
Journal Approach

The aim of the Journal is to stimulate debate on homelessness and housing exclusion at European level and to facilitate the development of a stronger evidential base for policy development and innovation. The Journal seeks to give international exposure to significant developments at national level and, in particular, to provide a forum for comparative analysis of policy and practice in preventing and tackling homelessness in Europe. Future editions of the Journal will also assess the lessons for Europe which can be derived from policy, practice and research from elsewhere.

The Journal is formed around a broad annual theme each year. These themes will be informed by the interests of FEANTSA member organisations across Europe but the editorial independence of the Journal is assured. Thus the views expressed in the Journal should not be taken to reflect those of FEANTSA or its member organisations. The papers produced in the Journal are provided by members of the European Observatory of Homelessness as well as from a call for papers. The papers are assessed by the Editorial Group and all papers for the article section are sent to external referees.

We intend that the Journal will be of interest to policy makers at all levels of government, practitioners and volunteers, funding agencies, academics, researchers and students. While aiming to maintain the rigorous academic standards, in keeping with an international scholarly journal, the editors will strive to ensure that the content is relevant and accessible to a range of audiences with an interest in homelessness policies at both national and European level. In order to ensure a broad dissemination, the Journal is available (from FEANTSA) in hard copy format and is also produced as an electronic journal (www.feantsa.org).

The Journal is structured to provide scholarly *Articles*, detailed *Policy Evaluations* including analysis of homeless strategy in one member state (this year it is Ireland), provocative *Think Pieces* and *Reviews of homeless research or books*. The *Articles* are intended to examine diverse aspects of the annual theme in a manner that allows for an extended critical assessment of issues and, where appropriate, a comparative analysis of approaches across different EU member states. The *Policy Review* is intended to provide a detailed evaluation of a specific intervention or area of policy development in a particular member state, including the background to the initiative, the progress made in implementation, and an assessment of the lessons relevant to other EU Member States. This section also includes papers which provide commentary and analysis on an aspect of policy

