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**HOMELESSNESS,  
A **LOCAL**  
PHENOMENON...**



**...WITH A **EUROPEAN**  
DIMENSION**

**KEY STEPS TO CONNECT COMMUNITIES TO EUROPE**

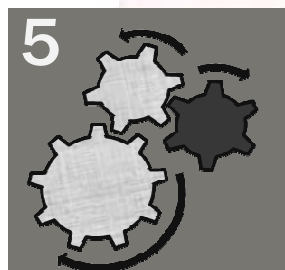
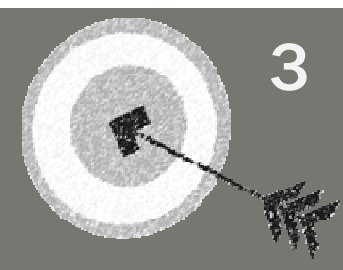
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## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

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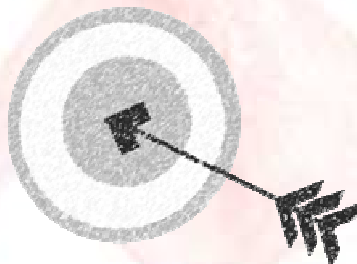
*To Support policy and practice in the field of homelessness, with a focus on social service/policy innovation.*

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*To link local realities to different European policy/legal frameworks, demonstrating where synergies exist already and reflecting on potential synergies.*

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*To provide space for the emergence of new transnational dynamics through networking hotspots.*



## BACKGROUND: LINKING LOCAL AND EUROPEAN REALITIES

The European Commission stepped up efforts on homelessness in 2013 by publishing policy guidance to support Member States in their actions to confront homelessness, and programmes targeting homeless people are now eligible under the new European Structural and Investment Funds and under the Fund for European Aid to the most Deprived. The European Parliament has twice called for an EU homelessness strategy (in 2011 and 2014), and the EU Committee of the Regions reiterated this call at the end of June 2014.

Social Europe consists of two fundamental dimensions: 1. The European political arena in Brussels with all its institutional and non-institutional players pushing the EU social agenda 2. The transnational political arena which spans 28 EU countries and neighbouring countries, regularly bringing together social practitioners to exchange innovative policies/practices. Funded mostly by the European Commission, FEANTSA's key objective is to tackle and prevent homelessness, working in both these arenas to promote the rights of people experiencing homelessness.

There are currently two new emerging trends: on the one hand, the new European Commission (which started a 5-year mandate on 1st November 2014) wishes to get closer to local communities and citizens, to show the relevance of its work in their daily lives; on the other hand, experts in the field of homelessness (people with experience of homelessness, social workers, researchers, national/regional civil servants, local policy-makers and others) are increasingly interested in Brussels and countries around them, always on the lookout for solutions and innovation.

FEANTSA is a European network which knows well these two (sub)national and European realities, and we would like our 2015 conference to link these two worlds in order to create new synergies.

## PROGRAMME AND NETWORKING

We are holding this conference from **Thursday 18 to Saturday 20 June 2015, in Paris, France.**



18 June: Visits and side meetings in the afternoon

19 June: Plenaries and workshops in the [Paris Town Hall](#)\*

20 June: Networking hotspots in the morning in the [Palais de la Femme](#)

From 14:00 on **18 June**, we will have various service visits to see some of the solutions to homelessness in Paris, combined with some open and closed side events. This will then be followed by a dinner in the evening. On **19 June**, we will gather the 300 participants in two plenary sessions, and in 12 parallel Workshop Sessions (with maximum 50 participants each). Each workshop will start with presentations from 2-3 keynote speakers, followed by space for group discussions. On **20 June**, various networking hotspots will bring together like-minded people (forward-thinkers open to European cooperation and exchange) with great intentions to network strategically in meetings and creative spaces.

The main **working language** of the conference will be English. Informal EN/FR interpreting will be provided by volunteers during the site visits on 18 June. Official EN/FR interpreting will be provided in the plenary sessions, and in 6 of the 12 workshops (see below) on 19 June. The networking hotspots will be in English only (with informal interpreting where possible) on 20 June.



# THURSDAY 18 JUNE

14.00-18.00	Pre-conference activities on arrival in Paris
	<p>Before participants all convene on the Friday morning, there are a number of opportunities on the Thursday afternoon to already get familiar with the realities of tackling homelessness in Paris through a selection of service visits, and to start networking with people from across France and Europe.</p> <p><b>« Focus on Paris » : Service visits</b></p> <p>Visit themes include: Culture, Employment/Social economy, Health, Housing/Shelter, Primary assistance, Support, and Youth. Most of these visits are within Paris, and some are outside of Paris but accessible by metro/RER. Each visit will consist of 15-25 people, and they will last about 3 hours. This will be an opportunity to see some of the realities that Paris services work in and to start networking with French and European practitioners attending the conference. See more detailed service descriptions in the Annex.</p> <p><b>Culture and inclusion</b>          *Guided tour of Paris by people with experience of homelessness          *Centre Louvel Tessier - Support and cultural activities</p> <p><b>Employment/Social economy</b>          *Archipel - Inclusion and social mix          *Emmaus Défi - Reintegration through employment and inclusion opportunities</p> <p><b>Health</b>          *ACT-LHSS 93 - Emergency health services for homeless people          *Sleep In - Emergency health services for substance abusers          *CAARUD - Health and outreach work</p> <p><b>Housing/Shelter</b>          *Cité Jacomet - Emergency shelter          *Thermophyles - Semi-collective housing solutions          *Solidarités Nouvelles pour le Logement - 'Very' social housing</p> <p><b>Primary assistance</b>          *Mie de Pain - Day centre          *SIAO - online database of temporary accommodation supply</p> <p><b>Support</b>          *Cité Saint Martin - Multi-disciplinary support in housing          *Housing First pilot in Paris</p> <p><b>Youth</b>          *LAI - Prevention of youth homelessness          *CLLAJ - Youth housing support          *CHU Plurielles - Emergency shelter for young women</p> <p><b>Side meetings</b></p> <p><b>09.00-17.00</b>  <b>Housing Rights Watch and Jurislogement seminar</b>          (open to all conference participants)          Bringing together legal and non-legal experts to discuss issues such as strategic litigation and advocacy to change policy and European rights instruments.          Languages: English and French with simultaneous interpreting          Place: École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris-Belleville          60 boulevard de la Villette, 75019 PARIS          Metro line 2: Belleville or Colonel Fabien</p> <p><b>14.00-17.00</b>  <b>"Social exclusion within rail stations: what are we talking about and how can we deal with it?"</b>          (by invitation only)          Given the presence of very large train stations located in Paris such as Gare du Nord, Gare Saint Lazare, Gare Montparnasse or Gare de Lyon, Paris is particularly affected by situations of social exclusion in stations. On the ground, all partners (City of Paris, French State, SNCF (French rail), NGOs, etc.) have been fighting social exclusion and homelessness for several years: now, all their efforts are united through a Parisian charter against homelessness (signed in February 2015), which focuses on the specific situation in train stations. The goal of this session is to create a space for discussion and benchmarking around this question.</p> <p><b>14.00-17.30</b>  <b>Informal Ministries Forum hosted by DIHAL</b>          (by invitation only)          This is an informal network of national/regional civil servants that meets on an annual basis. Civil servants will discuss conditions and key elements for success in planning and implementing homelessness strategies, drawing on recent experiences from France and other Member States. They will also exchange on strategic planning for future European cooperation.</p> 
19.30	Welcome Dinner

