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Ending Homelessness

HOUSING FIRST IN EU CONTEXT

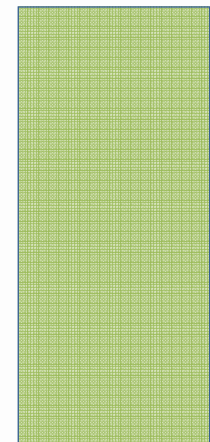
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UNTILL NOW...

EU POLICY

- Consensus Conference 2010
 - Event BE Presidency of EU
 - Housing-led policies and Housing First model works
- Social Investment Package 2013
 - European Commission
 - Invest in human capital for long term social, economic, human value
 - « Doing more/same with less »
 - Guidance on homelessness
 - Housing-led as key principal. HF proven effective intervention
- 6 principles for effective homeless policies 2013
 - Homeless Ministers Meeting
 - 24 member states
 - Housing-led/first policies and interventions most effective

EU KNOWLEDGE

- European Commission – DG EMPL
 - Housing First Europe social experiment
 - PROGRESS
 - Meta-analysis of existing Housing First test sites
 - Positive outcome
- FEANTSA Observatory on Homelessness
 - European Journal & Conferences
 - Open debate about pros and cons
- French Ministry of Housing/Social Cohesion
 - 2 European pieces of research
 - General overview Housing First (2012)
 - Non-housing outcomes of Housing First (2014)
- European Commission – DG Research
 - Social innovation research projects
 - Increasing interest in Housing First as cost-effective social innovation

EU FUNDING

- Structural Funds 2014-2020
 - ESF
 - 20% fr poverty
 - Can be Housing First ...
 - Social support & Rent
 - Hamburg example
 - ERDF
 - Health and social infrastructure in framework of transition from institutional to community based care
 - Housing First as deinstitutionalisation (DI)
 - Avoid/reduce shelter time as DI...
- EIB
 - Interest in Social Investment Bonds
 - Test SIBs to fund Housing First....

CONCLUSION

- (1) Increasing evidence Housing First works
- (2) EU policy context favourable to engage in more ambitious promotion of Housing First policies
- (3) EU funding potentially available

FUTURE ...

EU POLICY

- Better monitoring of progress
 - SIP
- Encouraging progress
 - Semester
 - Country Specific Recommendations...

EU KNOWLEDGE

- Identify research gaps
 - Cost-effectiveness/efficiency
 - Non-housing outcomes
 - Social support models
 - ...
- Strategic funding of research
 - E@SI
 - HORIZON
- Creation & Support for Housing First expert network
 - Policy, research, NGO...

EU FUNDING

- Promote use of Structural Funds
 - Guidance/Training for member states/management authorities on Housing First
 - Resistance to change...
 - Strategic use of ESF outcome indicator related to homelessness
 - Discourage use for temporary/shelter accommodation
- Launch EU pilot SIB on Housing First
 - Build on latent interest of EIB & Sec Gen of European Commission

CONCLUSION

- Lots is possible BUT needs to happen in framework of **EU homeless strategy**
 - Ensures most efficient use of resources
 - Will allow for strong mobilisation over time
 - Avoids an overly strong focus / drastic push on Housing First as the only solution

- Thank you for listening
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