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What role
for EU
in
fight against
HOMELESSNESS?

Homelessness (urgent) **ISSUE** in all EU MS

- **700.000**
 - Street & shelter on any given day
 - 2019
- **Increase**
 - 70%
 - Finland
- **Profiles**
 - Migrants
 - Young people
- Impact **Corona**


Policies at **TURNING** point

- Limits of *stair-case model*
 - 600.000 beds & growing
 - Budgetary issue in some MS...
 - FR – 4 billion €
- Shift of paradigm
 - From MANAGING to **ENDING** homelessness
 - Growing interest in **Housing First** & housing-led
- National/regional **strategies**
 - ½ EU Member States & growing
 - Homeless is **distinct** problem that needs to be addressed with distinct policy

EVIDENCE matters

- More & more diverse **data**
 - Profile, **time** homeless, causes/triggers,...
- (Rapidly) growing **research** output
 - Housing First, cost-effectiveness,...
 - Large experiments
 - *Scattered*
- (Prudent) commitment to **evidence-based policies**


EU Homeless Platform

- **Strategy**
 - Support MS (& stakeholders) with fight against homelessness
 - Launch 21/6
 - Austrian participation ?!
- **Activities**
 - **Mutual learning** & research
 - Monitoring policy progress
 - Access to **EU funding & investment**
 - Legislation ... ?!
- **Strong political support**
 - European Parliament - Including ALL  MEPs!
 - EPSCO Council
 - European Council
 - Platform - preparatory talks
 - **Hesitation....**

How to ENGAGE at EU level?

- Participation
 - Austria (**official**)
 - At level of Minister/ry
 - 1st meeting Platform in Autumn 2021 under SI Presidency (technical)
 - 2nd Ministers' meeting in early 2022 under FR Presidency (political)
 - **Stakeholders**
 - Via FEANTSA
 - Leading role ...
- Governance + Activities
 - Power of **proposal** with MS...
- Likely **opportunities** (short-term)
 - 400 million € ring-fenced for housing solutions for homesness from InvestEU (loans)
 - 10 million € for dozen local social innovation projects (grants)

Q & A

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