

ESF+ Capacity Building: How to influence EU funds used for the Youth Guarantee and for combatting youth homelessness

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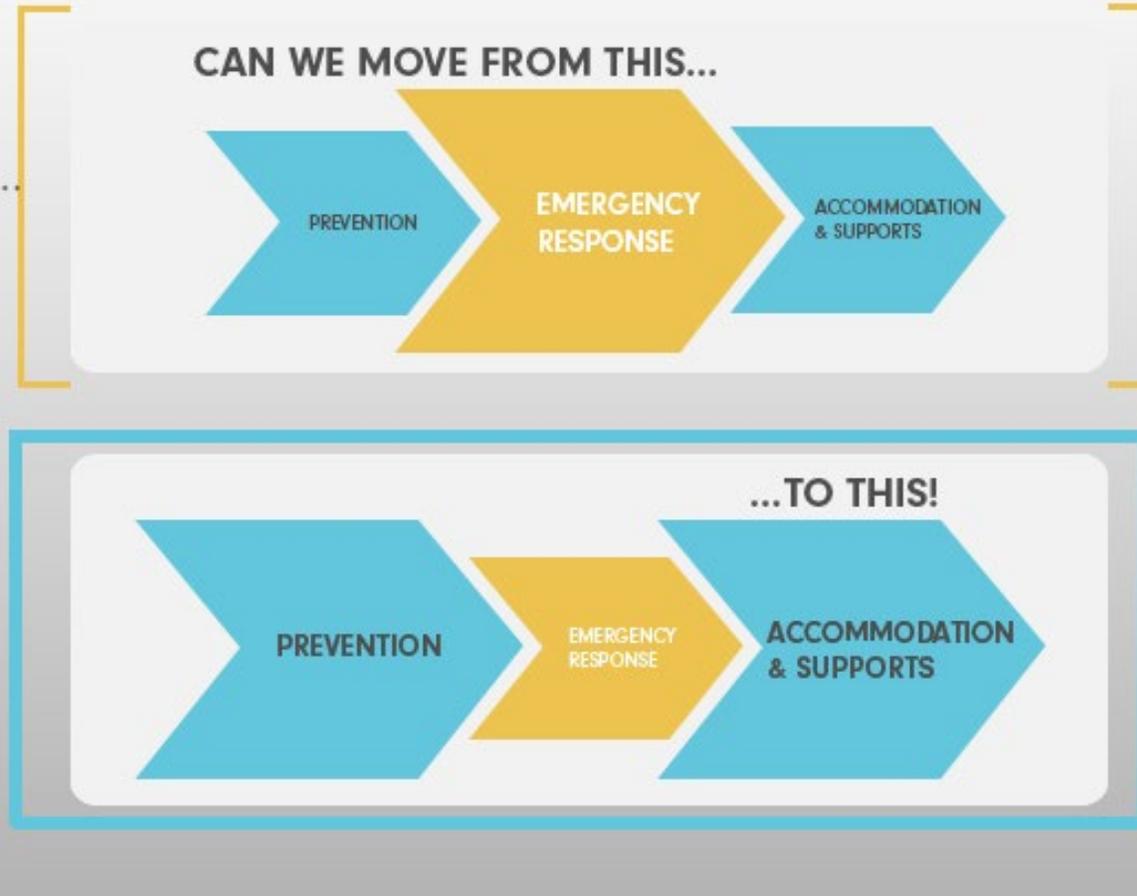
Homelessness & Impact of COVID 19

- Even before Covid: levels of homelessness in Europe over last decade increased by 70%
- EU-wide problem
- Homeless people especially vulnerable to pandemic
 - Medically: age, disability, nutrition, high incidence of respiratory disease
 - Living conditions increase risk of transmission
 - Poor access to healthcare, public health information, food and sanitation
- Significant gap in response
- Potentially significant increases in homelessness to come

What should be the role of the EU funds?

