



FEANTSA seminar – May 2006

***Glocalisation of homeless policies?***  
**How local authorities can strengthen their homeless strategies  
through transnational cooperation**

Brussels, Thursday 11 May  
Committee of Regions

**Programme**

9.00-9.30 Registration

9.30 Welcome by *Lady Hanham, Member of Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea,  
Committee of Regions*

**10.00-11.30**

**Panel discussion 1: Tackling homelessness at EU and local level**

*Chair: MEP Bairbre de Brún (Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green  
Left)*

How the Committee of Regions can promote the mobilisation of local actors  
in the fight against homelessness at EU level

*Lady Hanham, Member of Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (UK),  
Committee of Regions*

Tackling homelessness at EU level in response to the Council decision to  
make “the treatment of homelessness **a priority**”

*Mr Adam Tyson, European Commission, DG employment, social affairs, and equal  
Opportunities*

The role and importance of local authorities for tackling homelessness

*Ms Lisa Barker, Head of Homelessness Implementation Team, Office of the Deputy  
Prime Minister (UK)*

Four cities (Utrecht, the Hague, Rotterdam, Amsterdam) commitment to  
reducing homelessness by 2010

*Ms Christl van Gerven, City of Rotterdam, (the Netherlands)*

Elements that make local homeless strategies effective

*Mr David Corner, UK National Audit Office (UK)*

11.30-12.15 *Discussion*

12.15-12.30 Information Forum

12.30-14.00 Lunch



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**14.00-15.30**

**Panel discussion 2: Local alliances to combat homelessness**

*Chair: MEP Elspeth Attwooll (Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe)*

Mapping and monitoring the homeless problem at local level

*Mr Markku Leijo, City of Helsinki (Finland)*

“Housing strategies as a solution to homelessness”

*Mr Brian Rowntree, Northern Ireland Housing Executive (UK)*

Effective interagency working to combat homelessness

*Mr Darío Pérez, Madrid City Council (Spain)*

A national perspective on local strategies to tackle homelessness

*Mr Paulo Variz, Catholic University of Portugal (Portugal)*

15.30-15.45 *Discussion*

15.45-16.00 *Coffee*

**16.00-17.00**

**Panel discussion 3: Need/potential of a European Forum to combat homelessness**

*Chair: MEP Edit Bauer (Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats)*

Presentation of a European Forum to combat homelessness and what FEANTSA can offer local authorities

*Mr Freek Spinnewijn, FEANTSA Director*

Benefits for local authorities to be part of this transnational Forum on homelessness

*Mr Gerhard Eitel, Vienna City Council, Chair of Eurocities Homelessness working group*

17.00-17.30 *Discussion*

**Seminar Conclusions**

*FEANTSA Vice-President, Michel Mercadié*



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