# FRIDAY 19 JUNE

8.00-9.00	<b>Registration</b>		
9.30	<p><b>Welcome</b>  Anne Hidalgo, Paris Mayor  Christophe Girard, Mayor of the 4th arrondissement of Paris  Sylvain Mathieu, Inter-ministerial Delegate for Shelter and Access to Housing, France  André Gachet, Vice-President of FEANTSA  Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility (video message)</p>		
10.00-11.00	<p><b>Plenary I: How can we connect the diversity of actions to tackle homelessness at local, regional, national and European level? (EN/FR)</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> MEP Sylvie Goulard</p> <p>*Mike Allen, President of FEANTSA  *Maria Stratigaki, Vice mayor of Athens for Social Solidarity, Welfare and Equality, City of Athens, Greece  *Tim Richter, Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness, Canada  *Christophe Robert, Fondation Abbé Pierre, France  *Raffaele Tangorra, Ministry of labour and social affairs, Italy</p> </td><td> <p><b>Key questions to the panel</b></p> <p>*What are the key elements of good homelessness policies?  *How can we argue for homelessness reduction and prevention in a context of general budgetary austerity?  *How can we mobilise actors and ensure better coherence between different levels of homelessness action?  *What role should the European Union have in addressing homelessness?</p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> MEP Sylvie Goulard</p> <p>*Mike Allen, President of FEANTSA  *Maria Stratigaki, Vice mayor of Athens for Social Solidarity, Welfare and Equality, City of Athens, Greece  *Tim Richter, Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness, Canada  *Christophe Robert, Fondation Abbé Pierre, France  *Raffaele Tangorra, Ministry of labour and social affairs, Italy</p>	<p><b>Key questions to the panel</b></p> <p>*What are the key elements of good homelessness policies?  *How can we argue for homelessness reduction and prevention in a context of general budgetary austerity?  *How can we mobilise actors and ensure better coherence between different levels of homelessness action?  *What role should the European Union have in addressing homelessness?</p>
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11.30-13.30	<p><b>Workshop session I: Understanding the links between Europe and its communities</b>  (Some workshops will also have European-level speakers responding to the presentations)</p> <p><b>*Europe2020 and the social investment package: converting European recommendations into national homelessness strategies (EN)</b>  <i>The review of the Finnish strategy to end long-term homelessness: facts, findings, future</i> <b>Juha Kaakinen</b>, Y-Foundation, Finland  <i>Developing national-level guidelines to reduce homelessness – using European Funds as a leverage for change</i> <b>Raffaele Tangorra</b>, Ministry of labour and social affairs, Italy  EU response, <b>Andrea Meszaros</b>, DG EMPL, European Commission  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Robert Aldridge</b>, CEO, Homeless Action Scotland</p> <p><b>*EU structural and investment funds – a genuine channel for supporting inclusion pathways for homeless people? (EN/FR)</b>  <i>From exclusion to employment: a model for “impossible to reach” groups under the European Social Fund</i> <b>Sian Tomos</b>, GISDA, Wales, UK  <i>Key steps to making the European Regional Development Fund relevant for housing homeless people</i> <b>Michele Trabucco</b>, Caritas Venice, Italy  EU response, <b>Nicolas Gharbi</b>, DG REGIO, European Commission  <b>Chair:</b> <b>André Gachet</b>, FEANTSA France</p> <p><b>*Diversity of public financing models for homeless services across Europe: still a reality, still the future? (EN/FR)</b>  <i>Preserving diversity of homeless service funding with the transposition of the revised EU public procurement directive</i> <b>Michel Mercadié</b> and <b>Samuel Le Floch</b>, FNARS, France  <i>Public procurement threatening diversity of homeless access to NGO service providers?</i> <b>Kjell Larsson</b>, Gothenburg City Mission, Sweden  EU response, <b>Paola Zanetti</b>, DG GROW, European Commission  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Freek Spinnenwijn</b>, FEANTSA office</p> <p><b>*EU free movement of citizens and homelessness: new challenges and new opportunities (EN/FR)</b>  <i>Cooperation strategies between Poland and the UK to support inclusion of homeless EU citizens</i> <b>Agnieszka Grzelka</b>, Monar, Poland  <i>Access to social benefits for economically active and inactive EU citizens – the impact of recent European Court of Justice decisions</i> <b>Herwig Verschueren</b>, University of Antwerp, Belgium  EU response, <b>Michal Meduna</b>, DG EMPL, European Commission  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Mauro Striano</b>, FEANTSA office</p> <p><b>*Using international legal instruments to drive change at local level (EN)</b>  <i>The Revised Social Charter of the Council of Europe – the right to housing from words to action in local courts</i> <b>Pim Fischer</b> and <b>Joris Sprakel</b>, Fischer Advocaten, The Netherlands  <i>Using international jurisprudence to advocate for better rights-based policies</i> <b>Regis Brillat</b>, Council of Europe  <b>Chairs:</b> <b>Samara Jones</b>, FEANTSA office and <b>Marc Uhry</b>, Fondation Abbé Pierre, France</p> <p><b>*Leaving nobody behind - is the European youth guarantee an opportunity for homeless youth? (EN)</b>  <i>Pushing for a youth housing guarantee to facilitate access to employment and training for vulnerable youth</i> <b>Minnis Vierikko</b>, Youth Housing Association, Finland  <i>The right to after-care guarantee for youth leaving State care – local pilots in a European perspective</i> <b>Stefaan Vanmulders</b>, Flemish agency for youth welfare, Belgium  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Ligia Teixeira</b>, Head of Research &amp; Evaluation, Crisis</p>		

13.30-14.30	Buffet Lunch
14.30-16.30	<p><b>Workshop session II: Communities as a starting point to create new European dynamics</b> (Some workshops will also have European-level speakers responding to the presentations)</p> <p><b>*Promoting links between the homelessness sector and the domestic violence sector to find long-term housing solutions – can Europe support cross-sector cooperation? (EN)</b>  <i>Rebuilding Shattered Lives: Raising awareness of women's homelessness, domestic violence and trauma</i>  Anna Page and Ambreen Butt, St Mungo's Broadway, UK  <i>Housing solutions for victims of domestic violence: a reflection on current gaps and needs which need to be addressed in the future</i>  Rosa Logar, Women Against Violence Europe, Austria  EU response, Emilie Jarrett, DG JUST, European Commission  <b>Chair:</b> Niamh Randall, Head of Policy and Communications, Simon Communities</p> <p><b>*Bridging data gaps on homelessness - from local systems to a Europe-wide system? (EN)</b>  <i>Using both national surveys and client record systems to support policy-making and monitoring</i>  Lars Benjaminsen, SFI research institute, Denmark  <i>Local/regional homelessness surveys and building bridges with national/European measurement systems</i>  Andrea Szabó, Habitat for Humanity Hungary, Hungary  <b>Chair:</b> Volker Busch-Geertsema, Coordinator, European Observatory on Homelessness</p> <p><b>*Promoting inclusive housing markets – is there a role for Europe? (EN/FR)</b>  <i>Ireland's Social Housing Strategy – affordable homes in sustainable communities</i>  Bairbre NicAongusa, Department for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Ireland  <i>The state of housing markets in France and their impact on homelessness</i>  Manuel Domergue, Fondation Abbé Pierre, France  EU response, Peter Pontuch, DG ECFIN, European Commission  <b>Chair:</b> Ruth Owen, FEANTSA office</p> <p><b>*Ending rough sleeping in Europe's cities – is a European alliance possible? (EN/FR)</b>  <i>Rights-based local strategies to reach zero rough sleepers: the experience of Odense</i>  Tom Rønning, Odense local council, Denmark  <i>Criminalisation of homeless people to end rough sleeping – tackling negative legislation and attitudes</i>  Sonia Olea Ferreras, Caritas España, Spain  EU response, Yoomi Renstrom, Chair SEDEC Commission, EU Committee of the Regions  <b>Chair:</b> David Ireland, Director, BHSF, UK</p> <p><b>*Healthcare systems and homelessness in a context of austerity and budget cuts – will Europe ensure access to health for all? (EN)</b>  <i>Cause and effect: Mental health budget cuts and the impact on homelessness</i>  Panagiota Fitsiou, Society of Social Psychiatry and Mental Health, Greece  <i>Care navigators to accompany homeless people – ensuring a continuum of care from entry to safe discharge from hospital</i>  Stan Burrridge, Pathway, UK  <b>Chair:</b> Dalma Fabian, FEANTSA office</p> <p><b>*Housing First local experiments: step by step upscaling to the next level and perspectives for European cooperation (EN/FR)</b>  <i>Key steps to mainstreaming Housing First principles in the wider local homelessness system</i>  Björn Wäst, Helsingborg local council, Sweden  <i>Joint evaluation of 9 Housing First local pilots with a view to national upscaling: key barriers and opportunities</i>  Rick Henderson, Homeless LINK, UK  <b>Chair:</b> María José Aldanas, FEANTSA office</p>
16.30-17.00	Coffee break and meeting of 12 workshop chairs
17.00-18.00	<p><b>Plenary II: Concluding roundtable (EN/FR)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Freek Spinnewijn, Director of FEANTSA</p> <p>*Corinne Cahen, Minister of Family &amp; Integration, Luxembourg  *Dominique Versini, Paris social affairs councillor  *Louis Gallois, President FNARS, France  *Eurocities representative (TBC)</p>
20.30	Dinner

