

FEANTSA Conference 2019

Draft Programme

Thursday 30th May 2019

9.00-13.00 – FEANTSA General Assembly (Venue: Holiday Inn, R. Diogo Macedo 220, 4400-107 Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal)

All FEANTSA members are invited to participate in FEANTSA’s General Assembly to review the activities of the past year and to discuss key actions for the coming years.

14.00-17.00 – Pre-Conference Programme

The Pre-Conference Programme is made up of Site Visits and Working Spaces which conference delegates can participate in the day before the conference.

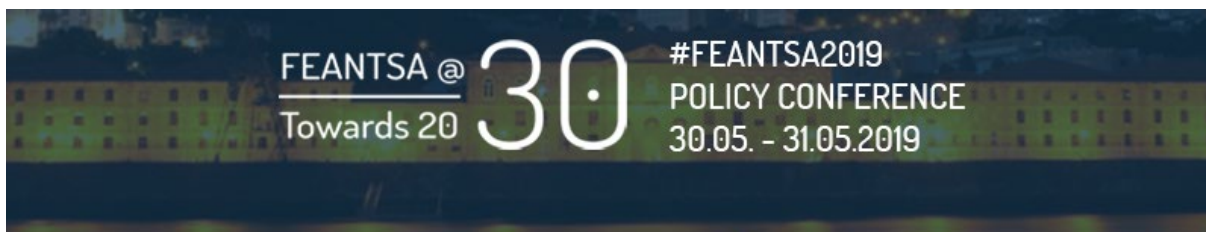
Site Visits (Venue: On Location, please see information below)

The local site visits to services in Porto offer conference delegates the opportunity to visit services for people who are homeless.

Please note all site visits will be conducted in English.

Please note the conference organizers will not be organizing transport to the site visits and meeting points for each site visit is outlined in the site visit information. Further information will be shared with the information packs.

No	Name	Description	Meeting Point
1	Outreach team Rotas com Vida	Visit with an outreach team a social housing neighbourhood in Porto which has one of the biggest problems of drug use and trafficking in Porto.	Rua de serralves 8/10
2	Outreach team SAOM	Visit with an outreach to a historic neighbourhood in Porto which sees major drug use and trafficking.	Rua mouzinho da silveira/largo s. Domingos
3	Social project restaurante Torreão	Visit to a entrepreneurship social restaurant, which provides employment to people with experiences of homelessness.	Rua das virtudes n. 11
4	Albergues Noturnos	Visit to a homeless shelter in Porto.	Rua Mártires da Liberdade, 237
5	CAT Joaquim Urbano	Visit to a homeless shelter in Porto	Rua Camara Pestana 4350 – 004 Por
6	Outreach MDM	Visit to an outreach team who works with sex workers	Rua dos Mercadores, 140



7	Casa da vila Nova	Visit to a day drop in services for drug users, which also functions as a homeless shelter.	Hospital magalhães lemos - Rua Professor Álvaro Rodrigues 4149-003 Porto
8	ET Cedofeita	Visit to a treatment team unit for drug users	R. Álvares Cabral, 328, Porto, Porto
9	Cantinas sociais	Visit to a shelter that provides meals to homeless people	
10	Casa da Rua	Visit to a reintegration shelter	Rua Duque de Loulé, 67

Background on Working Spaces:

What are they: Working spaces are hosted by organizations wishing to tap into the expertise of the FEANTSA network.

Working Spaces v Workshops: Workshops allow for broad discussions on policies & practices around thematic issues within the homeless sector, allow delegates to learn about recent trends and innovations. Working Spaces however aim to have a specific and practical follow-up after the conference, led by the session host such as an EU Project or shape the policy direction of an organization.

