

SEARCH FOR PARTNERS

Call Title: Social Innovation Practices to Combat Homelessness ESF-2023-HOMELESS

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Funding Programme: European Social Fund+ (ESF) - Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) strand

Deadline: 11/01/2024

OBJECTIVE – EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

The call will contribute to the prevention and reduction of homelessness across the EU, through financial support to innovative projects and/or policy measures addressing homelessness and housing exclusion, such as prevention, access to housing, including housing-led approaches and enabling services, as well as building the capacity of local players engaged in the prevention and fight against homelessness.

In view of the diverse landscape of homelessness actions in the EU Member States, the objective of this call is to:

1. Implement and evaluate innovative projects and/or policy measures through social experimentation, piloting and evaluating social innovation practices in the field of homelessness and housing exclusion.
2. Build the capacity and knowledge of a large number of local, regional and national stakeholders active in the area of homelessness and housing exclusion.

PROJECT TITLE & ACRONYM:

Needs Oriented Response Alliance to combat Homelessness - NORAH

RATIONALE:

Homelessness is a complex and recurring social problem that constitutes one of the greatest exponents of poverty, exclusion and marginality in the EU, affecting at least 895,000 people according to the latest data¹, i.e. an increase rate of approximately 70% in the last ten years.

Research published throughout the EU repeatedly describes people experiencing homelessness as having multiple and complex needs that require an integrated policy approach, combining prevention and stable housing solutions with socio-economic support services to help people experiencing homelessness as well as those at risk of exclusion, and avoid falling back into exclusion.

However, the various strategies to combat homelessness put in place at national, regional and local level reveal differences in the underlying understanding and provision of social policies and housing policies, with some relying heavily on temporary and emergency accommodation in response, whilst others have adopted housing-led policies and practices instead. Furthermore, differences are also evident in relation to the political framework of competences, the offer and institutional structure of services, and the evaluation systems.

Mutual learning between regions should be encouraged on issues such as the way in which social and housing services are financed and provided, the degree to which they are centralized or transferred, the means of collaboration with the third social sector and the private sector.

There is also a need for more comparative research on the processes of multilevel implementation, organization and social practices following the development of national, regional and local strategies.

In this context, in order to combat homelessness in the EU, it is intended, through mutual learning and collaboration, to design and test integrated strategies for the prevention of homelessness, access to housing and the provision of services and resources in support of homeless people, which reflect and respect the diversity of regions in their implementation.

OBJECTIVES:

General Objective

To set up and test a system to address the dynamic process of homelessness in a multilevel, multi-agent and multidimensional perspective, with a focus on prevention and provision of housing and social services to homeless people and those at risk of exclusion.

Specific objectives:

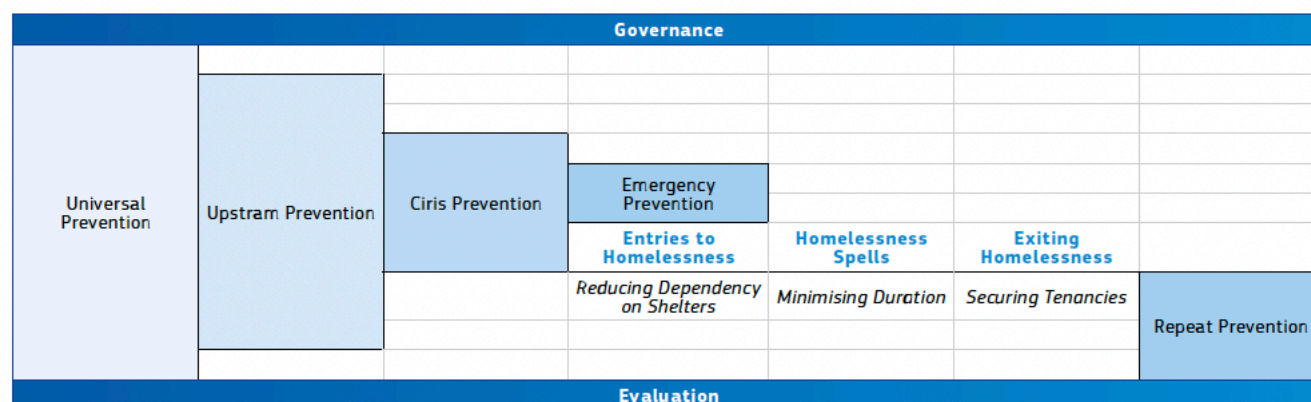
1. Articulate a partnership made up of the stakeholders involved in the design, management and implementation of policies/strategies/programmes aimed at combating homelessness (social services, health, housing, income guarantee, inclusion...),
2. Improve the effectiveness and efficiency of resources, implementing action approaches based on the community model, personalization of services, quality of life..., and appropriate territorialization.
3. Formulate and generate alternative housing models that prevent and combat situations at different stages and for different groups of people experiencing homelessness or at risk of exclusion.
4. Build up the capacity of the stakeholders through training actions and transnational mutual learning.
5. Promote the active participation of homeless people in their own inclusion itinerary.
6. Evaluate the impact of the actions and identify the scalability of the results obtained.

¹ 8th OVERVIEW OF HOUSING EXCLUSION IN EUROPE 2023. Fondation Abbé Pierre – FEANTSA.



WORK PLAN

Building on the concept of homelessness as a dynamic process, a system will be conceived where homelessness may be prevented in the first instance, and its duration minimized for those that enter homelessness, by ensuring rapid exits to secure accommodation, as shown in the following figure:



Adapted from Fitzpatrick *et al* (2021) and Lee *et al* (2021).

DURATION:

36 months.

EU GRANT:

Maximum 5 000 000 € (90% of the total budget).

CONSORTIUM:

APPLICANT: ASSOCIATION SENDOTU ALDI BEREAN

Created in 2014 by a network of social entities located in the Basque Autonomous Community (Spain). Its purpose is to eliminate the obstacles that hinder people furthest from the labour market the transition from intense social support policies to employment.

The ad hoc intervention programme was supported by the ESF within the framework of the 2014-2020 OP of the Basque Autonomous Community.
<https://www.sendotualdiberean.org/en/sendotu-aldiberean/>

PARTNERS

- Basque Government - Department of Equality, Justice and Social Policies
- Regional Governments of Bizkaia, Gipuzkoa and Alava
- Local Governments of Bilbao, Donostia-San Sebastian, Vitoria-Gasteiz (others to be added)
- EAPN Euskadi – European Anti Poverty Network in the Basque Country
- University of the Basque Country
- University of Deusto
- EU partners
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PARTNERS SOUGHT

REGIONAL/LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

NGOs / THIRD SECTOR organizations