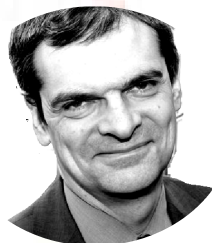
# SATURDAY 20 JUNE

10h00-12h30	Networking hotspots - Venue: Palais de la Femme (metro: Charonne)
	<p>NB The networking hotspots will be in English (with informal translation where possible) and will all take place in the same venue.</p> <div data-bbox="309 389 536 416"> <p><b><u>European networks</u></b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 445 829 472"> <p><b>European Network of Homeless Health Workers</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 477 882 1023"> <p>The network meeting will be dedicated to a training session on Psychologically Informed Environments (PIE). What is a PIE? A short definition would be that 'if you asked a member of staff why they were doing something, they could answer in terms of the psychological and emotional wellbeing of the client(s)'. The PIE approach supports effective work with homeless people, and especially those with histories of complex trauma or so-called 'complex needs'. There is growing evidence of the extent and range of psychological and mental health problems affecting homeless people, and the role they play in sustaining long-term homelessness. The purpose of the training session is to introduce to members of the network the basic concepts of the PIE approach, and to give some practical ideas about how to develop psychologically informed services for homeless people. The training will be led by Dr Peter Cockersell, one of the co-authors of the British national Good Practice Guidance on PIEs.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 1028 758 1055"> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dalma Fabian, FEANTSA office</p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 1084 794 1111"> <p><b>European partnership of private foundations</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 1115 882 1256"> <p>(targeting foundations/funding bodies only) Representatives from different foundations across Europe are invited to join others in discussing possibilities of cross-country cooperation on homelessness/housing exclusion.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 1261 791 1288"> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Freek Spinnewijn, FEANTSA office</p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 1317 882 1375"> <p><b>HABITACT - European exchange forum on local homeless strategies</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 1379 882 1520"> <p>A network of 80+ local authorities, supported by fifteen core partners. They meet annually for peer reviews on specific local homeless policies, and are interested in European cooperation in themes such as Housing First, Prevention, Public Space, and Internal EU migration.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 1525 778 1552"> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Paula Caballero, FEANTSA office</p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 1581 853 1608"> <p><b>HOPE - A Network of HOmeless PEople in Europe</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 1612 882 1783"> <p>This network was set up in 2009. HOPE network members regularly participate in FEANTSA conferences – they are experts by their past experience of homelessness. This will be an opportunity to discuss empowerment and participation of homeless people, and to further build the network.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 1787 767 1814"> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Harald Gjersø (HOPE President)</p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 1843 608 1870"> <p><b>EU mobile citizens network</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 1874 882 2045"> <p>This is a newly established network which would like to share its good practice with other practitioners working on EU free movement and homelessness. The hotspot will provide an update on a currently funded Erasmus+ project and will aim to bring more practitioners to help build the network further.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="309 2049 759 2076"> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mauro Striano, FEANTSA office</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 389 1118 416"> <p><b><u>Creative spaces</u></b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 461 1509 519"> <p><b>Building links on prevention of youth homelessness</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 526 1509 754"> <p>This hotspot will gather practitioners interested in addressing youth homelessness, update participants on new and future projects of the <b>FEANTSA Youth network</b>, and will provide an opportunity to learn about initiatives in Canada to end youth homelessness (with the participation of Canadian experts Stephen Gaetz and Melanie Redman).</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 759 1414 786"> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Samara Jones, FEANTSA office</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 831 1437 857"> <p><b>Communicating homelessness – New ideas</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 864 1509 1025"> <p>This hotspot, targeting journalists and communications professionals, will aim to provide a space where participants can brainstorm and put forward new ideas on how to effectively communicate homelessness.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 1032 1444 1059"> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Suzannah Young, FEANTSA office</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 1104 1509 1164"> <p><b>Families on the street – from inaction to trivialisation of a reality?</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 1169 1509 1299"> <p>This meeting will enable participants to exchange ideas on this emerging reality in Europe, and discuss what action can be taken to effectively prevent the trivialisation of family homelessness in Europe.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 1303 1509 1332"> <p><b>Moderator:</b> André Gachet, FEANTSA Vice-President</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 1375 1350 1404"> <p><b>Women's homelessness World Café</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 1408 1509 1637"> <p>On the menu: exchanges of experiences, practice, challenges. The aim of the meeting, targeting practitioners working with homeless women, will be to provide a space for the exchange of good practice on ways to address this emerging phenomenon in Europe, and identify new expertise/research/experts on women's homelessness.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="932 1641 1509 1704"> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Christian Perl (BAWO Austria) and Niamh Randall (Simon Communities of Ireland)</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1136 1760 1270 1971" data-label="Image"> </div>
14h00-17h00	FEANTSA General Assembly





**Anne Hidalgo**, Paris Mayor



**Sylvain Mathieu**, Inter- ministerial Delegate for Shelter and Access to Housing, France



**Christophe Girard** has been Mayor of the 4th district of Paris since July 2012 and Regional councilor for Ile-de- France since March 2010. Former Deputy Mayor of Paris in charge of culture from 2001 to 2012, he was the initiator of the 'Nuit Blanche' initiative. Christophe Girard keeps on fighting for the causes he has been advocating for all his life: culture, equal rights for same-sex couples, education and fighting against all forms of discrimination. In January 2003 he was made an Officer in the Order of Arts and Letters and Officer of the Legion of Honour in March 2013.



**Mike Allen** is currently the President of FEANTSA. He is Director of Advocacy, Communications and Research at the housing and homeless organisation, Focus Ireland. He was the General Secretary of the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed (INOUE) from 1987-2000, and General Secretary of the Irish Labour Party from 2000 to 2008. He has served on the Administrative Council of the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) and FEANTSA.