Why participate: Meet and network with delegates that share similar interests to you
 Engage in debates on specific policy outcomes
 Help shape the work or outlook of the organization hosting the session
 Learn about other European approaches to homelessness

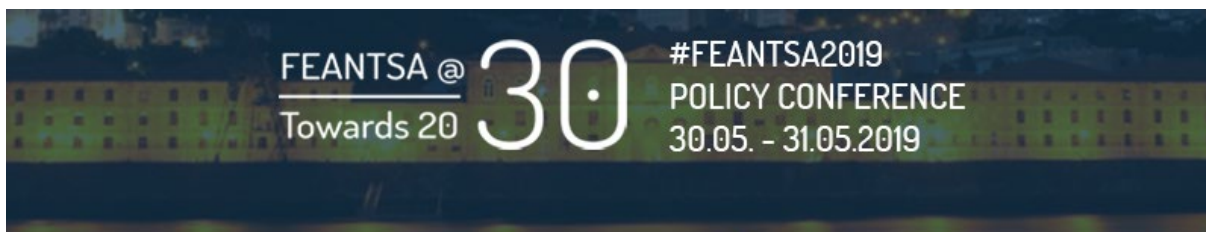
Working Spaces:

Housing First Europe Hub:

The Housing First Europe Hub invites Hub partners, Hub Associates and all who are interested to join us for an informal update on our collective work on scaling up Housing First over the past year. This session will feature an update on Housing First Europe’s train the trainer programme, information about joining the Hub as Associates, as well as new trends in research and policy. Please join us to meet colleagues from across Europe who are working to promote and support the scaling up of Housing First as a means to ending homelessness.

If you are interested in learning more about the Housing First Europe Hub you can check out their website - www.housingfirsteurope.eu

LGBTIQ Training



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FEANTSA, The True Colours Fund, ILGA-Europe and IGYLO will run a 3-hour training session for homeless services who are committed to improving their services for vulnerable LGBTIQ youth. The training is targeted to services who recognize that existing services do not adequately support the specific needs of LGBTIQ youth and are ready to explore practical solutions to improve the inclusivity of services to work with LGBTIQ Youth. Participants who register for this training will also be invited to join a webinar ahead of the training, hosted by the True Colours Fund, to bring all participants to a shared understanding of LGBTIQ homelessness.

Protection of homeless mobile EU citizens' rights (PRODEC)

This working space will present the outcomes of the first phase of the PRODEC project and the activities planned for the second phase, which will start on the 1st of June and will last for two years. Besides PRODEC, this working space will rely on the expertise of Anthony Valcke, lawyer and founder of the EU Rights Clinic, who will provide information on how to develop litigation activities to protect the rights of destitute mobile EU citizens. This working space, through contributions from selected guests, will also offer the chance to share information about the kind of cases professionals working with homeless people have to deal with. The main objectives are: informing about PRODEC first and second phase; increasing knowledge of homeless services about EU law and the ways to protect the rights of their beneficiaries; collecting information about the main obstacles homeless mobile EU citizens face in accessing their rights.

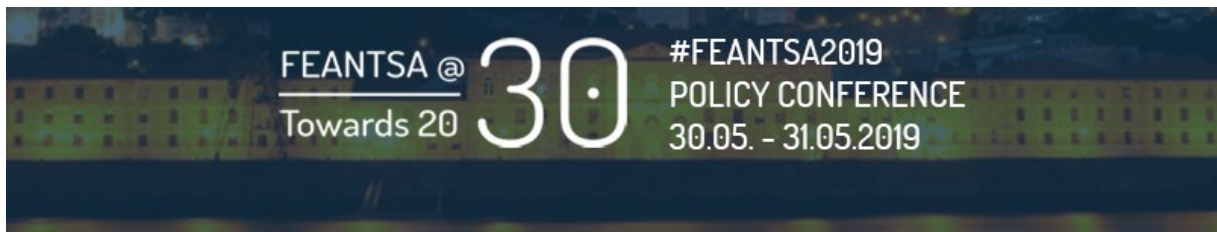
Social Inclusion Games – Dignity First

What happens if hundreds of homeless people from different countries come together to live to play sports together? How can being a part of a team reframe a person's self-esteem? How can sport have a positive impact on a person? This working space will present the Social Inclusion Games and discuss the roots of self-esteem and dignity. We will show how the Social Inclusion Games support a group of people experiencing homelessness through team sports.

