

# ***Evaluation of Housing First in Italy: methods and results***

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## How was Housing First in Italy born?

→ *Bottom up* process promoted by fio.PSD\* (2014-2016)

Main stages:

- National Conference on Housing First
- **National Program for Implementing Housing First** (training, supervision and evaluation)
- Born of the **Network of Housing First – Italy** (54 organization)
- Launch of **pilot projects** for implementing Housing First in Italy

\* fio.PSD is the umbrella organization of homelessness service providers in Italy



## How were evaluated pilot projects?

→ *By Scientific Committee*

- Team of 10 researchers, professors and senior evaluator
- Multi-disciplinary approaches
- Mixed methods
- Involvement of providers, social workers and beneficiaries in the evaluation design
- Monitoring Plan
- Evaluation Plan





# **Evaluation Plan of Pilot projects By Molinari and Zenarolla**

## **Questionnaires**

- 1° Context Analysis**
- 2° Organizational Change**
- 3° Ethos typology of HF users**



## **Well Being and Community Integration Survey by Prof. Santinello and team University of Padua**



### **Items:**

- 1. Health (SF-12),**
- 2. Alcohol abuse (AUDIT),**
- 3. Drug abuse (DAST-10),**
- 4. Community Integration Scale**
- 5. Satisfaction (clients)**
- 6. Housing Quality**
- 7. Housing Stability**

## 1° Wave of Change (news!)

It is an Outcomes tools

Aims:

- To measure changes in beneficiaries, social workers and organizations
- 10 spheres of life (use of the time, well-being self-determined, use of the community facilities, etc)





**2° OsValdo (news)**  
**By Prof. Mazzeo-Rinaldi**  
**University of Catania and Caritas of Siracusa**

Measurement of costs and resources necessities to implement  
Housing First

- **Personal cost**
- **Housing cost**
- **Services cost**



## 3° Fidelity instrument - Rossella 3.0 (News!)

By Molinari



- Self-evaluation of fidelity to Housing First
- Based on core principles of HF, Rossella inquires to adaptive «dynamic movement» of the local practices
- Rossella reveals strengths and weakness of HF implementation
- Rossella supports organization to learn by trial and errors



# Italian Book on experimentation of Housing First in Italy



## Pilot projects in «pills»

- **35** pilot projects
- *(located in)* 27 big and medium cities (Bologna, Turin, Milan, Ragusa, Padua, Pisa, etc)
- *(furnished by)* 54 providers
- *(involving staff with)* 120 social workers (1/10 users)
- *(and)* 45 volunteers

**190** apartments (70% in private rental market)  
Single apartments (29%), apartments for families (40%),  
co-housing (31%)

### **456 adults + 233 children**

- 59,8% adults alone + 40,2% family homelessness
- 57,6% Italian

51 years old – average



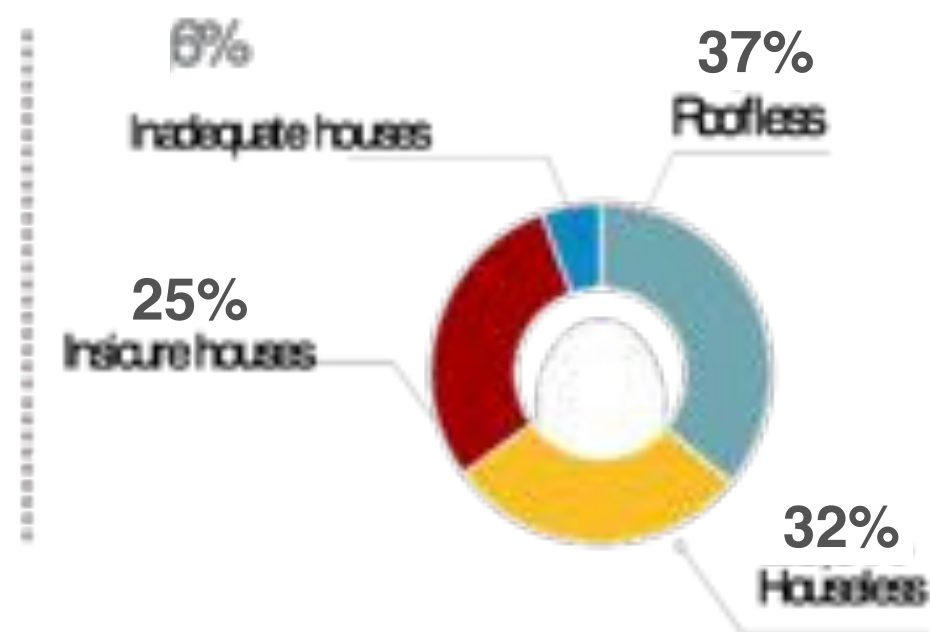
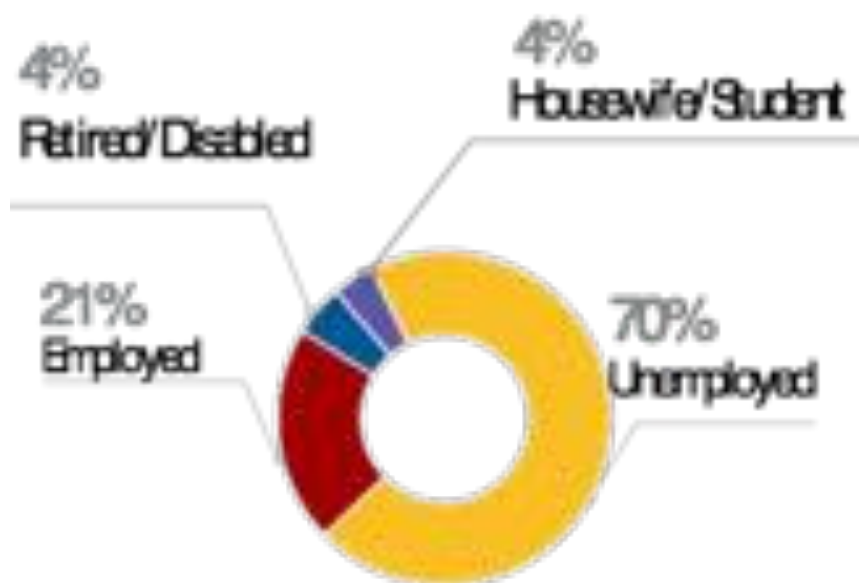
**(Main) Target: adults  
e family  
homelessness**





