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# Access to Social Rights for homeless EU Mobile Citizens

PROJECT „FROTSCHUTZENGELE PLUS“

SOCIAL COUNSELLING AND HEALTH CARE FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE



## **1. Fitness Check Germany**

## **2. Main obstacles**

- access to social benefits
- access to emergency housing
- freedom of movement

## **3. Good-Practice: Project „Frostschutzengel plus“**

## 1. Fitness-Check Germany

- Target group: destitute mobile EU citizens
- Legal guide: main issues: - access to social benefits  
- freedom of movement/expulsions
- Working method: drafted by a lawyer on social rights in cooperation with social workers

## 1. Fitness-Check Germany :

### Access to social benefits (SGB II) – Jobcentre

- person, who:
- has worked before
- currently employed; income below the minimum subsistence level
- definition of employee

## 1. Fitness-Check Germany

- Access to emergency housing
- Law and order – security reasons
- Persons with/without entitlements to social benefits
- Case study Berlin: inquiry at the House of Representatives: 12 districts - 12 working methods\*
- Distinction: social rights/law and order

\* <http://pardok.parlament-berlin.de/starweb/adis/citat/VT/18/SchrAnfr/s18-14015.pdf>

## Case study

- Bulgarian citizen:
- January 2017 – temporary benefits
- February 2017 – employee (6h per week – 220 EUR), application at jobcenter, declined
- Court decision: August 2017 – employee status recognized, social benefits granted
- December 2017: Unemployment benefit reclaim form– declined
- Court decision: May 2018 - 2017 – employee status recognized, social benefits granted
- To be continued.....

## 1. Fitness-Check Germany

### Freedom of movement

- Loss of right to reside: on grounds of public order, security or health
- In 2017: Hamburg: loss of right to reside on grounds of being homeless?
- - see documents from Hamburg authorities

## 1. Fitness-Check Germany Remarks

- Expulsion on grounds of homelessness? –
- Importance of judicial enforcement
- Person sleeping rough – vs. public authorities
- answer to policy targeting EU citizens sleeping rough
- Social and legal consultation necessary – easy to access
- User-friendly guide on access to social rights





## 2. Project „Frostschutzengel plus“

### Objectives:

- Increase awareness for the precarious situations of homeless people
- Build a bridge between the state services and the hardest-to-reach target group
- End homelessness leading to social inclusion



## 2. Project Frostschutzengel Plus

### Main tasks

- Target group: homeless persons (75% EU-citizens)
- outreach work in low-threshold service institutions for homeless persons in Berlin
- To establish communication between the target group and existing counselling offers in Berlin

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