



STATEMENT OF VALUES

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The statement of values is an important reference document for FEANTSA and its membership organisations. The statement steers FEANTSA's work. All activities developed by FEANTSA are in line with the statement of values. The statement ensures a high level of coherence in FEANTSA's current and future membership. All applicant membership organisations are asked to adhere to the statement of values.

- ✓ FEANTSA and its membership organisations are committed to the advancement of the principles of equality, social justice, solidarity, non-discrimination and the promotion and respect of fundamental rights for all.
- ✓ FEANTSA and its membership organisations seek to advance the right of every person to live in dignity and promote the right of all people to have a secure, adequate and affordable place to live.
- ✓ FEANTSA and its membership organisations are committed to preventing and reducing homelessness with a view to its progressive elimination.
- ✓ FEANTSA and its membership organisations are committed to high quality work and to finding creative, bold and sustainable solutions for homelessness and severe housing exclusion.
- ✓ FEANTSA and its membership organisations are committed to the realisation of internationally recognised housing rights.
- ✓ FEANTSA and its membership organisations recognise that effective strategies addressing homelessness must be based on the real needs of people who are homeless and should therefore address the structural and individual factors that cause and perpetuate homelessness.

- ✓ FEANTSA and its membership organisations believe people who are homeless are full members of society and consider the following rights as particularly important in this regard:
 - The right to social inclusion and citizenship
 - The right to be treated with dignity and respect
 - The right to services that are accessible, provide choice and are of a high quality in order to meet the needs and aspiration of the people who use them
 - The right to participate in decision-making that affects them
 - The right to privacy, safety and confidentiality
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- ✓ FEANTSA and its membership organisations are committed to cooperating and working together with other relevant stakeholders who share the same values in the best interest of people who are homeless
- ✓ FEANTSA and its membership organisations strive to operate in an inclusive and democratic way and to be fully accountable to the public.
- ✓ FEANTSA and its membership organisations are committed to transparency, integrity, and honesty in their work.
- ✓ FEANTSA and its membership organisations value diversity and believe that difference can strengthen organisations and communities
- ✓ FEANTSA and its membership organisations recognise that transnational exchanges, information gathering, advocacy, and awareness-raising are a valuable resource to impact on public policy and services.