**André Gachet** is Vice-President of FEANTSA. He has experience of social work and studies in the areas of inadequate housing and homelessness, housing rights and the European dimension (Technical Advisor ALPIL in Lyon and director FAPIL). He is an elected councillor of the metropolis of Lyon.



**Maria Stratigaki** has been Vice Mayor of Athens for Social Solidarity, Welfare & Equality since September 2014. She is an Associate Professor at the Department of Social Policy of Panteion University, teaching on gender, social policy and gender equality policies. She served as the Secretary General for Gender Equality at the Hellenic Interior Ministry (2009-2012). From 1991 to 1999 she worked at the European Commission Unit on equal opportunities between women and men (DG EMPL). Furthermore, during her professional career she has also been the General Director of the Research Centre on Gender Equality- KETHI (1999-2002) and the Centre for Gender Studies at Panteion University (2007-2009).



**Marianne Thyssen** is European Commissioner for employment, social affairs and inclusion.





**Tim Richter** is the President & CEO of the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH). The mission of the CAEH is to create a national movement to prevent and end homelessness in Canada. Prior to joining the CAEH, Tim was President & CEO of the Calgary Homeless Foundation charged with leading the implementation of Calgary's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness – the first plan of its kind in Canada. In the first four years of Calgary's 10 Year Plan, more than 4,000 homeless men, women and children were housed, 3,582 units of affordable housing were funded, and homelessness went down for the first time in 20 years of counting.



**Christophe Robert** is Managing Director of the Abbé Pierre Foundation. A Doctor of Sociology, he has been in charge of coordinating the Annual Report on the state of inadequate housing in France since 2004. He previously worked in research for 10 years for a Paris-based design office in the areas of housing, urban policy and exclusion.



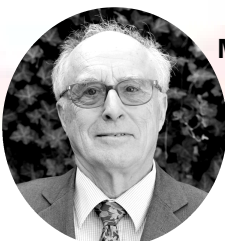
**Louis Gallois** has been President of the National Federation of shelter and social reintegration NGOs (FNARS) since June 2012. In parallel, he is Chairman of the SAP Supervisory Board and co-chair of La Fabrique de l'Industrie, a laboratory of ideas for developing reflection on challenges and opportunities in Industry. He began his career at the French Treasury Department; he was then director of the Jean-Pierre Chevènement cabinet at the Ministry of Research and Technology and the Ministry of Research and Industry before becoming Head of Industry and then Director of Cabinet of the Minister of Defence. He then chaired the National Society of studies and construction in aviation, Snecma engines. Chairman and CEO of Aerospatiale, he was then president of SNCF (French rail), co-chair and President and a director of EADS and, in parallel, President and CEO of Airbus. He was General Commissioner for Investment.



**Sylvie Goulard** has been an MEP since 2009. She is a member of the group the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE). She is a member of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON) and a substitute member of the Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO). She is president of the European Parliament Intergroup fighting against poverty which works to ensure that Europe's most deprived persons have a voice at European level. After her law studies, and having graduated from Sciences Po and the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in France, Sylvie Goulard worked as a diplomat in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (legal affairs department/policy planning staff) as well as at the Conseil d'Etat. Between 2001 and 2004 she worked with Romano Prodi, during his time as President of the European Commission.



**Dominique Versini** studied Political Science in Paris; she later graduated with a diploma in business law. She took part in creating the SAMU with Dr. Xavier Emmanuelli and in 1995, she became the General Manager, a position that she held until her appointment by the French President Jacques Chirac as Secretary of State in 2002. She also co-founded SAMU social International in 1998. While working in the Government (2002-2004) she was in charge of fighting poverty and exclusion. In 2004, she became a Councillor of State. In 2006 she was appointed Ombudsman for children and chaired the European network of Ombudsmen for children (ENOC). In 2014, during the last Paris municipal elections, she actively participated in Anne Hidalgo's election campaign that led this latter to become Mayor of Paris. On March 2014, Dominique Versini was elected Paris councilor and appointed Deputy Mayor in charge of solidarity, family, young children, child protection, senior citizens and the fight against poverty. She was elected Vice President at the General Council of Paris.



**Michel Mercadié** was responsible for a variety of accommodation and integration initiatives in France for 30 years; Honorary President of FEANTSA, he also has 22 years of experience at European level and was director of the European Social Platform during the negotiations on the Government Procurement Directive.



**Agnieszka Grzelka**, psychologist, international cooperation specialist, connected with MONAR Association, works with socially excluded individuals, including homeless and addicted persons. She is an active participant in EU-level cooperation initiatives devoted to the problem of addiction and homelessness, including homeless migrants in Europe.



**Corinne Cahen** has been Minister of Family and Integration and the Greater Region in the government Bettel-Schneider since December 2013. She studied translation, business, and journalism. She then worked as a journalist for AFP and Radio France Internationale, which included a spell as a White House correspondent in Washington, DC. Before entering politics, she was a businesswoman managing her family's shoe shops in Luxembourg City and was active as President of the Luxembourg City retail business association from 2008 to 2012. She entered politics in 2013, and managed to get directly elected to Parliament in the October 20th 2013 elections, but only briefly took up the post as she was then made a minister.



**Régis Brillat** is Head of the Department of the European Social Charter at the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe, Strasbourg. He joined the Council of Europe in 1983 and has worked at the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, at the Department of the Legal Adviser and at the Secretariat of the European Commission for Democracy through Law. Since 1993, he has been the Head of the Department of the European Social Charter and Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights (examination of national reports and treatment of collective complaints, assistance to States for the ratification and the implementation of the Charter, representation of the Committee and the Department in international meetings).



Since 2012, **Minna Vierikko** has been the Secretary General of the Finnish Youth Housing Association (NAL). She has a master's degree in social policy. The Finnish Youth Housing Association is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation independent of any political and denominational affiliation. NAL has 7 national member organisations and 26 independent local youth housing associations. The Finnish Youth Housing Association builds and rents out apartments for young people under 30 years of age, provides supported housing and information about youth housing and influences general housing policy.



**Stefaan Van Mulders**, age 61, Dr in Law, has led the Flemish agency for youth welfare, a public agency dealing with youth care and welfare in Flanders, for the past 10 years. He was elected 'public administration manager of the year' in 2012. Earlier, he was active in the department of international affairs and in public law and public administration management.



**Anna Page** joined St Mungo's as Policy, Public Affairs and Research Manager in November 2012. She previously worked at Revolving Doors, a charity focusing on people with multiple needs in contact with the criminal justice system, the Cabinet Office in the UK Government, Homeless Link and a number of other charities. She is a trustee of youth mental health charity Off Centre.

**Ambreen Butt** is a Project Worker for St Mungo's Broadway, working in an 26-bed men's hostel in London to support vulnerable men with drug and alcohol addictions with mental health needs who also have a history of/ are offending. Mimi first came to St Mungo's Broadway as a service user in 2013. After volunteering with client involvement group Outside In for 8 months, Mimi joined the organisation's apprentice scheme in summer 2014. She worked as an Apprentice Project Worker in the mental health sector before becoming a full time permanent member of staff in 2015.





**Lars Benjaminsen** works in the Research Unit on Social Policy and Welfare Service at the Danish National Centre for Social Research and is the Coordinator of the research programme on social exclusion. He is also a Member of the European Observatory on Homelessness in FEANTSA. His research focus is on how processes of social marginalisation interact with the stratification of urban space and housing exclusion. He uses both quantitative and qualitative methodologies with a focus on how social inequality, marginalisation, housing exclusion and homelessness are produced in inter-play between processes on a micro level and structural forces on a macro level.



