

Webinar: How to improve Harm Reduction services for people who use drugs/alcohol in situation of homelessness

Friday, 18th June 2021, 11h00 – 13h45

What and for who? Aim and target groups

This webinar aims at contributing to the improvement of the provision of Harm Reduction (HR) support for people who use drugs/alcohol (PWUD) in situations of homelessness. Experts on HR provision for homeless PWUD and experts on intersectional and integrated approaches from Belgium and the UK will share their knowledge and experience. The webinar will allow for exchange among participants.

The main target group of this webinar are homeless services in Belgium: frontline and coordinators / managers responsible for the service set-up and delivery. The webinar also reaches out to other social support services who support people who use drugs in situation of homelessness.

Please note that presentations will be held in French and English. Participants can intervene in French, Dutch, and English.

PROGRAMME

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| 11h00 – 11h10 | Welcome and introduction – context of the webinar & aims of the HR4homelessness Project – Ruth Kasper, project coordinator, FEANTSA [FR/EN] |
| 11h10 – 11h30 | The intersectoral approach in support provision for People Who Use Drugs in homelessness –Mathieu de Backer, Smes [FR] |
| 11h30 – 11h50 | The HR Approach and HR-based service provision – Christopher Collin, Dune [FR] |
| 11h50 – 12h10 | How to make temporary and long-term accommodation services more HR-based? Patrick McKay, Turning Point Scotland (20-30') [EN] |
| 12h10 – 12h25 | Q&A |
| 12h25 – 12h40 | <i>coffee break</i> |
| 12h40 - 13h10 | Discussion in small groups work in French and Dutch: How to make homeless services & services which support PWUD in homelessness more HR based? What concrete steps forward?

Reporting back & sharing discussion outcomes in the plenary |
| 13h10 - 13h30 | Current support provision for People Who Use Drugs in homelessness - results of a European survey & situation in the 5 project partner countries – Ruth Kasper, FEANTSA [FR / EN] |
| 13h30 - 13h35 | Short presentation of relevant key outputs of the HR4homelessness project - HR Key Principles, Good Practice Collection, Resource Hub – Ruth Kasper, FEANTSA [FR / EN] |
| 13h35 - 13h45 | Feedback from the participants & Closing [FR / NL] |

REGISTRATION: Please register in advance for this webinar (participation is free of cost). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For any further information or questions, please contact project officer Ruth Kasper.

Background of the webinar

The webinar is jointly organised by SMES-B and FEANTSA who are partners of the transnational project **HR4homelessness - Integrating harm reduction in homeless services** (2019-2021). The project aims at improving the capacity of homeless services to provide effective Harm Reduction support through training and the production and dissemination of guidelines and tools which allow services to improve support provision for PWUD in homelessness.

Detailed information is available on the project website in [English](#) and [French](#).