BRUSSELS-BASED ORGANISATIONS SUPPORT PEOPLE

WITH HOUSING PROBLEMS

Survey participants

160 **ORGANISATIONS**





Health/Well-being Poverty Education Facilitation of meetings/social cohesion Culture, music, theater Homelessness **Immigration** issues Housing Anti-discrimination Human rights **Employment and training** Charity Family affairs Neighborhood interests Policy or direct action Fields of activity Childcare of the responding Sexuality/LGBTQI+ Development aid abroad organisations Religious activities 100

135 FUNDED AND **25 NOT FUNDED**

25 WITH PAID WORKERS, **39 WITH ONLY VOLUNTEERS** 93 MIXED

35 IN AND 125 OUTSIDE THE HOMELESS SECTOR



Diverse housing situations

Including:

sleeping on the streets in shelters in squats sofa surfing overcrowding







WHAT IS HOME?

Having a home can be understood as: having an adequate space over which a person and his/ her family can exercise exclusive possession physical domain); being able to maintain privacy and enjoy relations (social domain) and having a legal title to occupation legal domain).

(Source: FEANTSA)

Encountered housing problems

organisations in touch with people with housing problems

MOST ENCOUNTERED:

- 1. Sofa surfing
- 2. Overcrowding
- 3. A combination of situations
- 4. Stay in a (emergency) shelter
- 5. Stay in an accommodation
- 6. Living on the street or in the public space
- 7. Stay in a squat or occupation
- 8. Stay in a religious community
- 9. Stay in a caravan, hut, tent
- 10. Stay in a non-accredited structure

Profiles of people

with housing problems

VERY DIVERSE:

- Young & old, men/women/x, families and singles ...
- · Sometimes (mental) health problems, social issues, addictions ...
- · Belgian citizens, migration, refugee status, undocumented migrants, EU citizens ...



Different kinds of help for people with housing problems



3 main conlusions

The housing crisis affects more people than only those living on the streets and in shelters.

Less visible forms of housing problems are widely spread.

Diverse formal and informal organisations support people with housing problems.



Want to know more?

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