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Homelessness and the situation of disadvantaged people is a general problem in whole of the European Union and not only in new member states but also in the most developed countries, as well. To deal with the problem is not only a budget but a social integration issue, too. That is why social inclusion seems the best approach. Homeless people need a non-formal way of education to emerge themselves from their social situation. They need special competencies. Social workers who communicate with homeless people and assist them in their daily life also need trainings to cope with the challenges occurring during their institutional or street work.

Homelessness is the most extreme form of poverty and social exclusion violating human dignity and rights, as well as housing is a fundamental human need. Homelessness has recently increased in practically all Member States due to several factors such as the impact of the economic crisis, societal changes, discrimination against minorities or badly regulated migration issues. In addition, there is insufficient social housing and affordable housing in some countries. European Member States should have their national homelessness strategy and the EU has also its directives. But the problem exists and extremist voices increase in everyday life. The role of civil organizations is very important in informing, educating and helping society to become more empathic and inclusive.



The main goals of the project are sensitization of the European societies and strengthening the inclusive attitude of the majority towards homeless people.

Learning about good practices and jointly spend time mean a great opportunity for each organisation that after each meeting/event and enriched with new ideas and information they could – as a refreshment –

show something brand new in their home country to their professional community. If adaptation can take place in each country that would mean a very important first step towards forming a common European Strategy which could be targeted at the prevention of homelessness, diminishing and overcoming of social inequalities, strengthening of social skills and competences of the most vulnerable, as well as restoring their human dignity, and combating social drawbacks.

This will be supported and backed by our joint publication i.e., our statement, our professional policy recommendation. We will find it a success if new ideas will be exchanged and each partner can take a good practice from abroad to their home country and can successfully adapt it to the circumstances there. We will also deem it an achievement if those who are involved in this issue will acquire tangible knowledge for improving their lives or they simply enrich with the feeling that they were secure and listened to. Both the creation of national strategies is necessary and the homeless strategy of the European Union should be refreshed in a way that all the member states could handle the situation efficiently.

Besides, the individual, country-specific issues must also be addressed in each country. In a sustainable manner, we will repeatedly update the statement and professional recommendation issued by the project and we will hand it over to representatives of the profession and we will extend it at inter-professional discussions. These extended versions will contain proposals for housing, employment and training policies. In our opinion, the simultaneous and complex management of these issues is the key to overcoming social problems.



The coronavirus situation is also affecting our project, so unfortunately the partner meeting scheduled for May 2020 in Berlin has not taken place yet. We are looking forward to be able to continue our project safely.