Opportunities for Pro-Bono Legal Work – to be inserted into French and Portuguese programs.

Over the past number of years legal aid budgets have been cut by central governments. For people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing homelessness, this has created an obstacle to accessing legal advice. Increasingly homeless services have turned to pro-bono lawyers for support with their clients. This working space will identify ways of working with pro-bono lawyers to deliver better services to people experiencing homelessness, with a focus on the partnership between Focus Ireland, A&L Goodbody, the Public Interest Law Alliance and the Mercy Law Resource Centre as framework for working together.

18.30 – Drinks Reception, City Hall, Porto, Portugal – Rui Moreira, the Mayor of Porto, invites conference participants to join him for a Reception at City Hall to welcome participants to Porto. Please note places are limited so make sure to register for the Drinks Reception.



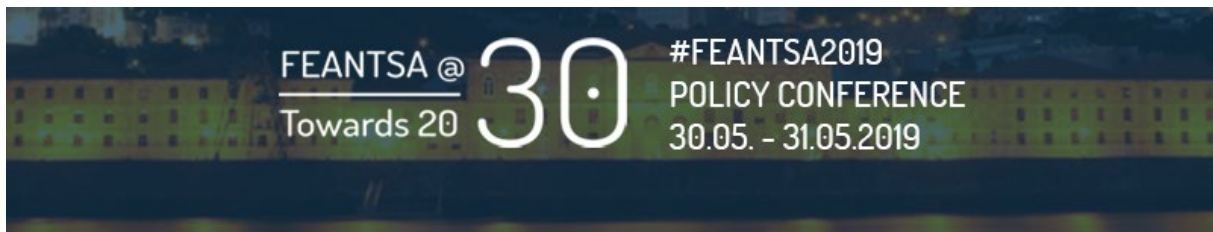
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20.00 - Conference Dinner – SOAM Restaurant, Rua das Virtudes n. 37, Porto, Portugal – Conference participants are invited to attend the official conference dinner at the social enterprise restaurant SOAM. Due to capacity please make sure to register for the dinner.



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Draft Conference Program
FEANTSA @ 30: Towards 2030
Friday 31st May 2019

Venue: Alfândega Porto Congress Centre, Porto, Portugal

The Plenary will be in English. Interpretation available for Portuguese & French

8.15-8.45 – Registration

9.00 – 9.20– Welcome and Introductions

- Ian Tilling, President of FEANTSA.
- Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of Portugal
- Rui Moreira – Mayor of Porto

9.20 – 9.50: Keynote Address: A Message For FEANTSA on your 30th Birthday

Nan Roman, President & CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness, United States.

Over the past decade homelessness has risen in 27 or the 28 EU member states, while in the same time period only 16 of the 50 states which make up the US have reported increases in homelessness. Homelessness at national level in the United States is dropping across profiles such as unsheltered homeless, families, chronically homeless individuals and veterans. In her keynote address Nan Roman will provide an overview of what they have gotten right in the United States, and what lessons we can learn in Europe to reverse trends.

9.50-11.00 – Panel Discussion:

Panel Discussion Respond to the Keynote Address:

Chair: Freek Spinnewijn, Director FEANTSA

1. Juha Kaakinen, Y-Foundation, Finland
2. Petra Schwaiger, DWBO, Germany.
3. Stan Burrige, Pathway, UK
4. Katarina, Ivankovic-Knezevic, Social Affairs Director, DG EMPL, European Commission

11.00 – 11.30 – Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 – Workshop Stream I

See Workshop List (Annex I)

13.00-14.00 – Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Workshop Stream II

See Workshop List (Annex I)



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15.30 -16.00 – Coffee Break

16.00-17.30 – Workshop Stream III

See Workshop List (Annex I)

20.00 – Conference Dinner, Holiday Inn, R. Diogo Macedo 220, 4400-107 Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal.
Due to capacity and numbers, please make sure to register for the conference dinner.