**Bairbre Nic Aongusa** leads the Housing Division at the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in Ireland. Among her current challenges are the development and implementation of an ambitious six-year Social Housing Strategy, including plans to address homelessness and the housing needs of people with a disability; the enactment of legislation to improve regulation of the private rented sector and the implementation of new building control regulations.



**Andrea Szabó** has been a member of “3rd of February” working group in Hungary since 2010. Her research interests focus on the effectiveness of integration programmes for homeless people, and on the analysis of survey data on Hungarian homelessness. Currently she is working on the implementation of a Housing First project in Budapest as project manager.



**Stan Burrridge**'s wealth of lived experiences including homelessness and social/health exclusion enable him to engage effectively with ‘Experts by Experience’, service providers, and policy makers.



**Manuel Domergue** is the Director of Studies of the Abbé Pierre Foundation. He is in charge of drafting the annual report on the state of inadequate housing in France for the Foundation.



**Tom Rønning** is a strategic consultant for the Social Housing Department in the Municipality of Odense and previously worked at the Danish Refugee Council. He has been involved in Social Housing for nearly 30 years. He is involved in creating and developing projects for social excluded persons at local and national level. Tom Rønning has also participated in international work in the area of homelessness for the last 8 years and represents the municipality of Odense on the steering committee of HABITACT.



**Sonia Olea Ferreras** is a Human Rights Officer in Caritas Española and a member of its Advocacy Team. She has a Law Degree, a Master's in Migration and a Master's in International Relations. Sonia started to work as lawyer specialised in migration in 1989. Since then, she has worked in Chile as a human rights advisor and as a lawyer for persons experiencing social and housing exclusion. In the development of her activity she has carried out various projects, including training and designing strategies concerning the legalisation of illegal dwellings inhabited by marginalised populations in Santiago de Chile. She was previously the Homelessness and Housing Inclusion Programme Director at Caritas Spain. She also coordinated the Ending Homelessness Campaign (Campaña Nadie Sin Hogar) that has been running for 20 years, together with fePsh, FACIAM, Bestebi and the Xarxa d'atenció a persones sense llar. She was previously a member of the FEANTSA Administrative Council and was appointed Chair of its Migration Working Group during her first two years. A member of fePsh, Sonia was also Vice-President of the network. She is now a member of the HREG of FEANTSA and Housing Rights Watch.



**Panagiota Fitsiou** is a psychologist with an MSc in Social Psychiatry. She has been working for the Society of Social Psychiatry and Mental Health and for the Mental Health Institute for Children and Adults in Greece since 1996. She is also a Board Member of the Greek Network for Housing Rights. Her areas of expertise include personal psychotherapy, community based services, awareness raising on mental health and European projects.



**Michele Trabucco** is a member of the European Professional Committee of Caritas Italiana, a Representative of Caritas Veneto on Structural Funds Committees of the Veneto region and Regional coordinator for the Veneto region in fio.PSD. He has a degree in Theology and a degree in Development and International Cooperation.



**Sian Elen Tomos** is Chief Executive of GISDA, a charity working with homeless Young people in North Wales, UK. They provide Support and accommodation as well as raise awareness about homelessness in schools and in the Community. They have several projects including counselling, mediation, employability skills and they also have their own social enterprise. They run their own cafe/ training Centre where Young people can come and volunteer and gain new skills and experience. GISDA was established in 1985 and are therefore celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday this year!



**Rick Henderson** is the CEO of Homeless Link, the national umbrella membership body for homelessness agencies in England. Rick has been CEO for 3 years, prior to this he was CEO of Action for Advocacy and is the author of 'A Right Result? Advocacy, Justice and Empowerment' (Policy Press). Rick has over 25 years' experience of developing and leading services for vulnerable and disempowered adults.



**Herwig Verschueren** is a professor of International and European Labour and Social Security Law at the University of Antwerp (Belgium). He is also a visiting professor at the University of Brussels (VUB).



**Björn Wäst** is the Manager of the housing unit in the social administration and also homelessness coordinator for the city of Helsingborg, Sweden. His role is to manage housing for people with addictions and to coordinate the local homeless strategy.



**Joris Sprakel** joined the Fischer Advocaten law firm in 2005. He has been involved as co-author in all Collective Complaints against the Netherlands. Joris Sprakel also works as a lecturer in Human Rights Law at The Hague University.



**Pim Fischer** started working as a lawyer in 1997. For the last 10 years he has devoted his work to helping undocumented migrants towards social and economic rights. Pim Fischer has initiated and co-authored all three Collective Complaints against the Netherlands.





**Freek Spinnewijn** has been the director of FEANTSA since 2001. FEANTSA, the European Federation of National Organisations Working with Homeless People, is a European network of NGOs working on the issue of homelessness. It has members in 30 European countries. FEANTSA is the only major European network that focuses exclusively on homelessness at European level. Freek sits on the steering group of several European and national research and exchange projects on homelessness (e. g. Hope in Stations and Housing First Europe).



**Samuel Le Floch** has been responsible for European affairs since 2008 in FNARS (National Federation of Reception and Reintegration Associations - <http://www.fnars.org>). In particular, he worked on the development of associations' use of financing methods in the fight against exclusion in France and its impact on relations between the associations and the government, between service delivery and co-construction public policies.



**Raffaele Tangorra** is Director General for Social Inclusion and Social Policies in the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies in Italy (since 2006). He has a B.Sc. in Economics from Bocconi University, an M.Sc. in Economics from the London School of Economics and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Pavia. He joined the public administration in 1999 as a Senior Economist in the Department for Economic Affairs of the Prime Minister's Office, working mainly in the area of welfare and labour market policies. He is the Italian representative in the EU Social Protection Committee. He chaired the EU Task-force that produced the Report *Growth, Jobs and Social Progress* (2009). He has published a number of articles and reports in the area of social policies.



**Juha Kaakinen** is Chief Executive Officer of Y-Foundation, the biggest Finnish NGO acquiring flats from the private market for homeless people. Juha holds a Master of Arts from the University of Helsinki. From 2008- 2012, he worked for the Finnish Ministry of the Environment as Programme Leader of the National Programme to reduce long-term homelessness 2008-2011. He was reappointed in 2012 and will carry on as Programme leader until the end of 2015. He was also the Secretary of the working Group of "Wise People" appointed by the Ministry of Housing to formulate the basic principles for the Homelessness Reduction Programme. From 1990- 2011, he was CEO of Sosiaalikehitys Oy (Social Development Ltd), a Research and Development Company owned by 11 municipalities). He held various positions at the Social Welfare Department of the City of Helsinki between 1979 and 1990. He was Chief Administrator and Office Manager in charge of social services and supported housing for homeless people between 1984 and 1990. He was an Expert Member of the Board for Y-Foundation between 1986 and 2003 and was a National Expert, for The Ministry of Social Welfare and Health, one of the three invited experts to formulate a national development programme for social services in 2002. Juha has written Over 50 research papers, articles and evaluation reports on social services, employment projects and policies and homelessness issues.



**Kjell Larsson** is Development manager at Sweden city mission and has executive experience from both municipality and civil society in Gothenburg. He has worked for many years on procurement processes and joined a number of national reference Groups concerning homelessness.



**Rosa Logar** is one of the founders of the first Austrian women's shelter in 1978. Rosa is a national and international women's human rights activist and co-founder of the European network WAVE - Women Against Violence Europe, a lecturer at the School for Social Work in Vienna, and she is the director of the Domestic Violence Intervention Programme in Vienna (founded in 1998) and has been a member of the governmental working group drafting the new Domestic Violence Bill in Austria. Further fields of work include violence prevention, training for police, judges and other professionals and research. Rosa Logar has written numerous articles as well as information and training material and is co-author and co-editor of several books on violence against women and children. Currently Rosa is one of eight experts in the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence Against Women, including Domestic Violence.





