



Agenda

Peer Review:
National strategy to prevent and tackle
homelessness
The pathway to a permanent home

Oslo 7-8 September 2006



On behalf of
European Commission
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

Wednesday 6 September

Arrival of participants in Oslo
Hotel Bondeheimen, Rosenkrantzgt. 8, (T: + 47.23.21.41.00)

19:00 Welcome drink and snacks offered by The Norwegian State Housing Bank – short presentation of State Housing Bank at the regional office of Husbanken in Oslo, Støperigaten 1

Thursday 7 September

Venue: Ministry of Fishery and Coastal Affairs, Grubbegata 1
Chair: Bjørn PEDERSEN, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

09:00 – 09:20 **Welcome address**
by Inger LINDGREN, Director General, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development
and Hugues FELTESSE, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

09:20 – 09:30 **Introduction**
Presentation of the programme
by Monika NATTER, Peer Review manager, ÖSB/C-I/IES

09:30 – 10:00 **The Norwegian Strategy to prevent and combat homelessness**
presentation by Inger Lise SKOG HANSEN, FAFO

10:00 – 10:30 **Comments by peer country participants**
Key elements of comment papers concerning similar policies and measures considered or experienced in their countries or in Europe.

10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee Break*

10:50 – 11:05 **NGOs and local authorities networks statement**
Presenting the viewpoint of their organisations and/or the beneficiaries they represent with a comparative European perspective

11:05 – 12:30 **Presentation of the discussion paper** prepared by Bill EDGAR, University of Dundee
and discussion

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch, offered by the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development*

14:00 – 16:30 **Site visits**
Three visits two groups
Site Visit no 1: Homelessness and Supported Housing Strategies in the City of Oslo, Stenersg 1
Site Visit no 2: Fewer Evictions, Pilestredet 19
Site Visit no 3: Housing Upon Release From Prison, Fredensborgveien 7

- 16.30 – 17.30 **Feedback from the site visits - snacks**
- What struck participants most during the site visit?
 - Do similar situations/problems/policies exist in the participating countries?
 - What aspects are most important to remember?
- 19:30 *Dinner offered by the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development at Arakataka restaurant, Mariboestgt 7*

Friday 8 September

Venue: Ministry of Fishery and Coastal Affairs, Grubbegata 1

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Discussion facilitated by ÖSB/C-I/IES, Monika NATTER

- 09:00 – 09:30 **Key elements of the strategy**
by Bill EDGAR and Inger Lise SKOG HANSEN
- 09:30 – 10:00 **Soft measures in the strategy**
Mette MANNÅKER, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Planning
and Gunnar SVERI, the Norwegian State Housing Bank
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Collaboration agreement – prison discharge**
Magne HUSTAD and Marit OXÅS / Torill Anne Holsvik HØYEM
the Norwegian Correctional Services
- 10:30 – 10:45 *Coffee Break*
- 10:45 – 12:00 **Discussion of transferability aspects of the policy by peer countries**
(in working groups)
- 12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch*
- 13:00 – 13:30 **Feed back** from working groups
- 13:30 – 14:30 **Relevance and key learning elements for peer countries and stakeholder representatives**, facilitated by Bill EDGAR
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Closing remarks**
by Bjørn Pedersen, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development
and Hugues FELTESSE, European Commission
- 15:00 *Close of Review*