



Working Group Homelessness
Brussels | 25-26 November 2014
Final Agenda

Tuesday, 25 November 2014

Venue: EUROCITIES office, 1st floor, room Luxembourg, 1 Square de Meeûs, Brussels

Chair: Dick Reinking, City of Utrecht

Vice-Chair: Michael Langwiesner, City of Vienna

- 09.00 Registration and welcome coffee
- 09.15 Welcome, introductions, the objectives and proceedings of the meeting, Dick Reinking, City of Utrecht
- 09.30 **Strategies for prevention of evictions in different European countries**, *Dr. Volker Busch-Geertsema, Association for Innovative Social Research and Social Planning, Bremen*
- 10:30 Local examples of prevention strategies:
- *Ljubljana, Sašo Rink, Director of The City of Ljubljana Public Housing Fund*
 - *London, David Eastwood, Services and Commissioning Manager, Greater London Authority*
 - *Newcastle, Neil Munslow, Service Manager - Active Inclusion, City of Newcastle*
- 11.00 Coffee break & networking
- 11.15 Round table with the participants on the **state of the art of prevention strategies** in their cities
- 12.00 **Models for cost-benefit analysis of preventative approaches at the local level**, *Dick Reinking, Project and Programme Leader Public Health, the City of Utrecht*
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 **EU policy update**, *Andrea Meszaros, Policy officer, Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction, the European Commission*
- 14.30 **Exchange with the European Commission on homelessness policy and practice at the local level**, *with Andrea Meszaros, Policy officer, Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction, the European Commission*
- 15.30 Coffee break

- 16.00 Funding opportunities for mutual exchange and research activities on homelessness, *Nathalie Guri, EUROCITIES Project manager*:
- URBACT III
 - HORIZON 2020
 - Erasmus +

16.30 **Writing effective project proposals**, *Nathalie Guri, EUROCITIES Project manager*

17.00 Local EU funded projects on homelessness (possible collaboration between the working group members) - brainstorming led by *Nathalie Guri, EUROCITIES Project manager*

18.00 Adjournment

19.00 Dinner

Venue: Hotel Leopold, Rue du Luxembourg 35, 1000 Brussels

Please note: EUROCITIES will cover the starter, main course, water, coffee and tea.

All other orders of food, drinks and dessert orders will need to be covered by the participants.

Joint session with Roma Task Force

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Chair (WGH): Dick Reinking, City of Utrecht

Chair (RFT): Jan Balliu, City of Ghent

Joint session with Task Force Roma Inclusion

09.00 Welcome coffee

09.30 Welcome by Chairs, introductions and quick tour de table

10.00 Use of EU funds for vulnerable populations

- Introduction and context - *Dominique Be, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion & Enrica Chiozza, DG for Regional and Urban policy*
- European Social Fund - *Anette Bjornsson, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion*
- European Fund for the Most Deprived, *Emmanuelle Guiheneuf, European Commission*
- European Regional Development Fund use for social inclusion - *Michael Ralph, European Commission, DG for Regional and Urban policy*
- Community Led Local Development and its use for Roma communities - *Viviana Galli, ERGO network*
- Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme - *Marie Tempesta, Social Affairs Trainee*

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 Mutual exchange between Roma task force (RTF) and working group homelessness (WGH)

- Outline of the scope and purpose of the WGH and RTF
- Thematic exploration on policy trends and overlaps between homelessness and Roma
- *each participant is asked to prepare a two-minute pitch on one of the following themes - these can include policy context as well as examples of good practices of interventions that apply to both policy domains (homelessness and Roma/migrants):*
 - Housing (including entitlements)
 - Labour participation / social security (including entitlements)
 - Health, health care, insurances (including entitlements)
 - Public order and safety policies
- Conclusions and next steps

14.30 *Roma Task Force meeting continues. The interested members of WG Homelessness are welcome to participate. Please see separate agenda and registration details.*



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