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## **WORKSHOP SESSION I: UNDERSTANDING THE LINKS BETWEEN EUROPE AND ITS COMMUNITIES**

### **Europe2020 and the social investment package: converting European recommendations into national homelessness strategies (EN)**

The Europe 2020 Strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth includes the EU's first-ever headline target on tackling poverty - reducing the number of people at risk of poverty and social exclusion by 20 million by 2020. To help reach this goal, the Commission published policy guidance in a Social Investment Package in 2014. Social investment means enhancing people's capacities and supporting their participation in society and the labour market. The Package encourages Member States to adopt long-term, housing-led, integrated homelessness strategies. This workshop will explore how Member States are doing this. It will examine the opportunities and challenges faced, and how policies to address homelessness can contribute to meeting the Europe 2020 ambition on poverty. So far, roughly half of the Member States have developed homelessness strategies, with a growing number working towards one. This workshop is timely as Europe 2020 is currently undergoing a mid-point review. The EU is failing to make progress towards the poverty target and there is an urgent need for reflection on how to do better in the future. Experiences of developing national homelessness strategies will be shared from Finland and Italy. Discussion will focus on experiences from other Member States and the role of the EU.

### **Diversity of public financing models for homeless services across Europe: still a reality, still the future? (EN/FR)**

Member States have time until 2016 to transpose the EU public procurement Directive (2014) into national legislation. Some will argue that many social services fall outside the scope of the Directive, others are of the opinion that it will have a substantial impact on how social services will be financed in the future. A lot will depend on how Member States interpret the EU Directive and how strictly they transpose it into national law. But it is clear that there is a strong push to use public procurement to finance social services more often, including services for people who are homeless. This workshop will help you understand the threats public procurement can present to the quality of homelessness services, and how we can use the EU Directive to overcome some of these threats. The presentations come from France – a country with a long history of financing social services using alternatives to public procurement, and Sweden - a country where public procurement is a standard practice in the allocation of public money for social services. As introduction to the workshop you might want to read the briefing note on the public procurement Directive prepared by Social Services Europe of which FEANTSA is a member.

### **EU free movement of citizens and homelessness: new challenges and new opportunities (EN/FR)**

Numerous EU citizens make use of the right to free movement every day and many people have permanently established a new life abroad, thus contributing to the wealth and growth of the host society. However, there is a small but significant proportion of EU citizens for whom moving to another Member State has become a poverty trap. They are destitute and homeless and face difficulties in accessing the right support. This workshop, building on experiences of collaboration between sending and receiving countries and reflecting on the EU legal framework concerning free movement, will provide an overview about the factors that lead mobile EU citizens to become homeless and aim at assessing to which extent the EU legislation and acquis on free movement can cover economically inactive EU migrants.

### **Leaving nobody behind - is the European youth guarantee an opportunity for homeless youth? (EN)**

Vulnerability to homelessness is increasing among European youth, mainly due to reforms in social benefits and due to families being under pressure as a result of the economic and financial crisis (unemployment and threat of eviction). While the phenomenon is still only an emerging one, prevention mechanisms are being put into place in some countries to avoid the interruption of school and other important socialising processes. This workshop will examine some of the existing practices recently put in place.

### **EU structural and investment funds – a genuine channel for supporting inclusion pathways for homeless people? (EN/FR)**

We are in the second year of the programming period (2014-2020) of the EU Structural Funds. Most operational programmes of the Member States, which serve as the basis for the selection of projects for funding, have now been adopted. Both the ESF and the ERDF can be used to fund policies and services for people who are homeless. In this programming period Member States are obliged, for the first time, to reserve at least 20% of the ESF funds on poverty. The ERDF regulation stipulates, amongst other things, that funds can be used for social and health infrastructure as part of de-institutionalisation processes. The reality, however, is that few national/regional authorities managing the EU funds use these possibilities. The reason for this can be competing priorities, but it is often also related to a lack of awareness and understanding of how the EU Funds can contribute to the fight against homelessness. That is why we selected two interesting examples of ESF and ERDF funds being allocated to homelessness for this workshop. After the presentations there will be ample time to exchange ideas on how to access EU funds for homeless services and policies.

### **Using international legal instruments to drive changes at local level (EN)**

How can international legal tools have an important impact at local level? Organisations, local authorities and others can use these tools to enhance their policy and their advocacy for better, effective solutions to homelessness. Pim Fischer and Joris Sprakel will look at the impact of the European Committee on Social Rights' (ECSR) decision against The Netherlands on the Collective Complaint brought by FEANTSA in 2013 (86/2012) on the right to shelter. Regis Brillat, from the Council of Europe will bring insights into recent jurisprudence from the ECSR that can support NGOs and advocates working to address homelessness.

## **WORKSHOP SESSION II:**

### **COMMUNITIES AS A STARTING POINT TO CREATE NEW EUROPEAN DYNAMICS**

#### **Promoting links between the homelessness sector and the domestic violence sector to find long-term housing solutions – can Europe support cross-sector cooperation? (EN)**

Women's homelessness is gaining more and more recognition in the homeless sector, as a sector which has been very much dominated by the 'homeless as a male' stereotype and often fails to recognize the specific needs of homeless women. Also, the link between domestic violence and homelessness is gaining more attention at European level and a few European (DAPHNE) projects have been addressing the needs of women who are victims of Domestic violence and homeless. This workshop will share the findings of a research project exploring the needs, expectations and aspirations of women who are homeless and an awareness-raising campaign that followed. It will also look at how the Domestic violence sector and the homelessness sector could cooperate to find long-term housing solutions for women who become homeless as a result of domestic violence.

#### **Bridging data gaps on homelessness - from local systems to a Europe-wide system? (EN)**

Effective strategies to address homelessness must be evidence-based. Data on homelessness is required for diagnostic and for monitoring purposes. Yet, data collection remains a significant challenge in many contexts. This workshop will examine the evolution of data collection systems on homelessness at different levels within the EU. It will share lessons from experience and explore options for enhancing the availability of policy-relevant data on homelessness at local, national and EU level. Case studies from Hungary and Denmark will be presented. Discussion will focus on challenges and opportunities. A central question will be how to bridge the gap between local and European data in order to improve monitoring of homelessness in the framework of EU efforts to tackle poverty. EU-level cooperation has already contributed to improving data collection through studies, projects, guidance for population censuses etc. The workshop will take stock and consider what more can be done, for example through EU-SILC (the EU survey on income and living conditions).



### **Promoting inclusive housing markets – is there a role for Europe? (EN/FR)**

Addressing homelessness ultimately means promoting, protecting and fulfilling the right to adequate housing for all. Housing markets and the policies that impact upon them play a central role in generating or mitigating homelessness. Furthermore, housing markets were a key factor in the recent economic and social crisis. Housing policy is a competence of European Union (EU) Member States. Nevertheless, housing markets are increasingly affected by EU policy-making. For example, strengthened macroeconomic surveillance arrangements introduced since the crisis mean that the European Commission now analyses and makes recommendations on Member States' housing markets in the framework of the European Semester. Social housing policy is increasingly debated at EU-level, including in the framework of competition law. There is scope to use the European Union Structural and Investment Funds to intervene in housing markets. In this context, this workshop will provide a space for debate and discussion on how to make progress towards balanced, well functioning housing systems that can deliver the right to housing for all, as opposed to generating homelessness and housing exclusion. Presentations from Ireland and France will provide detailed case-studies. A central question will be what role Europe can plan in promoting inclusive housing markets.

