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Ending homelessness

Belgian cities by 2030: problems and challenges

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Reasons to apply for URBACT APN

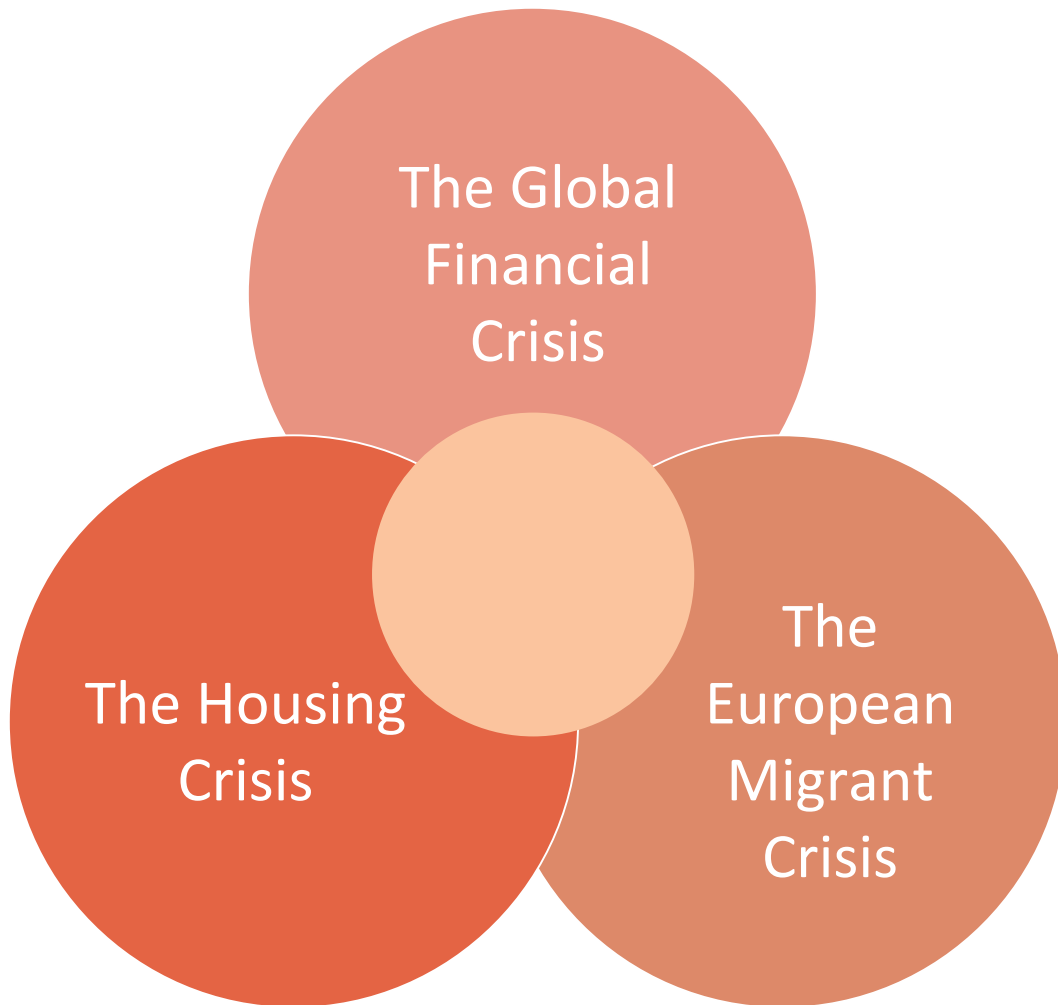
Housing crisis in Ghent:
lack of affordable quality
housing affecting the most
vulnerable people



need to join forces on
how to end homelessness
together with

- local stakeholders
- other Belgian cities
- European cities

Times of crisis



Deinstitutionalization of care as a recent change with consequences not yet solved