Annex I – List of Workshops:

EN – Available in English

PT – Available in Portuguese

FR – Available in French

Workshop Stream I

1. **LGBTIQ Homelessness: Creating inclusive spaces for LGBTIQ Youth in Evidence and Practice [EN & PT]**

LGBTIQ youth is a hidden form of homelessness and are often under-served by mainstream services. International evidence shows that up to 40% of young people experiencing homelessness identify as LGBTIQ which results in a unique set of needs and supports that homeless services must respond to. But how can services respond to the needs. This workshop explores the practicalities of what services can do to become more inclusive and deliver services for vulnerable LGBTIQ youth. Alex Abramovich presents research from transitional housing programs designed for LGBTIQ youth and lessons to be learnt from Toronto's experience and the Rock Trust will present an overview of how they audited their services and became fully LGBTIQ inclusive.

Chair: Gregory Lewis, CEO of True Colors Fund, United States

Speaker: Alex Abramovich, University of Toronto, Canada

Speaker: Gary McMillan, Rock Trust, UK & Janice Stephenson LGBT Youth Scotland (to be confirmed), UK

2. **Housing First & The Next Frontier – Scaling Up [EN, PT & FR]**

Housing First and the struggle to scale up. In this workshop, Housing First Europe Hub partners will address the challenge of successfully scaling up Housing First at a local or national level. The workshop will explore structural challenges in terms of policy and housing required to shift from an emergency response led system, to one that puts housing and Housing First at its core. What are the key ingredients to making this shift possible and why do you need to keep up the pressure on politicians once Housing First is scaled up? The workshop will also hear from a city's perspective on scaling up Housing First and housing led approaches and the challenges that are faced in testing Housing First, particularly when it comes to financing investment for much needed social housing.

Chair: Mike Allen, Housing First Europe Hub & Focus Ireland

Speaker: Juha Kaakinen, CEO, Y-Foundation, Finland

Speaker: Martine Chanal, Metropole de Grand Lyon, France

Speaker: Inês Almas, Housing First National Network, Portugal



3. **A gender and psychologically informed approach to tackle women’s homelessness [EN & PT]**

There is increased awareness in the homelessness sector of the need to create more gender sensitive and psychologically informed environments. This workshop will share some of the outcomes of the PIE4shelter project. It will describe how homeless services need to consider the impact of gender-based violence on women and will share the example of a service that has successfully developed a gender and psychologically-informed approach to tackle women’s homelessness.

Chair: Boróka Fehér, BMSZKI, Hungary

Speaker: Aïcha Aït Hmad, to be confirmed, CVFE, Belgium

Speaker: Catherine Glew, St Mungo’s, United Kingdom

4. **Access to Housing for Beneficiaries of International Protection [EN & PT]**

A consequence to the increasing number of asylum seekers registered in the EU over the last few years is the number of beneficiaries of international protection have been increasing and the need for housing solutions. Local authorities, the civil society, researchers and other stakeholders have been thinking about models that might offer viable solutions and reply to an urgent need. According to many, adequate housing is indeed the first step towards integration in society. The workshop will feature an international overview provided by the Migration Policy Institute and a local practice from the City of Amsterdam presented by a researcher of the University of Delft

Chair: Mauro Striano, FEANTSA

Speaker: Alexandra Embiricos, Migration Policy Institute, Belgium

Speaker: Carla Huisman, University of Delft, Netherlands

5. **Using the European Structural & Investment Funds to Tackle Homelessness 2021 - 2027 [EN]**

This workshop will focus on how to use the European Union’s structural funds to best tackle homelessness. Preparations are currently underway for the Multi-Annual Financial Framework 2021- 2027. We are at a critical moment to ensure that the ESIF can be used effectively as a lever to make progress towards ending homelessness in the future period. This workshop will provide an opportunity to explore the opportunities of the future period, discuss learning from the current period, and make plans for the future.