### **Healthcare systems and homelessness in a context of austerity and budget cuts – will Europe ensure access to health for all? (EN)**

As a result of the economic crises, many changes have been introduced to national health care system reforms. The aim of these reforms is to make the health care systems sustainable and cost-effective. These measures, often solely aiming at reducing expenditure, can compromise the effectiveness and undermine the values of the health system. This workshop will share the experience of how mental health and homelessness is closely linked and how the budget cuts in the mental health sector can have severe impact on homelessness. It will also present a successful model of enhanced care co-ordination for homeless people admitted to hospital from a service-user perspective.

### **Ending rough sleeping in Europe's cities – is a European alliance possible? (EN/FR)**

Can rough sleeping be eliminated in European cities? What does it mean to end rough sleeping? Can we set a goal that would resonate across Europe? This workshop will look at how Odense in Denmark has come close to ending rough sleeping completely with rights-based local strategies. In Spain, however, the central government has recently passed punitive measures that can be used by police and authorities to target homeless people in public spaces. Sonia Olea Ferreras will comment on this alarming development and the struggle that local actors now face.

### **Housing First local experiments: step by step upscaling to the next level and perspectives for European cooperation (EN/FR)**

Policy makers and service providers are increasingly convinced of the value of Housing First as part of the policy and service mix required to end homelessness. As a result, there are a growing number of Housing First programmes in Europe and a growing interest in the model. This has generated a significant demand for capacity building and education resources for homeless service providers and policy makers in Europe. FEANTSA has invited representatives from different cities where Housing First is at different stages of implementation. Helsingborg city was one of the pioneers to implement Housing First in Sweden and are now upscaling the model. The English case will introduce you to one of the most recent developments as an evaluation has taken place of 9 services in England covering the effectiveness of the Housing First approach. FEANTSA is developing a Housing First Guide for Europe that would build on the existing knowledge and understanding of Housing First in Europe in order to help and support transfer, adaptation and embedding in diverse local and national contexts by policy makers and service providers. From the FEANTSA perspective, we hope the discussion will generate ideas about how best to continue to support the work on Housing First that is happening in different Member States from the European level.

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# Networking hotspots

## European Network of Homeless Health Workers

The network meeting will be dedicated to a training session on Psychologically Informed Environments (PIE). What is a PIE? A short definition would be that 'if you asked a member of staff why they were doing something, they could answer in terms of the psychological and emotional wellbeing of the client(s)'. The PIE approach supports effective work with homeless people, and especially those with histories of complex trauma or so-called 'complex needs'. There is growing evidence of the extent and range of psychological and mental health problems affecting homeless people, and the role they play in sustaining long-term homelessness. The purpose of the training session is to introduce to members of the network the basic concepts of the PIE approach, and to give some practical ideas about how to develop psychologically informed services for homeless people. The training will be led by Dr Peter Cockerell, one of the co-authors of the British national Good Practice Guidance on PIEs.



## EU mobile citizens network

Estimated length of the hotspot: 2 hours

The EU mobile citizens network is a developing network within the framework of a currently funded Erasmus+ project, led by Caritas Vilnius. The project aims at identifying the major challenges faced by homeless service providers when it comes to providing help to destitute EU mobile citizens, collecting case studies, gathering training material in order to develop a toolkit that will be of use for those organisations/public authorities that want to find and implement suitable and durable solutions.

The hotspot will present the objectives and deliverables of the project, provide an update about the first outcomes and establish contacts with other practitioners and organisations that might want to be part of the network.

Mauro Striano, migration policy officer for FEANTSA - which is one of the project partners - will present the project, its objectives and deliverables, explain the reasons behind the setting-up of the network and the first ideas on how to develop it further. Other project partners will support the presentation by including information about the first case studies already drafted.

A discussion with the audience will follow in order to better identify how the network should be developed and which stakeholders would like to be part of it. The project partners will answer audience questions and will exchange experiences, ideas, good practice and possible training material that might be included in the toolkit, with the participants.

## HOPE - A Network of HOmeless PEople in Europe

This network was set up in 2009. HOPE network members regularly participate in FEANTSA conferences - they are experts by their past experience of homelessness. This will be an opportunity to discuss empowerment and participation of homeless people, and to further build the network.

## European partnership of private foundations

(targeting foundations/funding bodies only)

Representatives from different foundations across Europe are invited to join others in discussing possibilities of cross-country cooperation on homelessness/housing exclusion.

### **Building links on prevention of youth homelessness**

This hotspot is an opportunity to learn more about FEANTSA's Youth Homelessness network, current projects including an Erasmus + project on establishing an after-care guarantee for young people leaving institutional care, and to plan for future projects. We will have a feature presentation in the first part of the session on "Supporting a shift to youth homelessness prevention in the community and in government: The emerging role of the Coalition to End Youth Homelessness in Canada" Presenters: Stephen Gaetz, Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, York University, Toronto, Canada and Melanie Redman, Coalition to End Youth Homelessness, Director of National Initiatives, Eva's Initiatives, Toronto, Canada. This session is open to all FEANTSA members and others working on issues connected to young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness are encouraged to join this session.

### **Communicating homelessness – New ideas**

This hotspot, targeting journalists and communications professionals, will aim to create links between participants and provide a space where they can brainstorm and put forward new ideas on how to communicate homelessness effectively, and give examples of innovative work they have been doing. The group will reflect on new or innovative communications initiatives they are aware of and assess their usefulness. In addition, the group will think about Europe's role in supporting communications on homelessness.

### **HABITACT - European exchange forum on local homeless strategies**

A network of 80+ local authorities, supported by fifteen core partners. They meet annually for peer reviews on specific local homeless policies, and are interested in European cooperation in themes such as Housing First, Prevention, Public Space, and Internal EU migration.

### **Women's Homelessness World Café**

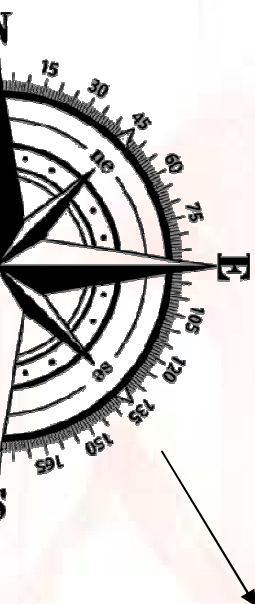
Women's homelessness World Café - On the menu: exchanges of experiences, practice, challenges. The aim of the meeting, which targets practitioners working with homeless women, will be to provide a space for the exchange of good practice on ways to address this emerging phenomenon in Europe, and identify new expertise/experts on women's homelessness.

