

# Housing First Guide Europe



An online Guide for service  
providers and policy makers

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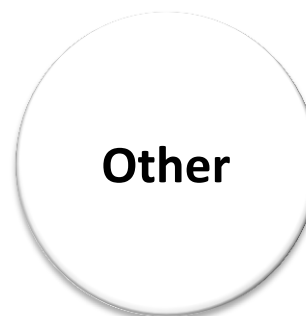
# Context

- FEANTSA faces substantial demand for specialist knowledge and skills on Housing F
- Springboard to a Housing First Learning Community in Europe
  - Gathering, producing and disseminating knowledge about Housing First
  - Promoting the take up of Housing First by service providers, policy makers, and other stakeholders

# Housing First Guide Europe

- Includes: evidence that HF is a highly effective model to address homelessness
- Provides: necessary information to implement, staff and operate a Housing First Programme
- Tailored: can be used in large and small Housing First programmes
- Serves: a broad audience (service providers, policy makers, etc.)

# Who produced the Guide?



# What's the Guide?



- First European resource of its kind to respond to demand for information and training on Housing First
- Dedicated website:
  - 6 units
  - Includes some easy to digest reading
  - Videos (example in the morning)
  - Additional resources page
- EN version June 2016
- FR version in August 2016

# Who's the Guide for?

- People who **want to know more about what Housing First** means and how it works **in Europe**
- **Practitioners and local policy makers** who are implementing, or interested in developing, Housing First
- **Managers and frontline staff** of homeless services
- It can also be relevant for:
  - People working in related sectors such as health and housing;
  - national and local policy-makers;
  - researchers;
  - people with experience of homelessness and other stakeholders.

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Welcome to the  
Housing First Guide Europe!



What is Housing First?



Core principles of Housing First



Delivering Support



Delivering Housing



Evaluating Housing First



Housing First and Wider Strategy

# Housing First Guide: 6 Units

1. What is Housing First?
2. Core principles of Housing First
3. Delivering support in Housing First
4. Delivering housing in Housing First
5. Evaluating in Housing First
6. Housing First and Wider Strategy



What is  
Housing First?



Core principles  
of Housing First



Delivering  
Support in HF



Delivering  
Housing in HF



Measuring  
outcomes in HF



HF and  
Wider Strategy



## The Housing First Model

- Effective way to end homelessness
  - High needs
  - Intensive support
  - Immediate access to housing

## Broader services and shift

- Encourage traditional homeless services to follow this approach
- Focus on user choice, rather than conditionality based approaches

## Unit 6 - Housing First and Wider Strategy

- Discussion on how Housing First fits in wider homelessness policy
- Including:
  - Relationships with other services
  - The specialist focus of Housing First and the ongoing need for other forms of homelessness service within an effective strategy
  - Future uses of Housing First

# Unit 2. Core Principles of Housing First

1. Housing is a human right
2. Choice and control for service users
3. Separation of housing and treatment
4. Recovery orientation
5. Harm reduction
6. Active engagement without coercion
7. Person-centred planning
8. Flexible support for as long as is required

# European Union - Social Rights

- **Recent development = possibly opportunity to include Housing First in EU policy – Social Rights Pillar**
- Article 34 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights
- 19.Housing
  - Access to social housing or housing assistance.
  - **Shelter** shall be provided to those that are homeless, and shall be linked up to other **social services** in order to **promote social integration.**

# Housing First Europe Hub

- Co-funded by Y-Foundation in Finland
- Partner organisations and foundations from:
  - UK, Norway, The Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Sweden and France, etc.
- Focus on Practice and Training, Research and Policy

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Thanks for your interest  
Any questions?

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