facilitate the exchange of information, experiences and best practices between its member organisations. These events also constitute a unique opportunity for lobbying and allow members to have access to effective and innovative approaches to the problem of homelessness. Attendance to some of these events is fully or partly funded by FEANTSA, depending on the membership regime;
- The opportunity to join one of the five working groups of FEANTSA, where members discuss and produce policy statements on relevant issues and themes surrounding housing, employment, health and social protection, data collection (statistics and indicators) and participation. In case members decide to make use of this opportunity and stand for election, travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by FEANTSA.

Full members also have the right to be involved in the management of FEANTSA (i.e. the right to vote in the General Assembly and the right to nominate members for the Administrative Council).

Their **duties** include:

- Providing FEANTSA with information about the work of the organisation;
- Answering questionnaires from FEANTSA's office on topics relating to homelessness.
- Regular payment of membership subscription. The membership fee is annual and varies depending on the type of membership.

**Corresponding members** have the right to access information, access the members' only section of the FEANTSA website as well as the right to contribute to FEANTSA's Newsletter.

They are kindly asked to keep FEANTSA informed of all the relevant events and developments relating to homelessness and housing in their countries, and to pay the membership subscription, which is currently under review.

#### **INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP?**

The Administrative Council of FEANTSA meets several times a year and reviews applications on a regular basis. Should your organisation wish to apply for membership, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Fay ([mary.fay@feantsa.org](mailto:mary.fay@feantsa.org)) at FEANTSA's office for further information.

We will kindly request you to provide us with, among others:

- a copy of the official statutes of your organisation (including formal recognition by national authorities) and, if relevant, an English translation summarising their content,
- the latest report of activities of your organisation
- the attached [application form](#) filled in.

Next closing date: **20 May 2008**.