

Ways out of Homelessness in Central Europe

The Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership Project "Ways out of homelessness" unites organizations working with homeless people in Hungary, Poland, Romania and the Czech Republic. The project aim is to encourage the use of evidence-based practice to support pathways out of homelessness in specific local policy contexts.

The project is being led by the Budapest Methodological Centre of Social Policy and Its Institutions (BMSZKI, HU) and will involve project partners SAD (CZ), Ius Medicinae Foundation (PL), Casa Ioana (RO), Habitat for Humanity (HU) and FEANTSA.

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Objectives

Identify the key obstacles facing homeless people when trying to access the housing market and to exchange local good practice on pathways out of homelessness.

- Share and evaluate good practices in supporting homeless people into housing
- Identify training needs and existing options for support workers to help homeless individuals or communities more efficiently.

Activities

During the two-year partnership (September 2014 – August 2016) the project aims to:

- Exchange local solutions to getting homeless people back into housing in the CEE countries
- Collect and publish descriptions of such practices along with relevant case studies
- Formulate policy recommendations at both national and EU level
- Create a "best of" online publication to include that above
- Lay the foundations for a possible training curriculum to share the learning of front-line workers
- Test and comment on the online housing first training guide being developed by FEANTSA within the project

Partners

The project is led by:

The Budapest Methodological Centre of Social Policy and Its Institutions (BMSZKI), which is the largest provider of services for homeless people in Budapest and offers a wide range of services, including two large-scale projects aimed at providing integrated housing solutions for homeless people.

Other partners are:

Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit Christian organisation seeking to eliminate housing poverty worldwide and asserts that a decent and sustainable home is a basic human right. HFH Hungary was founded in 1996 and helps families move into new homes, organises repair and renovation projects and provides training.

The Casa Ioana Association is the largest independent provider of temporary accommodation and professional psychosocial support to women and children experiencing domestic violence and family homelessness in Bucharest.

SAD is an Association of shelters in the Czech Republic that supports people and organisations providing support to homeless people or people at risk of losing their homes.

Ius Medicinae Foundation (Poland) was founded in 2011 by the doctor of law Dorota Karkowska whose mission is to support human rights in the public health sector by fostering the creation of good legislation through research and advocacy initiatives.

FEANTSA, the European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless, was established in 1989 as a European non-governmental organisation to prevent and alleviate the poverty and social exclusion of people threatened by or living in homelessness. FEANTSA has more than 130 member organisations in 25 EU Member States.

Milestones

Partner organisations meet five times during the course of the project to identify key and to exchange local good practice on pathways out of homelessness.

- ⇒ Budapest, Hungary in April 2015
- ⇒ Prague, Czech Republic in October 2015
- ⇒ Bucharest, Romania in November 2015
- ⇒ Warsaw, Poland in February 2016
- ⇒ Brussels, Belgium in 2016

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