

PROGRAM 14/10/22

NATIONAL CONFERENCE - FROM DREAM TO REALITY: ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN BELGIUM

DESCRIPTION OF THE DAY

In Belgium, as in Europe, the phenomenon of homelessness continues to grow, demonstrating the failure of our social policies to guarantee access to the fundamental right to housing. This worrying situation is exacerbated by the various crises our country is going through (migration, healthcare, social crisis, etc.).



Faced with these challenges, Belgium has set itself the goal, through the Lisbon Declaration, of developing a targeted policy to end homelessness by 2030. What will this strategy entail and how will it be implemented? The conference is a first step in that direction.

We invite experts from the academic, associative and political worlds, active across Belgium, to discuss the 4 strategic pillars to end homelessness: data, housing, support and prevention.





This conference is organised by the non-profit association Street nurses in the framework of the "Dream of a Roof" campaign to mobilise citizens, associations and politicians to end homelessness.



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9:00-9:15

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Opening speech

Presentation

Moderator: Mark Trullemans

Kara Heron, Glasgow Alliance to End

Homelessness (EN)

10:00-11:00

Panel "Data"

Moderator: Mark Trullemans

Testimony: HuNeeds podcast "Quand tu dors où", presented by Gaëlle Guerrero (Street nurses)

- Louise Paquot, Bruss'Help (FR)

- Koen Hermans, KU Leuven (NL)

11:00-11:30

Break

11:30-12:45

Panel "Housing"

Moderator: Henk van Hootegem

Testimony: Video clip "The housing team" with Wanda Duhamel (Street nurses)

- Mathilde Flas, ULiège (FR)

- Bieke Verlinden, Alderman of the city of Leuven (NL)

- Anne Bauwelinckx, RBDH (FR)

12:45-13:45

Lunch

13:45-15:15

Panel "Support"

Moderator: Mark Trullemans

Testimony on supporting homeless people by Filip Keymeulen (Diogènes)

- Coralie Buxant, Les Trois Portes (FR)
- Adriana Costa Santos, BXLRefugees, (FR)
- Isabella Reati, Affiliation (FR)
- Peter-Jan Heylenbosch, CPAS de Gand (NL)
- Charles-Antoine Sibille, Equipe Mobile du Réseau 107 (FR)



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15:14-15:45

Break

15:45-17:00

Panel "Prevention"

Moderator: Henk van Hootegem

Testimony on « Supported Housing » by Julien Perriaux (CPAS of Saint-Gilles)

- Erik Vreven, Liss CAW Limburg (NL)
- David Praile, RWDH (FR)
- Patricia Vansnick, Le Passage pour sortants de prison (FR)

17:00-18:00

Final debate

Moderator: Frédéric Deborsu

- Alain Maron, Minister of the Brussels-Capital Region Government in charge of Health and Social Action
- Nina Roox, Advisor to Nicole de Moor Secretary of State for Asylum and Migration
- Céline Nieuwenhuys, General Secretary of the Federation of Social Services
- Joy Verstichele, Coordinator of the Flemish Platform of Tenants
- Joël Van Cauter, Philosopher and Economist, Itinera Fellow

18:00-19:00

Reception

