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President's Foreword

It is a privilege to represent an organisation that continues to be at the forefront of the fight against homelessness and I am always inspired by the passion and expertise of those working throughout the organisation.

There is much to be done to help the European Union's homeless population, particularly now. Today, millions of citizens are being left behind by inadequate policy responses that adversely influence social cohesion and economic growth. We believe that FEANTSA is in a unique and prominent position and has the necessary skills and expertise to broaden the fight against homelessness by engaging with both the European institutions, as well as individual member states.

Aside from having to live in difficult conditions, people experiencing homelessness will often have health issues, and face discrimination, loneliness and barriers in accessing basic public services and benefits. The FEANTSA and Fondation Abbé Pierre annual 'Overview of Housing Exclusion in Europe' reveals an alarming rise in homelessness across the majority of the European Union, as well as a dramatic picture of severe housing deprivation in almost all EU countries, which seems to be aggravated by the continuing economic situation. The profile of people experiencing homelessness is also changing and now includes an increasing number of young people, migrants, women and families, Roma and other disadvantaged minorities.

Recognising that the EU has a crucial role in finding solutions, FEANTSA launched two important campaigns in 2017. The 'Be Fair, Europe - Stand Up for Homeless People' campaign calls on EU policymakers to work with national governments, regions, cities and stakeholders to put an end to homelessness, and makes five recommendations in its manifesto. While the 'Homeless Bill of Rights' aims to mobilise local authorities against the criminalisation of homelessness and to contribute to a rights-based approach.

I have many people to thank for FEANTSA's excellent work this year. They include FEANTSA's members, the hard-working secretariat, as well as those involved in the European Observatory on Homelessness and Working Groups. Moreover, I want to thank those involved in the broader networks FEANTSA coordinates such as the Housing First Hub, Housing Rights Watch, FEANTSA Youth and those engaged at the local and national authority levels. I want also to thank the European Commission for their financial support. Together, you have all contributed to transforming the lives of Europe's most vulnerable citizens.

Ian Tilling, MBE
President of FEANTSA

Director's Foreword

2017 was a busy but good year for FEANTSA.

Following an open call for proposals, we obtained a new partnership agreement with the Directorate-General of Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion of the European Commission for the period 2018 – 2021. This agreement allows us to apply for structural funding from the Commission and should bring some welcome financial security for the near future.

We also succeeded in making the EU policy framework more relevant for the fight against homelessness. In November, the European Council, the European Commission, and the European Parliament solemnly proclaimed the European Pillar of Social Rights. We are hopeful that the Pillar will guide EU social policy initiatives for the foreseeable future. Thanks to effective lobbying, we established a strong reference to homelessness in the Pillar. Principle 19 includes the right to shelter and integration for homeless people as part of the wider right to housing. The Pillar should keep homelessness firmly on the EU agenda for quite some time.

Throughout 2017, FEANTSA intensified its work surrounding the European Structural Fund. With the support of the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission, we were able to host the inaugural FEANTSA Ending Homelessness Awards, presenting prizes for the best projects on homelessness supported by the European Social Fund across the continent. It facilitated closer cooperation with the Commission in order to secure sufficient funding opportunities for homeless services in the next EU Multi-annual Financial Framework (MFF). The Ending Homelessness Awards will return in 2018 and will hopefully remain a staple of the FEANTSA calendar for many years to come. I would like to encourage our members to submit projects in which they are involved.

2017 was also characterised by a strong effort to connect more constructively with the membership base. We transformed the thematic Working Groups into 8 expert Clusters to involve a wider variety of expertise from our members and their partners. As well as this, we successfully broadened our projects portfolio. FEANTSA is involved in a dozen European projects funded by the EU or external foundations, which allow our membership to participate more actively in cooperative efforts throughout Europe.

Thanks to the input of our members, we were also able to strengthen our monitoring and analytical capacity. Our Second Report on Housing Exclusion in Europe gave a detailed insight into the scope and nature of homelessness and housing exclusion in most EU member states. It allowed our members to compare the situation in their country with their European peers more effectively, as well as examine the EU average. Some of our members have already had success using the data for domestic lobbying purposes.

With the help of our member organisation Y-Foundation and some 15 partners, including several FEANTSA members, what was once only a concept materialised in 2017. The Housing First Europe Hub is now fully operational. We launched the website, organised the first training sessions, and published a report on how to bring Housing First to scale locally. The interest in Housing First is growing and we are confident that the Hub will be able to deliver on the demand for the greatest degree of expertise in the field.

