Programme

OECD Workshop on Homelessness and Affordable Housing Policies

Wednesday, 27 November 2019 | 9:00 – 18:00
OECD Offices in Boulogne, France | Room BB 1, Level 1

Background and objectives

As part of the OECD Horizontal Project on Housing, the OECD Directorate of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs will organise a Workshop on Homelessness and Affordable Housing Policies. The workshop aims to:

- Share research and policy experiences around homelessness and affordable housing
- Seek guidance on future work around homelessness and affordable housing policies.

The workshop is open to delegates of the OECD Working Party on Social Policy; international experts, advocates and others working on affordable housing and homelessness; OECD staff and delegates involved in the OECD Horizontal Project on Housing; and other interested parties. The workshop will take place in English.

Registration
Please register your participation at this link or contact Fatima Perez at Fatima.Perez@oecd.org + (33-1) 45 24 14 88.

Programme

8:30-9:00 Welcome and registration

9:00-9:30 Opening remarks by Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20

9:30-12:30 Tackling homelessness: National strategies, local solutions

This session will explore how jurisdictions across the OECD are tackling homelessness, as well as the progress, limits and challenges of such approaches. It will include efforts to address the range of support needs of the homeless – from housing, to health and social welfare services, to employment support. It will also cover Housing First (or housing-led) approaches, which provide homeless individuals with immediate, permanent housing, and in a second step offer a range of other support needs.

The session will be organised into two rounds. The first round will focus on national strategies to address homelessness, followed by a coffee break. The second round will present national and local initiatives to tackle homelessness, with discussion around how different levels of government can work more effectively together to end homelessness. Speaker interventions will be followed by discussion and exchange of experiences among all workshop participants.

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Round 1: National homelessness strategies

**Moderator:** Nan Roman, President and CEO, National Alliance to End Homelessness (United States)

- Nancy Baker, Director for Homelessness Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting at Employment and Social Development (Canada)
- Philip Gamble, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Reduction Programme Manager, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (United Kingdom)
- Manuel Hennin, Head of Housing and Shelter (France)
- Juha Kaakinen, Chief Executive, Y Foundation (Finland)

11:00-11:30  Coffee break

Round 2: National and local homelessness solutions

**Moderator:** Freek Spinnewijn, Director, European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)

- Vanessa Benoit, Deputy Director General, Social Action Centre, City of Paris (France)
- Karin Egholm, Senior Advisor, National Board on Social Services (Denmark)
- David Kelly, Principal Officer, Homelessness Policy, Funding and Delivery, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (Ireland)
- Dr. Eion O’Sullivan, Professor in Social Policy in the School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)

12:30-14:00  Lunch break

14:00-15:15  Measuring homelessness: Innovations in measurement across the OECD

Cross-country measurement of homelessness is fraught with difficulties. The absence of an international definition of homelessness renders international comparison challenging, as national definitions range from very narrow (to include only rough sleepers and/or those in shelters) to very broad and inclusive (to include those staying with friends and family members temporarily). In addition, data collection methods vary widely, and have important limits. This session will present a number of innovative approaches to defining and measuring homelessness. Speaker interventions will be followed by discussion and exchange of experiences among all workshop participants.

**Moderator:** Willem Adema, Senior Economist, OECD Directorate of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs

- Christine Ante, Analyst, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Germany)
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Logistical Note

Venue

The workshop will take place at the OECD offices in Boulogne (approximately 7 km from the OECD Headquarters in Paris). The entrance is located at:

46, quai Alphonse Le Gallo, 92100 Boulogne-Billancourt | map

Please note the change of room: The workshop will take place in BB1, located on the first level of the conference centre.

Required documentation

Please bring a valid photo ID for entry into the building.

Nearest airports

Paris Charles de Gaulle (39 km; approx. 45 min – 1h30, depending on traffic)
Paris Orly (22km; approx. 25 min – 1h, depending on traffic)

How to get here via public transport

Metro/RER
- Line 10 | Pont de Saint-Cloud station (10 min by foot)
- Line 9 | Pont de Sèvres station (15 min by foot)

Bus
- 169, 171, 179, 279, 291 | Bus stop: Pont de Sèvres
- 52, 72, 126, 160, 175, 467 | Bus stop: Pont de Saint-Cloud

Tramway
- T2 | Saint-Cloud station (15 min by foot)

Plan your itinerary via public transport: RATP
For more information: www.oecd.org/conference-centre/access

Accommodation

OECD has negotiated special rates with hotels near the OECD offices in Boulogne. Reservations can be made directly with the hotel by email or telephone by asking for OECD rates. Some hotels ask for a client code in order to benefit from preferential rates (indicated at the link below). Delegates and visitors may be asked to present an OECD invitation letter upon arrival at the hotel desk.


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