- Primary responsibility for funding measures to address homelessness lies at local, regional and national level.
- Stronger links btw policy frameworks & EU funds
- Added value of EU funds as **leverage** for **improving** policies & services
 - Shift from **managing** to **ending** homelessness
 - + prevention
 - + re-housing (with support as needed)
 - + evidence-based practice like **Housing First**
 - + contributes to de-institutionalization
 - + growing space and appetite for strategic approaches
 - + ensuring sufficient, adequate, affordable housing with security of tenure is essential

STRATEGIES FOR ENDING HOMELESSNESS



Source: Stephen Gaetz, Canadian Observatory on Homelessness/Homeless Hub

EU Social Policy Priority

Since 2010, homelessness has emerged as a priority on the European social policy agenda.

Principle 19 of the European Pillar of Social Rights covers housing & assistance for the homeless - Action Plan is an opportunity to launch a new, more ambitious EU framework on homelessness

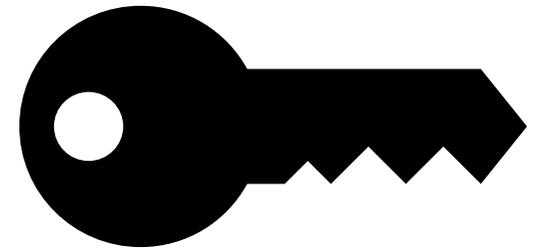
ESPN 2019 report on Fighting homelessness and housing exclusion in Europe with national reports

2 recent European Parliament reports: Access to decent and affordable housing for all ([2019/2187\(INI\)](#)) & on tackling homelessness rates in the EU ([2020/2802\(RSP\)](#))

High level commitment

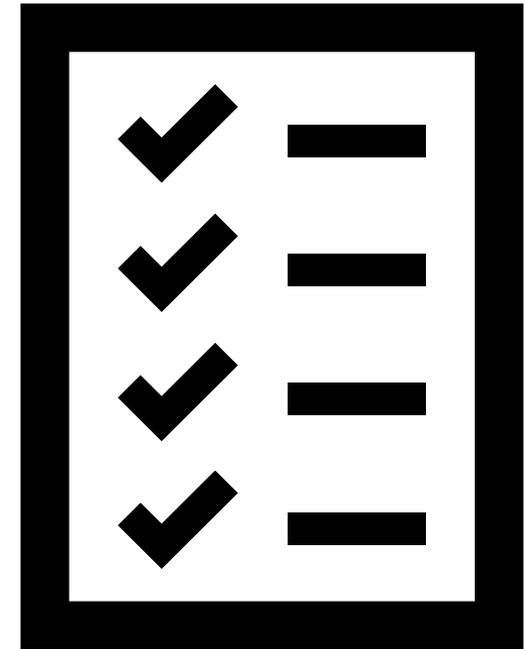
Commissioner Schmit and Ana Mendes Godinho (Minister of Portugal) announce dedication to launch a **European collaboration platform on combatting homelessness**

Conference June 2021 under Portuguese Presidency



Homelessness & ESF+ Regulation

- Thematic concentration on social inclusion
- reducing child poverty – access to decent housing
- implementing Youth Guarantee schemes
- Integration of FEAD & ESF
- ESF+ priorities: promoting social integration of people at risk of poverty, access to services incl **housing** healthcare, active inclusion, integration of third country nationals & marginalised communities; addressing material deprivation
- Homelessness is common output indicator
- Enabling condition (CPR): Homelessness part of the required national strategic policy framework for social inclusion and poverty reduction (ESF and ERDF)



What can we do?

NOW- End 2021

- Reach out to the Managing Authorities (national or regional)
- To influence the 2021-27 programmes' priorities
- To ensure civil dialogue, respect of the partnership principle & composition of monitoring committees
- Reach out to ministry
- To influence design of national strategies/policy frameworks

As of 2022

- Reach out to Youth Guarantee Coordinators
- Follow the realisation of national strategies – on NEETs & on poverty reduction
- Follow the work of monitoring committees
- Apply for relevant calls
- Engage in the European Semester process (monitoring)

Further info

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