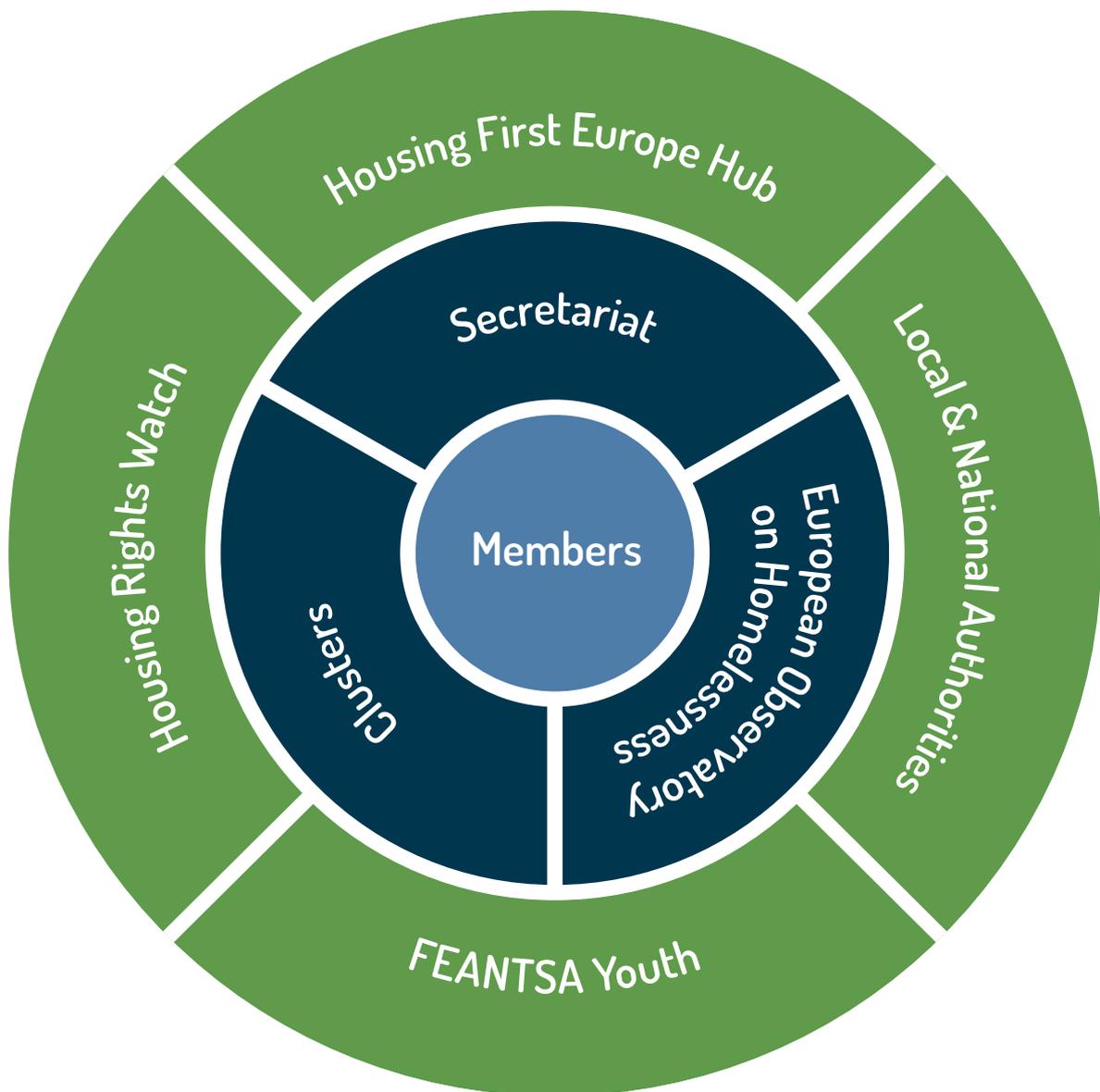
As well as this, our events have become increasingly popular. Our annual policy conference in Gdansk brought almost 400 people together and our research conference in Barcelona attracted more than 200 participants. Our large-scale events are becoming regular occasions for practitioners, policy makers, academics, people experiencing homelessness, and other activists fighting homelessness to meet colleagues from abroad. The impact of these connections is clear on an international stage even outside of the follow-up projects that FEANTSA coordinates.

These are just a few of the many successes and events I wanted to highlight. More information on all of them can be found throughout this annual report. I am looking forward to continuing to collaborate with our inspiring members and partners in 2018 and the years that follow.