Chair: Ruth Owen, FEANTSA

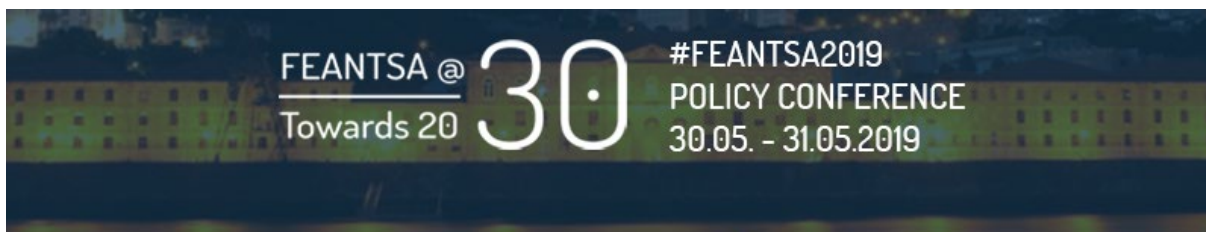
Speaker: Marie Anne Paraskevas, DG Employment, European Commission

Speaker: Katerina Glumbikova, University of Ostrava, Czech Republic

Workshop Stream II

1. **Ending Youth Homelessness: Building Consensus – Roundtable Discussion [EN & PT]**

Over the past number of years FEANTSA Youth has been developing a network of young professionals committed to ending youth homelessness. We have seen results with the



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establishment of coalitions to end youth homelessness in Ireland, Belgium, Scotland, Austria and Wales. However, a first step in bringing together actors and stakeholders together to align policies to end youth homelessness has been defining 'youth homelessness'. This workshop will present a working definition of 'youth homelessness' developed by FEANTSA Youth.

Chair: Hugh Russell, End Youth Homelessness, Cymru, Wales

Speaker: Alison Connolly, Focus Ireland

Speaker: Liese Berkmans, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Responder: Melanie Redman, President & CEO of A Way Home, Canada

Responder: Steve Gaetz, Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, Canada

2. Is More Housing the Answer to Homelessness in Europe? [EN]

Homelessness is not only a housing problem, but it is always a housing problem. Access to decent, affordable housing is an essential part of structural solutions to homelessness. Housing First has helped to put rapid access to affordable housing firmly on the agenda of the homeless sector. But where does the housing come from? This workshop will look at how to increase the housing options to address homelessness. Neunerhaus Inno will share its experience as a homeless service organisation breaking into the housing field. Architect and commentator Mel Reynolds will share a critical take on whether Ireland can build its way out of its current homelessness crisis.

Chair: Freek Spinnewijn, FEANTSA

Speaker: Daniela Unterholzner, Neunerhaus Inno, Austria

Speaker: Michelle Norris, Housing Finance Agency, Ireland

3. Improving access for palliative care and end-of-life support for people who are homeless [EN & PT]

Access to appropriate end of life care and support is a human right that can be derived from the internationally recognised right to health. Yet, so often homeless people are either very far from receiving palliative care or are even denied it. This workshop will look at the challenges to palliative care access and provision and present innovative multiagency collaboration addressing these challenges.

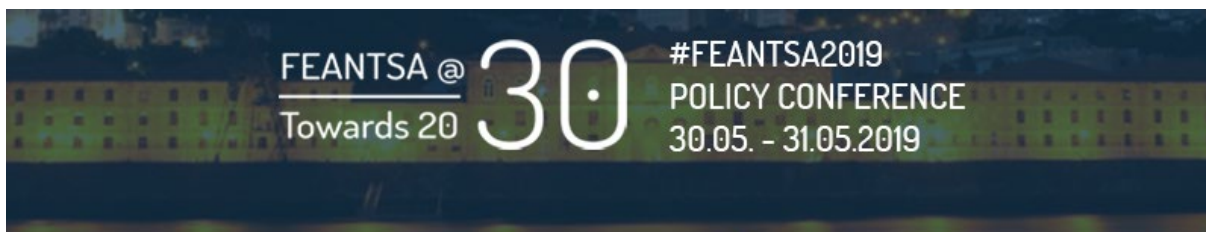
Chair: Dalma Fabian, FEANTSA

Speaker: Dr Caroline Schulman, to be confirmed, Pathway Homeless Team, UK

Speaker: Hanna Klop, Expertise Centre for Palliative Care, VU University Medical Centre, Amsterdam, Netherlands

