

FEANTSA's European Observatory on Homelessness and K.U. Leuven are pleased to announce the **17<sup>th</sup> European Research Conference on Homelessness in Leuven, Belgium on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. This is Europe's leading research conference on homelessness and will explore recent evidence on the broad theme of homelessness and housing exclusion from across Europe and elsewhere. We particularly encourage submissions for our special stream on data collection methods and ongoing national, regional and local level counts; contributions focusing on housing solutions for migrants, women homelessness, housing policies for low income families and evictions. Early career researchers are also invited to present their research activities. The conference is planned to be in person only while responding to applicable COVID-19 related restrictions.

### Keynote speakers



**Koen Hermans**, Belgium is Associate Professor of Social Work and Social Policy at the Centre for Sociological Research, KU Leuven. He is also project leader at LUCAS, Centre for Care Research and Consultancy. His research focuses on the care and support for vulnerable and underserved populations in society, such as homeless persons, persons with disability and youngsters with complex needs. He was the coordinator of the COST Action on 'Measuring homelessness in Europe' (2016-2020). In Belgium, he is responsible for the development and organization of local and regional homelessness counts.



**Magdalena Mostowska**, Poland is a sociologist, lecturer and researcher at the Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies at the University of Warsaw. She has completed several research projects on migrant, as well as women homelessness in Poland, the EU and the US. She is co-chair of the European Network for Housing Research Working Group on Welfare Policy, Homelessness and Social Exclusion (WELPHASE).



**Michelle Norris**, Ireland is Professor of Social Policy and Director of the Geary Institute for Public Policy at University College Dublin, Ireland. Her teaching and research interests focus on housing policy and urban regeneration, particularly on the provision management, financing of social housing in Europe and the regeneration of social housing estates and inner urban areas. She has strong links with policy makers in Ireland and internationally. Having served as a board member of various Irish government agencies working on provision of affordable housing for over 10 years, in 2021 she was appointed by the Minister for Housing to the commission set up to examine the long-term future of housing in Ireland. She was awarded the Irish Research Council's research impact award in 2021.

**Planned Schedule** The conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, starting at 13:00 on Thursday and closing at 20:00 on Friday. Optional field visits will be planned for Thursday morning. The conference dinner will be held on Thursday evening. Please note that the conference may be shifted online should that be required for COVID-related safety arrangements.

**Submission Details** Please submit an **abstract** in English (max. 300 words) and a **short bio** (max. 100 words) by **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**. Successful conference submissions will be notified by the end of May 2023. Final PowerPoint presentations will be due by August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Submissions and further enquiries should be directed to Nóra Teller at [teller@mri.hu](mailto:teller@mri.hu).

**Venue and Fees** The sessions of the Conference will be held at K.U. Leuven Campus, Leuven, Belgium. The conference fee is **200 EURO** (incl. meals and coffee breaks during the conference). Presenters and PhD students pay a reduced fee of 100 EURO. Accommodation package on a first come first served basis will be available upon **registration from July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**. A detailed cancellation policy will be announced on the registration page.

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