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Director of FEANTSA

FEANTSA Organisational Structure

HOW FEANTSA IS STRUCTURED



FEANTSA Membership

FEANTSA has 114 members working in 29 countries. Its democratic decision-making structures are composed of: the General Assembly, the Administrative Council and the Executive Committee.

Secretariat

The FEANTSA Secretariat is based in Brussels and is normally composed of 15 members of staff.

European Observatory on Homelessness

FEANTSA set up the Observatory in 1991 to support the production of high quality research on homelessness.

Clusters

FEANTSA has 8 Clusters on Health, Housing, Migration, Participation, Women's Homelessness, Youth, Employment and Housing Rights. They help FEANTSA produce outputs on each of these themes.

Housing First Europe Hub

The Hub is a European platform which aims to further develop and promote Housing First in Europe. It is the result of a joint venture with the Y-Foundation.

Housing Rights Watch

FEANTSA facilitates this interdisciplinary European network of associations, lawyers and academics from different countries, who are committed to promoting the right to housing.

Local and National Authorities

FEANTSA works closely with cities who are committed to tackling homelessness.

FEANTSA Youth

FEANTSA coordinates a youth network which aims to prevent, reduce and end youth homelessness by advocating for housing rights, developing prevention strategies, raising public awareness, training professionals and building cooperation/coalitions within the service providers or other stakeholders.

2017 Timeline

JANUARY

To Deliver on the 2030 Agenda, Let's Leave Homelessness Behind, Not Homeless People!

FEANTSA Position Paper published on the need for the EU and UN to commit fully to ending homelessness in their 2030 Agenda

10th Anniversary of European Journal of Homelessness

MARCH

Be Fair, Europe – Stand Up for Homeless People

At an ALDE seminar co-hosted by MEPs Marian Harkin & Sylvie Goulard at the European Parliament, FEANTSA launched its campaign “Be Fair Europe – Stand Up for Homeless People”, which seeks to put the fight against homelessness at the heart of the EU’s 2030 agenda.

Second Overview of Housing Exclusion in Europe

At the same event, FEANTSA and the Abbé Pierre Foundation presented the “Second Overview of Housing Exclusion in Europe”, which revealed an alarming rise in homelessness across Europe.

FEBRUARY

Good Practice Guidance for Working with People who are Homeless and Use Drugs

FEANTSA Position Paper published on the need for clear information on good practice for targeted interventions across Europe for homeless people who use drugs.

FEANTSA advise on Eurostat Ad Hoc Module on Material Deprivation, Well- Being, and Housing Difficulties

The European Commission adopted a regulation to include an ad-hoc module on material deprivation, well-being and housing difficulties within Eurostat.

APRIL

Campaign Roadmap: EU Youth Strategy

As a part of the Be Fair, Europe – Stand Up for Homeless People campaign, FEANTSA published a campaign roadmap on how best to target homeless youth within the EU’s Youth Strategy.

Housing Rights Watch conference on 'Ensuring the effective exercise of the right to housing in the EU' in Tarragona

MAY**2017 FEANTSA Policy Conference & General Assembly**

The FEANTSA General Assembly was held at the European Solidarity Centre in Gdansk, Poland, ahead of the FEANTSA Policy Conference, which included the elections to the Administrative Council and for the President. The Policy Conference focused on the theme of “The Fight Against Homelessness: Solidarity in Action.”

FEANTSA members adopt resolution on reception and accommodation

During the FEANTSA General Assembly, FEANTSA members adopted, based on a proposal made by French members, a resolution affirming their commitment to an inclusive approach to reception and accommodation.

JULY**Campaign Roadmap: EU Urban Agenda**

As a part of the Be Fair, Europe - Stand Up for Homeless People campaign, FEANTSA published a campaign roadmap the way in which the EU Urban Agenda can be used to help end homelessness.

Housing First Europe Hub – Scaling Up Housing First in a Major City

Feasibility study on Liverpool published

JUNE**FEANTSA, Migrants’ Rights Network, and Praxis file a complaint before the European Commission against the UK**

FEANTSA filed a complaint before the European Commission regarding the UK Government’s use of European Economic Area regulations to remove rough sleepers and their family members, on the basis that they are misusing their right to reside.

Roundtable on Homelessness among Migrants in Transit

FEANTSA organized a roundtable, hosted by MEP Brando Benifei, on homelessness among migrants in transit – a target group who often lack legal protection and are unable or unwilling to seek the protection of the transit country.

