

The Virtuous Cycle of Participation. Housing First in the Italian Public Policy

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Fio.PSD

- Italian Federation of Organizations Working with Homeless People
- 130 members (Caritas, Associations, NGOs, Foundation, Municipality...)
- Advocacy, Training, Analysis and Research, Communication activities
- Italian Full Member of FEANTSA



Homeless People in Italy

50,724*

Roofless and Homeless People in Italy

(Ethos)

Italian: 42%

Migrants: 58%



* Istat 2015



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Youth Homeless: 25%
Women: 14%

More than 4 year
on the street: 1 out 4



* Istat 2015



Homeless People in Italy

Fio.PSD's Monitoring Members*

New profiles: young people (18-25 years old)
irregular migrants
family homelessness
working poors
women
people with mental «disorder»
people with physical handicap
«not formally recognized»

* fio.PSD 2017



Current Homelessness System in Italy

- The Ministry of Labour and Social Policy has committed to paying special attention to homelessness during the period of 2014-2020
- Homelessness is recognized as urgent issue within National Anti-Poverty Plan (ESF) in order to address two priorities:
 - reducing homelessness (#HomelessZero)
 - making Housing First as the first way to tackle homelessness



Actions

Several ACTIONS were carried out by national government with the aim to improve strategy against homelessness in Italy:

- National Survey on Homeless People and Services (2012; 2015) by the National Institute of Statistic in collaboration with fio.PSD, Caritas, Ministry of LSP
- Roundtable and inter-institutional dialogue with main actors within poverty and homelessness sector for two years
- Permanent dialogue with fio.PSD as umbrella organization



Tools

Several tools and instruments:

- National Guidelines for tackling Homelessness in Italy (2015) – by Ministry Social Policy

The Guideline represents the main document for Regional governments and Municipalities to offer homogenous measures and interventions for ending homelessness. For the writing of the Guideline, the Ministry has involved various levels of government and relevant economic and social partnerships.



Tools

Several tools and instruments:

- Plan for social interventions and services to combat poverty – 2018

The Plan is a programming tool for the use of resources of the Poverty Fund with the focus on enforcing services and for guaranteeing interventions for homeless people



Resources

Exclusive large scale funding.

The Ministry of Labor and Social Policy has allocated:

- 100 million € in seven years to policies for homeless people
- 50% European Social Fund
- 50% FEAD (Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived)



Strenghts and Weakness

- Each territory should receive funds in relation to the number of homeless people
- Each territory decide how much money according to the Guideline
- Critical aspects → emergency approach is still dominant; only small material goods were allowed by FEAD, while for homeless people would be more useful other aids (i.e rental support, equipment for housing, etc ...)



Role of fio.PSD

- Advocacy action to promote culture and social innovation
- Dissemination activities and human right campaign
- Territorial supervision
- Focus on monitoring use of resources
- Last but NOT least, looking at the **homeless people as person**



Perspectives

- Effective and Innovative use of funds
- Overcoming emergency approach and renovating services
- Making policies against homelessness more innovative and uniform on the national territory
- Housing First as “the best way” to tackling Homelessness



Current Housing First in Italy

- Network Housing First – Italy and Pilot projects from 2014 to 2016
- New deal of the Network Housing First – Italy “From the Project to Service” (2017-2019)
- Housing First recognized in to the National Anti-Poverty Plan and in Guideline
- Large scale funding (50 milion of euros – ESF and FEAD) from the government to municipalities and regional government to renovate territorial services by Housing First Approach



SOME EXAMPLES OF USE OF ESF AND NATIONAL FUNDS

- **City of Turin** Large investments on homelessness, allocating many funds to HF - about 60 apartments with the first tranche
- **City of Milan** Large investments on homelessness, allocating many funds to HF /HL projects (50), housing for homeless people with mental and physical problems (90), innovative projects
- **Region of Veneto** Social Housing in six territorial areas involved in HF projects
- **Region FRIULI V. G.** Investments in housing first – four provincial area involved
- **City of Naples** Innovative housing and use of «mafia requised build»
- **Region of Calabria** Implementation of new projects on housing. Training in order to create a territorial network
- **City of Palermo** Innovative HF projects, territorial coordination and specific training
- **Region of Sardegna** Scattered HF projects



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<http://www.homelesszero.org/video/>



Grazie
Thanks
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