## Hf users

### Income, House, Work are the main disadvantages



57%

has health problems



51%

has family problems



39%

uses drugs and alcohol



11%

has problems with justice





*... at Home*

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Private housing market

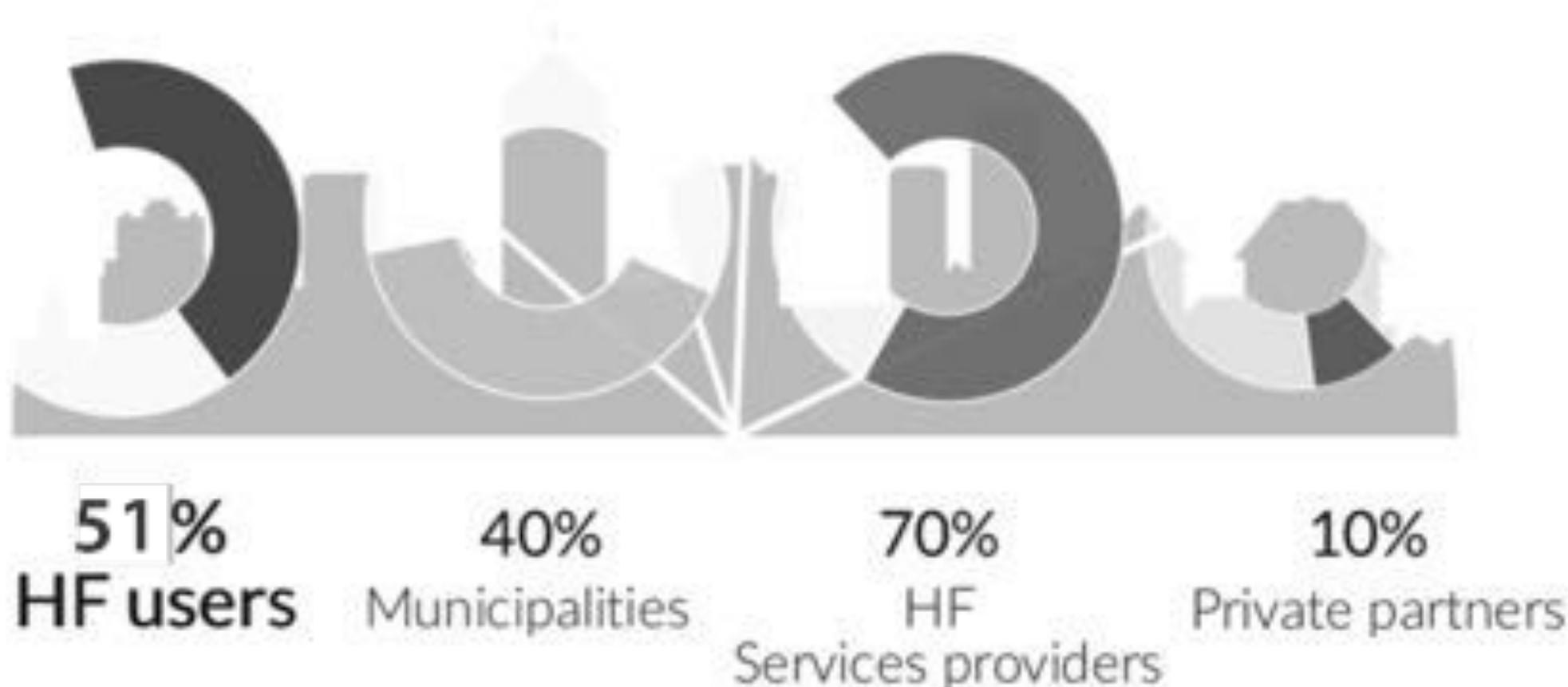
15%  
Public property

27 CITIES



15%  
Religious property

## WHO SUPPORT HOUSING FIRST COSTS?



...with HOUSING FIRST house can be a RIGHT

## OUTCOME



*\* sample of 65 users at 6 months after housing*





**62%**

97 people got in autonomy

**31%**

48 people abandoned



# Thanks