Campaign Roadmap: Migration & Asylum Roadmap

As a part of the Be Fair, Europe - Stand Up for Homeless People campaign, FEANTSA published a campaign roadmap on how the EU’s Migration & Asylum Policies can help end homelessness among migrants.

Study Session - Housing Solutions to Youth Homelessness Based on a Human Rights Approach

FEANTSA developed and delivered a 5-day course to young professionals from across the homeless sector on solutions to human rights.

▶ AUGUST

◀ SEPTEMBER

12th European Research Conference on Homelessness

The 12th Research Conference on Homelessness was held in Barcelona, Spain and focused on the changing profiles of homelessness and its implications for services.

◀ NOVEMBER

European Pillar of Social Rights

The European Parliament, Council and Commission jointly proclaimed the European Pillar of Social Rights, an instrument to deliver new and more effective rights for citizens, including a priority on “housing and assistance for the homeless”.

European Semester

The European Commission launched the Semester by publishing its 2018 Annual Growth Survey which underlined investment in adequate social housing and other housing assistance as “essential.”

Launch of the Homeless Bill of Rights at the Cities Forum

An initiative of Housing Rights Watch to mobilise local authorities against the criminalisation of homelessness and to contribute to a rights-based approach.

▶ OCTOBER

FEANTSA Ending Homelessness Awards 2017

2017 marks sixty years of the European Social Fund (ESF). To celebrate this, FEANTSA presented gold, silver and bronze awards to innovative, sustainable ESF-funded projects that have improved the lives of homeless people since 2010.

FEANTSA Invited to the European Parliament to assist in drafting the EU Youth Strategy

In October 2017 FEANTSA participated in a roundtable discussion at the European Parliament, hosted by Eider Gardiazabal Rubial M.E.P to demonstrate how future European Youth Strategies can deliver more on combatting social exclusion, poverty and homelessness.

NOVEMBER

FEANTSA supports Urban Poverty Partnership Workshop at Cities Forum

As the coordinator of the Homelessness Working Group of the Urban Poverty Partnership, an initiative established as part of the Urban Agenda for the EU, FEANTSA supported the UPP's workshop at the Cities Forum in Rotterdam where, alongside DG REGIO, Housing Rights Watch and the Housing First Hub Europe, it presented key actions that can empower cities to end homelessness by 2030.

PRODEC Info Session: Homelessness among mobile EU citizens - Focus on the United Kingdom

The first info session within the framework of PRODEC focused on the United Kingdom. Around 30 participants learnt about the main features of the project, the complaint that FEANTSA filed before the European Commission against the UK, the judicial review of the UK Home Office Policy that targets EU citizens sleeping rough and about the impact on individuals and on homeless services.

ELASTIC - Exchange and Learning for Adult Social Workers Was Launched

The ELASTIC project is aimed at improving ICT competences of adult social workers and staff of social organisations working with people in situations of social exclusion.

DECEMBER

FEANTSA Youth Network Calls for Action to End Youth Homelessness in Europe

On Human Rights Day, European youth, housing and human rights organisations called for more action to end youth homelessness, coordinated by the FEANTSA Youth network.

Coalition of NGOs Led by FEANTSA Writes a Letter to Avramopoulos and Thyssen Concerning Growing Pressure on Social Service Providers to Participate in Return Procedures

Shelter and accommodation providers are facing growing pressure from the authorities to participate in return procedures. Several organisations have been asked, either implicitly or explicitly, to categorise people according to their administrative status.

2017 FEANTSA Highlights

FEANTSA CAMPAIGN: BE FAIR EUROPE, STAND UP FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

In March, FEANTSA launched a campaign aiming to put homelessness at the heart of the EU 2030 Agenda. With *Be Fair Europe - Stand Up for Homeless People*, FEANTSA calls on the European Union to end homelessness by 2030. Five key targets have been set:

1. Making more effective use of existing policy instruments

The EU has called on Member States to design and implement integrated strategies to tackle homelessness. However, most countries are not delivering, and EU policy instruments are not being used to their full potential. Therefore, the EU should set a target of ending homelessness as part of its 2030 agenda.

2. Supporting homeless people in all relevant sectoral areas

Many solutions lie in areas beyond specific “homelessness policies”. However, these other policies are often blind to homelessness. Therefore, responses to homelessness should be mainstreamed into the design and implementation of relevant EU sectoral policies including youth, gender, migration, disability, mobility, cohesion and urban development. FEANTSA designed three roadmaps – on the EU Youth Strategy, the EU Migration & Asylum Policy and the EU Urban Agenda, which outline concrete steps to be taken by EU policymakers, in line with national governments, regions, cities and stakeholders to put an end to homelessness.

