



**14 major European networks call for more political courage:
Already 200 MEPs committed to end street homelessness in Europe**

FEANTSA together with 13 major European networks call on Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to join their 197 colleagues who had signed the cross-party Written Declaration on ending Street Homelessness in Europe (0111/2007) at the end of January. An exhibition in the European Parliament in Strasbourg will help to mobilise support.

In a common letter sent out this week, 14 European level networks and organisations invite other MEPs to sign the written declaration on ending street homelessness in order to reach the necessary quota for it to be adopted before the lapse date of 26 March 2008.

Street homelessness is an ongoing reality in all EU Member States. As one of the most extreme forms of poverty and social exclusion, street homelessness not only constitutes a violation of the fundamental rights of the people concerned. It also has a negative impact on society as a whole.

This situation can change! With political courage and concerted action of all relevant stakeholders, it is possible to ensure that no one has to sleep rough in Europe due to the lack of adequate services. FEANTSA highlights that the Written Declaration is a timely signal to the European institutions and Member States to build on their previous commitment and address homelessness as a priority in their social inclusion strategies.

To mobilise support for the Written Declaration, FEANTSA together with the first five signatories (*Mary Lou MacDonald (GUE/NGL, Ireland)* *Claude Moraes (PES, United Kingdom)*, *Jacek Protasiewicz (EPP-ED, Poland)*, *Gérard Onesta (Greens/EFA, France)*, *Jean-Marie Beaupuy (ALDE, France)*) organises an exhibition on street homelessness in the European Parliament in Strasbourg, which will be available during the February session.

EP President, Hans-Gert Pöttering, will open the exhibition “Cris silencieux” by French photographer Philippe Gabel on Tuesday, 18th of February at 6 PM.



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FEANTSA is the European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless. Established in 1989, FEANTSA represents today more than 100 organisations working with people experiencing homelessness in 27 European countries which provide a wide range of services to people experiencing homelessness, including housing, health and employment support.

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