



*Homelessness from a European
perspective*

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Scope homelessness

- *Numbers*
 - *Comparability*
 - *Growing or decreasing?!*
 - *Rough sleeping*
 - *Some success stories*
 - *Overall homelessness (ETHOS)*
 - *Finland*
 - *UK ?!*
 - *Is an issue in all EU member states*
 - *≈ social protection systems unclear*
 - *E.g. France*
 - *Some numbers*
- *Awareness*
 - *Growing*
 - *Eurobarometer study ...*
 - *At risk of homelessness*

Nature of homelessness

- *Similar trends across Europe*
 - *Demographic*
 - *Age*
 - *Feminisation*
 - *Families (single-parent)*
 - *Causes*
 - *Impact of immigration*
 - *Irregular migration*
 - *Intra-EU migration*
 - *Structural causes > personal causes*
 - *Housing affordability!*
 - *Personal causes*
 - *Relational!*

Homelessness policies

- *Common features*
 - *Relatively new*
 - *Recognition homelessness is distinct problem*
- *Different features*
 - *Legal basis (obligation) vs. enabling approach*
 - *Justiciable right to housing*
 - *Driven by knowledge vs driven by ideology*
 - *Ambition*
 - *Managing – solving*
 - *Funding available*
 - *...*
- *Who is best?*
 - *?*
 - *Size of country*
 - *Tradition of pragmatism*
 - *Toolkit FEANTSA*
 - *Examples*
 - *Scotland, Ireland, Finland, Netherlands, ...*

Relevance of intergovernmental bodies (EU, CoE...)

- *Mutual learning*
 - *Demand for knowledge*
 - *Tools*
 - *Transnational projects; Peer review; Studies; EU networks ...*
 - *EU inclusion strategy ...*
- *EU hard policy*
 - *Prevent negative impact (promote positive impact)*
 - *EU state aid, free movement of workers, common market for services, anti-discrimination legislation...*
- *Human rights*
 - *Right to housing (direct & indirect)*
 - *Collective complaints*
 - *France*

Relevance of FEANTSA

- *Who we are?*
 - *Whole voluntary homelessness sector*
 - *Increasingly reaching out to other stakeholders*
- *Our role*
 - *Mutual learning*
 - *Importance of knowledge/expertise*
 - *Scattered throughout Europe*
 - *FEANTSA as a pool of ideas/creativity*
 - *FEANTSA as « early warning system »*
 - *Lobbying*
 - *EU impact*
 - *FEANTSA as « watchdog »*

■ Thank you for listening