3. Monitoring homelessness and benchmarking progress at Member State level

The EU plays a key role in monitoring and benchmarking socio-economic indicators across Member States. However, the EU statistical toolkit does not cover homelessness data, making it difficult to track and compare progress. Therefore, homelessness should be an integral element of social analysis carried out by the European Commission.

4. Defending the rights of homeless people

Homeless people have the same basic human rights as everyone else. However, these rights are frequently violated – and, worse still, criminalized in different

Member States. Therefore, the EU can and should act to enforce fundamental rights, social rights and the rights of all EU citizens.

5. Investing EU funds in ending homelessness

Homelessness has significant human, societal and economic costs. Tackling it is a good investment for the future. However, current resources at EU and national level are not enough to deliver lasting solutions. Therefore, EU instruments like the European Structural and Investment Funds and the European Fund for Strategic Investment should be used to help Member States deliver smart, sustainable solution.

HOUSING SOLUTIONS PLATFORM

In the beginning of 2017, the Housing Solutions Platform was successfully launched. The Platform is a joint initiative by FEANTSA, Friends of Europe, the Fondation Abbé Pierre and Housing Europe, which aims to identify, debate and promote innovative solutions for affordable housing in Europe. More than 300 experts, including academics, architects, project leaders, foundations, investors, are currently involved. The Housing Solutions Platform has its own blog series and bulletin. In September, the different partners invited Foundation representatives to Paris to debate the added benefit of this project for their own endeavors in affordable housing. The first high-level seminar on financing innovative housing solutions was organised in partnership with the Council of Europe Development Bank in November.

FEANTSA POLICY CONFERENCE 2017

The 2017 FEANTSA Policy Conference took place at the European Solidarity Centre in Gdansk on 18-19 May. Close to 400 participants came together to discuss solidarity in the homeless sector. The diversity of the participants, from frontline service providers, academics, and advocates to local, national, and European policy-makers, was reflected in a packed programme, entitled “The Fight Against Homelessness: Solidarity in Action.” Participants debated topics as diverse as migration, housing, youth, rights, employment, health, EU funds, addiction, disability and gender.

EUROPEAN OBSERVATORY ON HOMELESSNESS

The 2017 European Research Conference on Homelessness took place in Barcelona, Spain on 22 September. Over 200 participants from across Europe, and the world at large, joined to discuss the implications of changing profiles of homelessness on services.

The eleventh volume of the European Journal of Homelessness was released, with the first edition in June and the second in December. The Journal was comprised of a mix of homeless research articles, research reviews, international reviews, think pieces and book reviews.

The Observatory also published the seventh edition of the Comparative Research Series which looked at family homelessness. The research focused specifically on the nature of family homelessness and how the responses to the issue vary across Europe.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Second Overview of Housing Exclusion in Europe 2017

In cooperation with the Fondation Abbé Pierre, FEANTSA released the Second Overview of Housing Exclusion in Europe. The report reveals alarming evidence of rising homelessness across the majority of the European Union, as well as a dramatic picture of severe housing deprivation in almost all EU countries.

Innovative Housing Solutions Factsheet

The Housing Solutions Platform released a factsheet which presents and promotes innovations in housing, demonstrating the kind of projects the Platform would like to put forward, discuss and disseminate.

A Handbook on Using the European Social Fund to Fight Homelessness

On World Homeless Day, the FEANTSA 2017 Ending Homelessness Awards were handed out to 3 projects by the European Commissioner for Regional Policy, Corina Crețu. The handbook presents the background to the FEANTSA Ending Homelessness Awards, the three winning projects, an explanation of the selection process and a number of lessons learned in using the European Social Fund to tackle homelessness.

Locked Out - Housing Solutions for Vulnerable Young People Transitioning to Independence

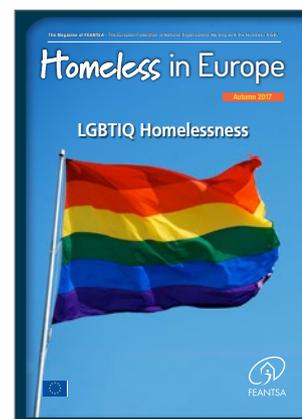
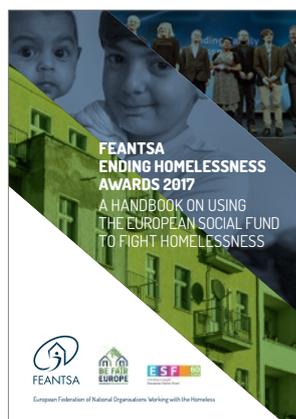
A worrying number of young people in Europe are excluded from the housing market or are inadequately housed. In conjunction with the Fondation Abbé Pierre, FEANTSA released an overview of affordable housing initiatives in Europe targeted at those young people in vulnerable situations.