4. Public Perceptions of Homelessness: [EN, PT & FR]

How is homelessness and the solutions to homelessness perceived by the general public. This workshop explores research conducted by the University Aix Marseille into public attitudes about homelessness. Data has been collected across Europe and measures attitudes not only towards people experiencing homelessness but assesses perceptions about solutions and how government



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policies and investments in combatting and ending homelessness. Meanwhile Eoin O’Sullivan will present an overview of the role of NGO’s in shaping the public’s perception of homelessness.

Chair: Rosário Loureiro, Deputy Director of CDSSP

Speaker: Sandrine Loubiere, University Aix Marseille, France

Speaker: Eoin O’Sullivan, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

5. Peer Work: [EN & PT]

This workshop will present practice concerning peer work and, in particular, about training for peer workers and peer research. Several questions are often raised concerning training for peer workers, one of which is whether training is needed and whether it risks altering the nature of peer work. Neunerhaus is about to introduce peer workers and set up a training course for those who will take on that role. Elisabeth Hammer will present the training course and the overall activities Neunerhaus has been developing on peer work. Among the different kinds of peer work, Groundswell conducted several researches carried out by peer researchers, i.e. people who have experienced the issues they are studying. During this seminar, they will present some of the research that has been published and how they structure and carry out peer research.

Chair: Ian Tilling, Casa Ioana, Romania

Speaker: Elisabeth Hammer, Neunerhaus, Austria

Speaker: Kate Bowgett, Groundswell, UK

Speaker: Associação CASO, Portugal

Workshop Stream III

1. Cities: At the heart of the fight to end homelessness (EN, FR, PT)

Cities are an important actor in funding and delivering services to prevent people from entering homelessness and supporting exits from homelessness. This workshop looks at inspiring ways in which cities are working to end homelessness. Newcastle presents the successful Trailblazer programme to prevent homelessness and progress towards reducing and ending homelessness. Paris will then present initiatives around their Night of Solidarity and collecting data on homelessness to develop policies to combat homelessness.

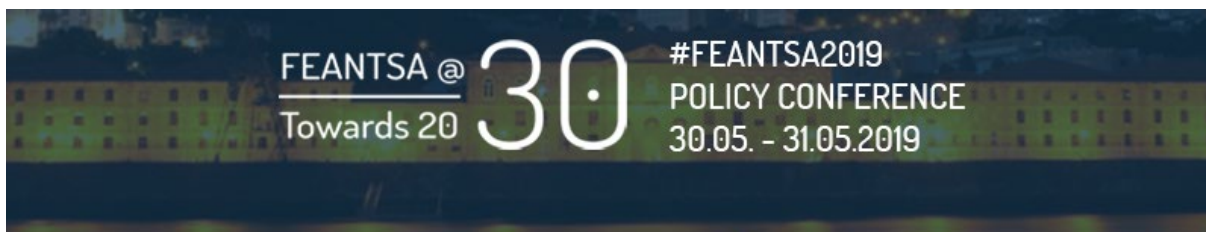
Chair: Fernando Paulo, Member of Porto City Council & Executive Director of NPISA, Porto Portugal.