### **Families on the street – from inaction to trivialisation of a reality?**

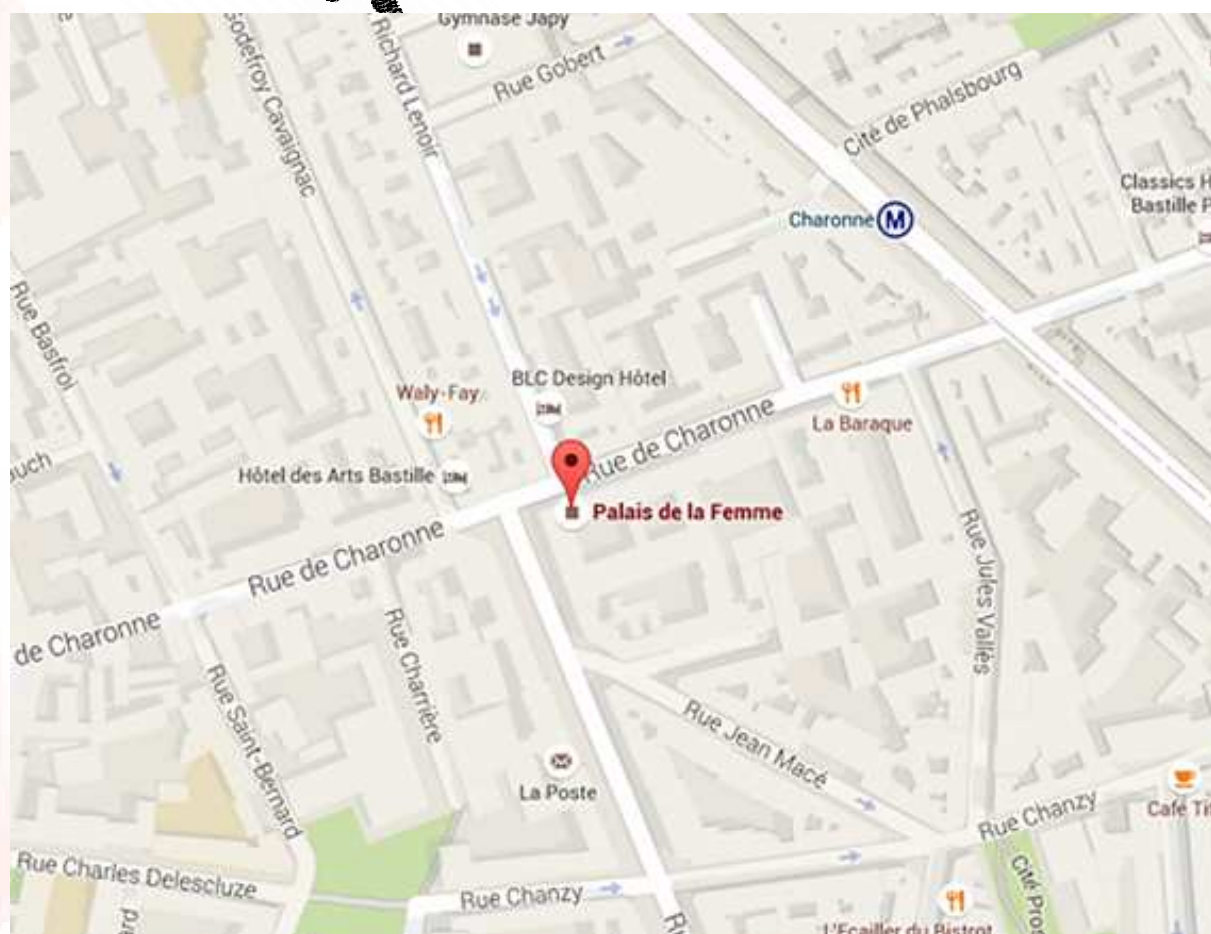
The issue of homeless families has become a burning issue today. For years, our reception systems have been reinforcing with standards the streamlining of services to allow budget savings. At the same time, more and more people - and especially families - are excluded from access to basic rights including the right to housing. Migrants and asylum seekers today find themselves among them. What conclusions do we share? What are we to expect from Europe and its institutions? What measures do we want to defend? This meeting will enable participants to exchange ideas on this emerging reality in Europe, and discuss what action can be taken to prevent the trivialisation of family homelessness in Europe.







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# INFORMATION



## Languages

The main **working language** of the conference will be English. Informal EN/FR interpreting will be provided by volunteers during the site visits on 18 June. Official EN/FR interpreting will be provided in the plenary sessions, and in 6 out of 12 workshops (see below) on 19 June. The networking hotspots will be in English only (with informal interpreting where possible) on 20 June.

## Interpreting

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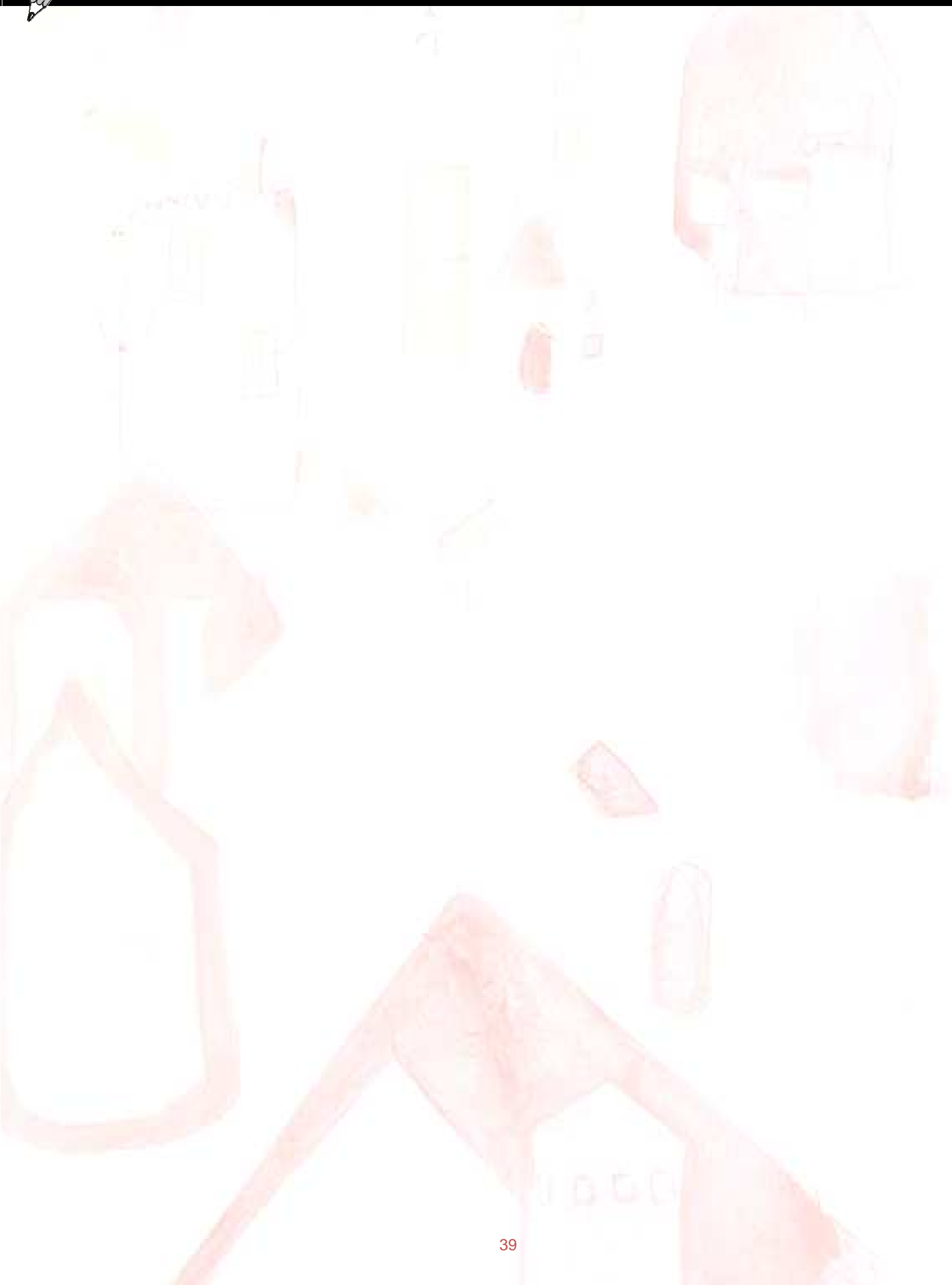
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