Introducing a reporting on homelessness in Germany

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• Ländere (regions) and municipalities are responsible for providing accommodation and care for homeless people
• No robust data available on homelessness for the federal level and for most Ländere
• „BAG W“ (NGO) publishes estimations, considers them not robust, long-standing call for federal statistics by NGOs
Situation in Germany: why acting on the federal level?

- available sources show rising levels of homelessness
- increasing initiatives on *Länder* level => risk: data incomparable
- reporting on poverty and wealth cannot rely on robust data
- evidence-based social policy decisions

ongoing legislative process: reporting on homelessness
persons are homeless when
(1) provided with accommodation/shelter by care system;
(2) staying in homes, asylums, institutions, women's houses bc. they are lacking a flat;
(3) living in cheap motels;
(4) staying at friends/family;
(5) living in the street (rough sleepers).

draft law § 3 (2)
homless when
- without a flat, or
- there is no rental or tenancy agreement for a flat and no property rights
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• point-in-time statistics (31st of January, first time in 2022)
• carried out by the Federal Statistical Office
• statistical dimensions: sex, age, nationality, type and size of household, type of accommodation, starting date of being accommodated, municipality key
aim: analysis and information on forms of homelessness not covered by statistics, esp. homeless people staying at friends/family and „rough sleepers“, optionally additional studies

• obligation for reporting, financial means provided by Ministry

• concept for report will be drafted with participation of NGOs and researchers
data on homelessness: co-funded research project

• comprehensive overview on homelessness and policies to fight homelessness
• online survey of 179 municipalities, 39 districts, 235 NGOs, 97 Jobcenters (75% return rate)
• 12 case studies + 31 interviews of (formerly) homeless people
• 337,000 homeless persons (31.05.2018)