Housing Solutions to Youth Homelessness Based on a Human Rights Approach

In cooperation with the European Youth Centre of the Council of Europe, FEANTSA organised a Study Session on Housing First for Youth in June. The outcome is a report which presents housing solutions to youth homelessness based on a human rights approach.

FEANTSA Homeless in Europe Magazine

Homeless in Europe is FEANTSA's magazine, with articles written by contributors from all over Europe. Every issue focusses on a specific theme related to homelessness. The 2017 editions covered digital inclusion, increases in homelessness, LGBTQ homelessness and trauma-informed care for homeless people.



A Focus on...

The Homeless Bill of Rights

This is an initiative of Housing Rights Watch to mobilise local authorities against the criminalisation of homelessness and to contribute to a rights-based approach. So far, Barcelona, Murska Sobota, Kranj, Maribor and Slovenj Gradec have signed up. While many other cities were contacted, different processes were initiated at local level. We will continue our efforts to convince cities in the coming year.

FEANTSA, Migrants' Rights Network, and Praxis file a complaint before the European Commission against the UK

In June 2017, FEANTSA launched its first complaint before the European Commission. It regarded the UK Government's use of European Economic Area regulations to remove rough sleepers and their family members on the basis that they are misusing their right to reside. In December 2017, the United Kingdom High Court ruled that this conduct was unlawful. FEANTSA's complaint was included in the documents provided by the Public Interest Law Unit and North East London Migration Action who brought the complaint to the High Court.

PROJECTS

STREET SUPPORT

Cities throughout Europe struggle to address and properly support homeless people who use drugs and alcohol in public spaces. Many times, the situation is reduced to a public nuisance issue. *Street Support* aims to provide tools and models of good practice which facilitate the social (re-)inclusion of homeless persons who use alcohol or drugs. The [Street Support Assessment Report](#) assesses current nuisance-related strategies in different Member States and identifies characteristics of effective inclusive strategies.

GENERATIVITY

Generativity: Manage It supports third sector organisations in finding resources to turn ideas into projects, using project cycle management, and building up the necessary skills to successfully implement a project. A platform has been created where organisations can find learning modules and online tutorials.

SAFE AT HOME

Housing providers have a unique entry into people's homes. Within a number of training sessions, the *Safe at Home* project aims to strengthen the vital role that housing providers can play in detecting and responding to domestic violence. The partnership has conducted a Europe-wide survey about current responses to domestic violence and levels of awareness and has developed a training toolkit.

PRODEC

The project is aimed at supporting EU citizens who have become homeless in another EU country. PRODEC, short for *Protecting the Rights of Destitute EU Citizens*, assesses whether national legislation on social benefits and right to residency are in line with the EU acquis. Other outcomes of the project include the projected development of a litigation strategy and the exchange of expertise with professionals and homeless EU citizens.

ELASTIC

In November, FEANTSA joined a number of other organisations in a project that is aimed at improving the ICT skills of adult social workers. *ELASTIC, Exchange and Learning for Adult Social Workers: Training ICT competences*, will map and exchange ICT competences of social organisations working with people in situations of social exclusion across Europe.

FEANTSA POSITIONS

FEANTSA published a series of policy positions throughout the year. FEANTSA Positions discuss what changes to policy need to be made so that homelessness can be reduced or what can be done to improve the conditions that homeless people face. They are written in response to European policy developments or as the result of work that FEANTSA has undertaken on a particular thematic area.

To Deliver on the 2030 Agenda, let's Leave Homelessness Behind, not Homeless People!

The EU was instrumental in shaping the 2030 Agenda, which defines 17 universal Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In January, FEANTSA reminded the EU that it has an important task to deliver for everyone, making special efforts to reach the poorest and most vulnerable.

The position paper identifies three SGDs relevant for the fight against homelessness and four points to address in order to prevent and tackle homelessness.

