Housing is a fundamental citizenship right that must promote people's participation integration and diversity in communities Therefore:

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It has to be **PERMANENT**, not temporary – meaning stable with no pre-determined time limitation.

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It has to be **INDEPENDENT** or individualized, not group-homes – meaning opposed to concentrated spaces with big signs on the door.

3

It has to be **SCATTERED** or regular in community, not congregated or separated – meaning housing undifferentiated in the regular neighbourhoods or barrios.

The HOME_EU research demonstrated that permanent, scattered and independent Housing First Model is the proper way for people that experienced homeless to attain community integration and mental health wellbeing or recovery.

Consistent evidence across a range of outcomes shows that the Housing First model is more effective at:

- Decreasing time in homeless staircase accommodation
- Increasing time in independent accommodation
- Decreasing psychiatric symptoms
- Increasing community integration
- Promoting equality defined as enhancing peoples' capabilities

Now it is the time to end homelessness towards community integration!



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The HOME_EU project conducted research in Portugal, France, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and Spain and compiled data from diverse sources such as: citizens, service users, providers and policy actors to understand how this phenomenon is viewed and to highlight effective solutions, such as the Housing First approach.

The research and comparative analyses that will result from the Project will have a transnational effect on national homelessness policies and on organizational strategies to reverse the social inequality associated with long-term homelessness.

























