



**22 March 2019**

## **Fourth Overview of Housing Exclusion in Europe 2019**

**14:00 – 17:30 European Social and Economic Committee, Brussels**  
**19:00 – 22:00 Cinéma L’Aventure, Brussels**

### **Launching seminar**

**14:00 – 17:30 European Social and Economic Committee**

**Room VMA 3 - [2 Rue Van Maerlant, Brussels](#)**

#### **Agenda**

Discussion about the new FEANTSA/Abbé Pierre Foundation overview of housing exclusion and homelessness in Europe. Launch organised jointly by FEANTSA, the European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless, Abbé Pierre Foundation, and with the support of EESC.

*Interpretation available in English & French*

**Accreditations and welcome coffee 14:00 – 14:30**

#### **1. Opening 14:30 – 14:50**

- Welcome by Séamus Bolan (EESC representative)
- Foreword by Freek Spinnewijn (Director, FEANTSA)

#### **2. Highlights from the Report “Fourth Overview of Housing Exclusion in Europe 2019” 14:50 – 15:45**

- “Behind the statistics”: video testimony on housing exclusion
- Presentation by Chloé Serme-Morin (Partnership officer, FEANTSA) & Sarah Coupechoux (European Affairs officer, Fondation Abbé Pierre)
- Discussion with the room

#### **3. Panel: What is needed for transitioning to a housing-led and prevention-based system of ending homelessness in Europe? 15h45-16h30**

- Chair: Ruth Owen (Policy coordinator, FEANTSA)
- Panelists:
  - Eoin O’Sullivan (Lead Editor, European Observatory on Homelessness)
  - Olga Martinez de Briones (Policy officer, DG Empl & Social Affairs, European Commission)
  - Jules van Dam (Stichting De Tussenvoorziening, The Netherlands)
  - Christine Vanhessen (Director, AMA – Belgian federation of homeless shelters, Belgium)
- Discussion with the room



**5. Roundtable: What if... housing exclusion was at the top of the European agenda for the coming years? 16:30 – 17:15**

- Chair: Freek Spinnewijn (Director, FEANTSA)
- Discussants:
  - Laurent Ghékière (Europe Head of Office, USH, France)
  - Jan Cornillie (candidate SP Flanders, Belgium)
  - Jean Lambert (MEP Greens, UK)
  - Guillaume Balas (MEP S&D, France)

**6. Closing session 17:15-17:30**

- Laurent Desmard (President, Fondation Abbé Pierre)

**Screening of “The Shelter” & drinks reception**

**19:00 – 22:00 at Cinéma L’aventure, Rue des Fripiers 15, Bruxelles**

**Documentary by Fernand Melgar – FR, subtitles EN**

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