

Webinar series on Health and Homelessness
WEBINAR III: Homelessness and Mental Health

21st November - Thursday (11:00 - 12:30 CET)

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This autumn, FEANTSA is organising a series of webinars to explore the connection between health and homelessness. In these online events, we are inviting experts on health and homelessness who have conducted research at the intersection of these areas or/and have implemented successful practices in removing barriers for people facing homelessness to access to healthcare.

You can watch our first webinar [here](#), on Homelessness and Health Inequalities and [here](#) on Homelessness and Tuberculosis. The third and last webinar of this series is dedicated to the connection between mental health and homelessness.

The relationship between homelessness and mental health is complex and deeply interconnected. Research shows that people experiencing homelessness have a significantly higher prevalence of mental health problems. The lack of safe, stable shelter can severely impact their psychological well-being. With mental health remaining a priority on the EU agenda¹, FEANTSA raises awareness on the need to ensure a focus on marginalised communities in upcoming initiatives in this area, particularly with regards to the significance of housing as a social determinant of health, especially Mental Health.²

To ensure a truly comprehensive and effective approach to mental health at a European level, the needs and access of people experiencing homelessness must be considered. The upcoming webinar aims to contribute to this conversation by addressing topics such as the specific needs and challenges faced by people experiencing homelessness as well as good support practices.

Goals:

- Built knowledge on the bidirectional relationship between homelessness and mental health.
- Identifying and mapping some of the common challenges that people experiencing homelessness face on accessibility to mental health services, diagnosis, and treatment.
- Provide examples of innovative services that provide mental healthcare for people experiencing homelessness.
- Offer an opportunity for participants to share their experiences and services and co-create solutions for problems identified.

1 Mental Health Europe (10 October 2024). Joint Statement: Deliver on promises and honour commitments on mental health.

2 FEANTSA (2023). Mental Health & Homelessness across Europe: Calling for Comprehensive, Sustainable & Inclusive Strategies.

Programme

Mental Health Europe, Brussels (15 min)

Speaker: Fatima Awil, Policy and Knowledge Officer

Website: Mental Health Europe: Advocacy & Support for Well-being

Research- On the Situation of People Living in Homelessness and with Psychiatric Illness and Mental Disorder in Budapest, and their Support Systems. (15 min)

Speaker: István Sziklai, University of Hungary

Website: Istvan Sziklai, PhD | ELTE Faculty of Social Sciences

Neunerhaus, Vienna (15 min)

Speaker: Paula Reid, Research and Innovation Officer

Website: Home - neunerhaus

Housing First- Hogares para la Autonomía and Mental Health, Madrid (15 min)

Speaker: Jose Carillo, Housing Support Technician

Website: Inicio - HOGAR SÍ; Con las personas, por el derecho a la vivienda - Provivienda

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