HOMELESSNESS IN EUROPE: AN ALARMING PICTURE

LOCATION - NON-COMPARABLE -
NON-EXHAUSTIVE OF ALARMING TRENDS
IN HOMELESSNESS IN EUROPE



GREAT-BRITAIN 
LONDON



people sleeping rough in 1 year

IRELAND 
DUBLIN



families in homeless accommodation in 1 year

THE NETHERLANDS 




young homeless in 1 year

BELGIUM 
BRUSSELS



homeless people in 4 years

LUXEMBOURG 



people in adult homeless accommodation in 4 years

SPAIN 
BARCELONA



homeless people in 7 years

SPAIN 
BARCELONA



homeless people in 2 years

FRANCE 



homeless people in 11 years

FINLAND 



single homeless in 3 years

DENMARK 



young homeless in 6 years

LITHUANIA 



people in shelters for mothers and children in 8 years

POLAND 




homeless people in 2 years

GERMANY 



homeless people estimated in 2 years

AUSTRIA 



registered homeless people in 6 years

ITALY 



homeless people in 6 years

GREECE 
ATHENS



9,000 estimated homeless people were forced to live on the streets in the past 5 years

Evidence from across Europe points to a worsening homelessness situation. Finland is the only exception, showing the effectiveness of implementing a long-term homelessness strategy.

WARNING: These statistics are not comparable. The situations described, the sources (official as far as possible), the periods of time and the methodologies are different and specific to each of the countries concerned. Details and explanations regarding the data are available in the following pages.

Reasons for the ROOF network: crisis brings change

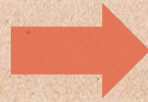
Homelessness trends are negative. Only Finland has a positive trend.
Housing First is the main reason for the positive trend in Finland.



*ROOF can enable cities towards the solution of **Housing First** through exchange and bring change in the whole European system.*

Reasons for the ROOF network: crisis brings change

Numbers of homelessness in Europe are unclear and uncomparable. It is difficult to have the whole picture.



*ROOF
can improve the
knowledge about
numbers, categories and
trends
by working on **Data
Collection** in a European
Network*

KEY POINTS of ROOF



Braga
Ghent
Glasgow
Gothenburg
Liège
Naples
Timisoara
Thessaloniki
Toulouse

Eradicate homelessness through innovative housing solutions at city level.

→ Exchange knowledge on how to:

- 1) gather accurate data
- 2) make the shift from management to the actual ending of homelessness, with Housing First and Housing Led as guidance model.

OUTPUT: Produce integrated local action plans linked to the long term strategic goal of **Functional Zero** (no structural homelessness).

Advantages for the partner cities

- A great chance for each partner city on a local level to
 - Unite housing and homelessness stakeholders around the same objective
 - Learn and offer innovative practices (HF, social rental systems, Housing Catcher system.....)



Advantages for the partner cities

- A great chance for each partner city on a local level to
 - Prepare long term integrated action plans
 - Create citizens' awareness
 - Have political influence both locally and nationally e.g. need for a national strategy (e.g. accurate data collection)



Advantages for Europe and the European cities



- A unique chance for Europe to receive feedback from the cities on how Europe can contribute to ending homelessness:
 - a **European Homelessness policy**, that is also aligned with the housing policy
 - Implementing **ETHOS Light** Framework FEANTSA for data collection
 - ...

Advantages for Ghent, Liège,... and BELGIUM over the next years

- **A unique chance to**
 - put a significant step forward with **homelessness data collection on all Belgian levels** (e.g. Ghent expertise vs Liège expertise)
- **rethink the Belgian homeless system** through working on making the shift from the sheltering system to implementing Housing First as a system



Advantages for Ghent, Liège,... and BELGIUM over the next years

- **A unique chance to**
 - structurally organise SUPRAREGIONAL networks for large cities
 - cooperate and exchange between intersectoral institutions on a federal, regional and local level
 - to come to a **BELGIAN homeless strategy** (cf success of Finland, Scotland)

Want to know more?

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