



# Be Fair, Europe – Stand Up for Homeless People

## FEANTSA Roadmap – EU MIGRATION & ASYLUM POLICY

Coherent and balanced EU migration & asylum policies would help to decrease homelessness.

This roadmap explains the current situation and what needs to change for Europe to stand up for homeless migrants.

It is one of a series of roadmaps supporting FEANTSA's campaign

### Where are we?

Homelessness among migrants is a significant problem in the EU. This issue concerns not only third country nationals but also EU citizens exercising their right to freedom of movement, who appear as a significant proportion of the homeless population in many metropolitan centres



UK

57%

of rough sleepers contacted by outreach teams were foreign nationals in 2014/15



IT

58%

of homeless service users were foreign nationals in 2014



FR

22,800

asylum seekers sleeping rough in 2014



NL

50%

of homeless people are foreign nationals



Protecting newcomers in need is one of the priorities of the European Agenda on Migration. However, no proposal has been made to address homelessness among migrants and recent EU political initiatives risk increasing migrants' vulnerability to homelessness.

## What needs to change?

The European Commission & Member States should make their asylum and migration policies deliver on homelessness by:



Seeing homelessness amongst migrants as a result of structural factors, as well as personal crises or vulnerability. Structural factors include: inadequate reception facilities or an inability to deal with undocumented migrants.



Investing in accommodation facilities and developing housing solutions in the public and private sector to promote integration of newcomers. Focusing on the most vulnerable and on the integration of those granted international protection status.



Guaranteeing access to basic services and facilities such as food, healthcare and accommodation regardless of administrative status. Putting necessary resources at the disposal of homeless services who work with migrants.



Ensuring safe and legal routes to protection including resettlement programmes, humanitarian visas and private sponsorship programmes.



Not weakening the asylum seeker protection standards as proposed in the reform of the asylum package. Instead, reception conditions should be harmonised upwards to evenly distribute arrival of asylum seekers, improve their reception conditions and promote their integration.