Guarantee Access to a Basic Payment Account for Homeless People

At the beginning of 2017, only 16 Member States had announced national transposition measures concerning the Payment Accounts Directive. One of the key elements of the Directive is the right to a basic payment account irrespective of a citizen's place of residence or financial situation. In a position released in January, FEANTSA gives recommendations to the EU, Member States and banks to ensure the right to a basic payment account for all.

Recognising the Link Between Trauma and Homelessness

Many people who are (at risk of) experiencing long term homelessness have been exposed to trauma. However, service systems are not always equipped with the necessary tools or the right responses to help people who have a history of trauma. Therefore, FEANTSA released a paper that explores the relationship between trauma and homelessness, aiming to improve our understanding of trauma experiences among people who are homeless.

Good Practice Guidance for Working with People who are Homeless and use Drugs

In response to the lack of information about targeted interventions available across Europe for homeless people who use drugs, FEANTSA released a good practice collection of targeted interventions for homeless drug users.

Homelessness among Migrants in Transit Needs to be Addressed

Migrants in transit, those who decide not to ask for asylum in a country with the hope of moving to another Member State, have no access to material reception conditions. With increasingly restrictive policies at internal EU borders, migrants in transit are obliged to stay in destitution and administrative uncertainty in a country where they do not wish to remain. In February, FEANTSA released a position calling on the EU to guarantee access to basic services and facilities, and to develop a humane strategy for the future.

The Financialisation of Housing and its Impact on Human Rights: Housing and Homelessness in the EU

At end of February 2017, the UN Special Rapporteur on adequate housing released a report on adequate housing. FEANTSA reacted with a position paper fully supporting the position of adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and the right to non-discrimination in this context, with a focus on the financialisation of housing. FEANTSA welcomed the call of the Special Rapporteur to treat housing not as a commodity but as a human right in order to achieve the goal of ending homelessness by 2030.

For an Inclusive Approach to Accommodation and Reception

In all EU countries, newcomers face suspicion and stigmatisation. Competition among sections of the population is being created: between migrant and non-migrant homeless people on the one hand, as well as between migrants with different administrative status. During the General Assembly in Gdansk in May, FEANTSA members adopted a resolution affirming their commitment to an inclusive approach to reception and accommodation.

European Youth Guarantee: supporting Homeless Youth & Young People Facing Multiple Barriers

The European Commission organised a Youth Guarantee Learning Forum in October. The Forum enabled mutual exchange and learning between practitioners. FEANTSA released a position explaining how the Youth Guarantee could be used as a tool to reach the most vulnerable and social excluded in Europe.

The Good, The Bad & The Ugly: a Housing and Homelessness Perspective on the 2017 European Semester

Prior to the 2018 Autumn Package in November, FEANTSA released a review of the 2017 Semester's engagement with Member States' housing systems from the perspective of homelessness and housing exclusion. The position highlighted the good, the bad and the ugly on homelessness and housing exclusion in the 2017 Semester, suggesting five key take-aways for 2018.

Statutory changes

New FEANTSA president

Following the resignation of Joan Uribe Vilarrodona as FEANTSA President, the election of a new president was held at the FEANTSA Administrative Council (AC) in Gdansk, Poland on 20 May 2017. Ian Tilling, FEANTSA Vice-President and Administrative Council member for Romania, ran for the position and was elected as the new FEANTSA President for the remainder of the current mandate. Ian is the founder of Romania-based charity Casa Ioana, which is dedicated to supporting women and children experiencing domestic violence and family homelessness.

Administrative Council Changes

This year saw numerous changes to the FEANTSA Administrative Council with the addition of six new members. They are Jean Michel David, from Fédération des Acteurs de la Solidarité who replaced Olivier Marguery for France; Elisabeth Hammer, from BAWO (Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Wohnungslosenhilfe), who replaced Christian Perl for Austria; Katerina Glumbikova who replaced Jirí Ružicka for Czech Republic; Pat Doyle, from Peter McVerry Trust, who replaced Kathleen McKillion for Ireland; Laura Guijarro Edo, from Saint John of God who replaced Joan Uribe Vilarrodona for Spain and Andreas Vogt, from Caritas Luxembourg, who replaced Marco Hoffmann for Luxembourg.

Introducing Clusters

From 2017 onwards, what were formerly known as Working Groups within FEANTSA's Organisational Structure will henceforth be known as "Clusters." The main difference is that the membership of the Clusters will rotate based on the topic under discussion. This will allow more people to be involved, and to help us tap into the expertise in the FEANTSA network.

We have Clusters on the following topics: Employment, Health, Housing, Housing Rights, Migration, Participation, Women's Homelessness and Youth.