Speaker: Chris Parker, Newcastle, England

Speaker: Simon Vanackere, to be confirmed, Paris, France

2. Beyond the Status Quo, looking for Bold Housing Solutions for Europe’s Locked Out: [EN & PT]

FEANTSA, as part of the “Housing Solution Platform”, has launched a project to identify some of the most innovative and daring examples of housing solutions for the locked-out in Europe e.g. innovative construction, social housing, socialization of private rental sector, activating vacant stock, community-led housing, innovative legal and financing mechanisms, partnership working, emergence of new actors. The 50 solutions will be showcased in a publication and



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brought in by experts including academics, architects, urban planners, civil servants, social workers and others. This workshop will present the project and provide a forum for exchange on the innovative housing solutions Europe needs.

Chair: Juha Kaakinen, Y-Foundation, Finland

Speaker: Ilja Sabaj-Kjær, Homes for All, Denmark

Speaker: Andrew Bailie, Social Bite, UK

3. The Unconditional Right to shelter, can we make it a reality? [EN & PT]

There's no common definition at European level on shelter and a great diversity in terms of services, form and quality can be found. Whatever form it takes, it should be a temporary accommodation to provide shelter for people in situations of urgent housing need. Although the right to shelter as described by European and international law is explicitly unconditional, we are far from making it a reality as described in the 2018 Overview of Housing Exclusion published in March. We will look at positive attempts to remove access criteria to shelters introduced by new legislation in Poland.

Chair: Maria Aldanas, FEANTSA Policy Officer and Housing Rights Watch Coordinator

Speaker: Sarah Coupechoux, Research Manager, Fondation Abbé Pierre, France

Speaker: Jakub Wilczek, Ogólnopolska Federacja na rzecz Rozwiązywania Problemu Bezdomności, Poland

4. Spotlight on Portugal [EN & PT]

This workshop presents an overview of the developments in the Portuguese homeless sector. At the end of 2017 Portugal launched a five-year strategy to end homelessness by 2023. Isabelle Baptiste presents an overview of the key aspects of the strategy and the implementation of the strategy. Portugal has decriminalized drug use and as a result has seen substantial decrease of overdoses, HIV infections and drug-related crime. This workshop will also present the country's successful drug policy will also look at the next steps in the development of harm reduction approaches to drug use.

Chair: Agostinho Rodrigues, President Norte Vida, Portucalense University, Portugal

Speaker: Luís Fernandes – faculdade de Psicologia e ciencias da Educação da Universidade do Porto, Portugal

Speaker: Kerstin hoffmeister DICAD/ Administração Regional de Saúde do Norte, Ministério da Saúde, Portugal

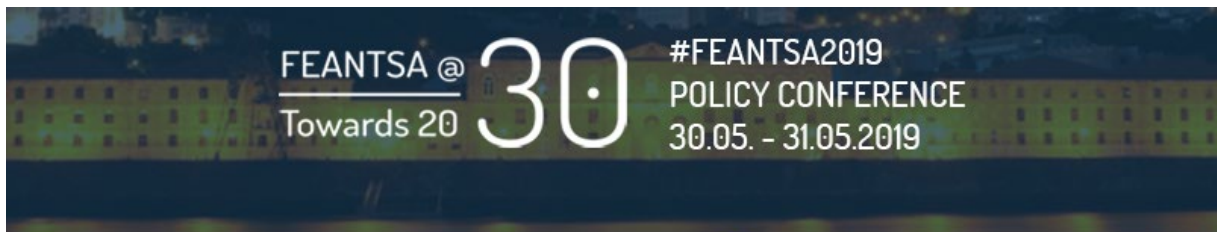
Speaker: Isabel Baptista, European Observatory on Homelessness, Portugal

5. Insights from winners of 2018 Ending Homelessness Prize [EN]

In 2018 the Ending Homelessness Prize awarded three prizes for projects making use of the European Fund for the Most Deprived, FEAD, with projects working towards ending homelessness. This workshop will provide an overview of each of the projects.

Chair: Marie Anne Paraskevas, to be confirmed, DG Employment, European Commission

Speaker: Anastisia Mikheeva, Frostschtzengel, Germany



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Speaker: Susannah L Sonderlund, Kompasset Kirkens Korshær; Denmark

Speaker: Louise Stiernstrom, Göteborgs Stad, Sweden