



## Statement of Values

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The statement of values is an important reference document for FEANTSA, its members and its partners. The statement steers FEANTSA's work. All activities developed by FEANTSA are in line with the statement of values. The statement ensures a high level of coherence in FEANTSA's current and future membership. All applicant members are asked to adhere to the statement of values. The statement also serves as a basis for further developing the European Alliance against homelessness. Organisations and other parties interested in joining the Alliance should respect the statement in their work with FEANTSA.

- FEANTSA and its members are committed to the advancement of the principles of equality, social justice, solidarity, non-discrimination and the promotion and respect of fundamental human rights for all.
- FEANTSA and its members seek to advance the right of every person to live in dignity and promote the right of all people to have a secure, adequate and affordable place to live.
- FEANTSA and its members are committed to preventing and reducing homelessness with a view to its progressive elimination.
- FEANTSA and its members are committed to high quality work and to finding creative, bold and sustainable solutions for homelessness and severe housing exclusion.
- FEANTSA and its members are committed to the realisation of internationally recognised housing rights.
- FEANTSA and its members recognise that effective strategies addressing homelessness must be based on the real needs of people who are homeless and should therefore address the structural and the individual factors that cause and perpetuate homelessness.

- FEANTSA and its members believe people who are homeless are full members of society and consider the following rights as particularly important in this regard:
    - The right to social inclusion and citizenship.
    - The right to be treated with dignity and respect.
    - The right to services that are accessible, provide choice and are of a high quality in order to meet the needs and aspirations of the people who use them.
    - The right to participate in decision-making that affects them.
    - The right to privacy, safety and confidentiality.
  
  - FEANTSA and its members are committed to cooperating and working together with other relevant actors who share the same values, in the best interest of people who are homeless.
  
  - FEANTSA and its members strive to operate in an inclusive and democratic way and to be fully accountable to the public.
  
  - FEANTSA and its members are committed to transparency, integrity and honesty in their work.
  
  - FEANTSA and its members value diversity and believe that difference can strengthen organisations and communities.
  
  - FEANTSA and its members recognize that transnational exchanges, information gathering, advocacy, and awareness-raising are a valuable resource to impact on public policy.
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