Coming in 2018



Third Overview of Housing Exclusion in Europe

The third in the series of reports by FEANTSA and the Fondation Abbé Pierre, which uses the latest Eurostat data (EU-SILC) to assess EU countries' capacity to adequately house their populations.



FEANTSA Campaign: Be Fair Europe - Stand Up for Homeless People

FEANTSA will continue to call on the European Union to end homelessness by 2030. FEANTSA will publish more campaign roadmaps and organise an event on World Homeless Day 2018. Keep an eye on the campaign page and the campaign blog site for more information.

FEANTSA Publications

FEANTSA prepared a statement on delivering an employment agenda for homeless people in Europe, which will be released in 2018. There will be new editions of the Homeless in Europe magazine. As usual, two new editions of the European Journal of Homelessness and one edition of Comparative Studies on Homelessness will be released.



Conferences

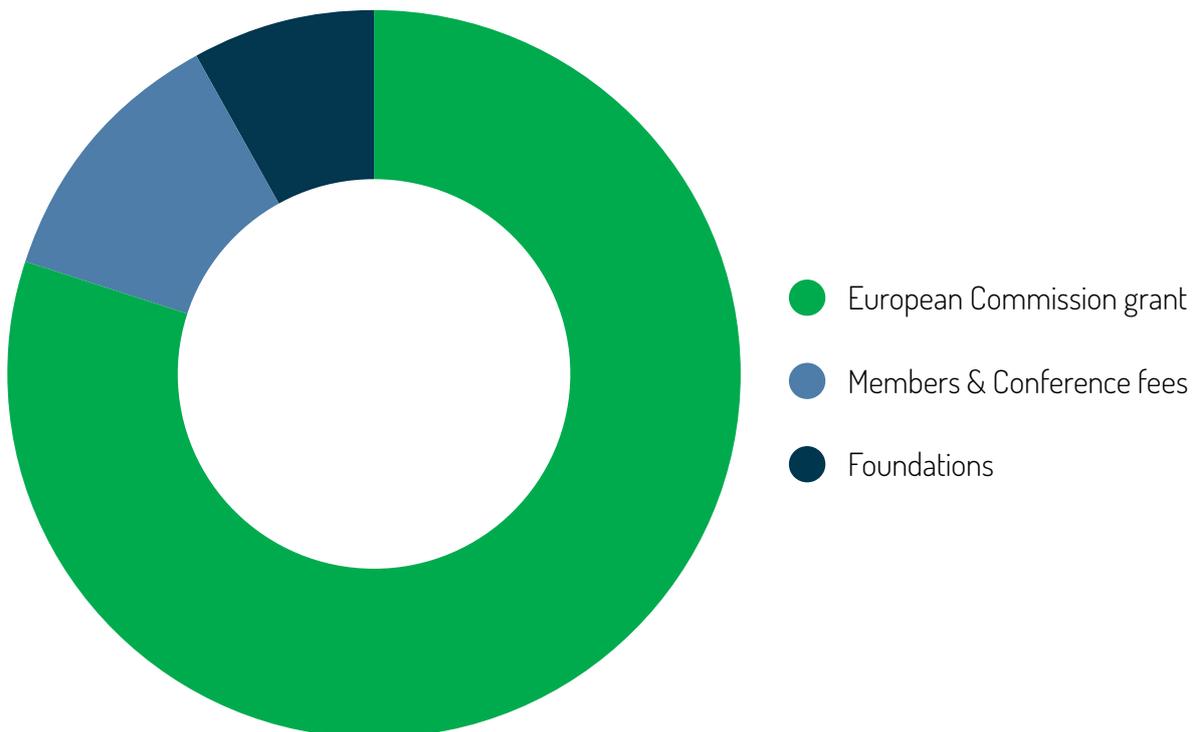
The 2018 FEANTSA Policy Conference will be held in Berlin on 14-15 June. The European Research Conference on Homelessness will take place in Budapest 21 September 2018.

FEANTSA finances

FEANTSA is a non-profit organisation registered in Belgian law as an Association Sans But Lucratif (ASBL). In 2017 FEANTSA's total income was €1,204,875. The majority of FEANTSA's income is from a European Commission grant made under the EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI), with the remainder being made up from membership and conference fees and grants from foundations.

FEANTSA Budget 2017

| SOURCE | TOTAL |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| European Commission grant | 963,900 |
| Members & Conferences fees | 144,602 |
| Foundations | 96,373 |
| Total : | 1,204,875 |



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