



## EU - Cost Action CA15218 'Measuring Homelessness in Europe'

### Preannouncement Training School on 'City Counts'

September 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Brussels  
September 24<sup>th</sup> optional field trips

<b>Idea</b>	There is a growing knowledge base concerning measuring homelessness at local and national level. This training school focuses on the different methodical approaches to measure homelessness at city level. It helps actors in this field to decide why and how to undertake a count on homelessness in their city. This training school has a strong scientific and societal orientation: practical and methodological expertise will be shared between the organisers and the participants.
<b>Topics</b>	<b>Discussing fundamental questions about measuring:</b> how to identify homeless people, how to collect data on the different forms of homelessness: e.g. rough sleepers, sofa surfers and users of night shelters or hostels, how to aggregate the results? <b>Sharing knowledge concerning the practical organisation of a count:</b> developing a questionnaire, creation of maps, preventing double counts; communication with the stakeholders. <b>Examples and lessons learnt from city counts</b> in Budapest, Brussels, Bratislava and Basel.
<b>Target groups</b>	Academic researchers, city administration, representatives of NGOs, national and local policy makers, students (master/PhD)
<b>Speakers</b>	All speakers have experiences in city counts and are members of the EU-Cost network 'Measuring Homelessness in Europe' <a href="http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA15218">http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA15218</a>

<b>Venue</b>	la Strada - La Strada, Support center for the homeless sector in the Brussels Region, Verenigingstraat 15, Rue de l'Association Brussel, 1000 Brussels
<b>Local Organiser</b>	Nicole Mondelaers <a href="mailto:nmondelaers@lastrada.brussels">nmondelaers@lastrada.brussels</a>
<b>Supporting Organisations and speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Darina Ondrusova, Gabor Csomor Institute for Labour and Family Research, Bratislava</li> <li>• Nóra Teller, Zoltán Gurály Metropolitan Research Institute / Shelter Foundation, Budapest</li> <li>• Prof Jörg Dittmann, Prof Matthias Drilling Institute of Social Planning, Organizational Change and Urban Development, School of Social Work, Basel</li> <li>• Prof. dr. Koen Hermans, Chair of the Cost Action Centre for sociological research and LUCAS, KU Leuven</li> </ul>
<b>Max. number of participants</b>	25
<b>Costs</b>	Travel and accommodation costs for participants will be covered by EU-COST according to reimbursement regulations see: <a href="http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA15218">http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA15218</a>
<b>Registration</b>	Due to the limited places, we encourage you to send a short motivation letter (max. 1000 characters) to the local organizer by email. In the selection process, representation of applicants from different countries will be considered and priority will be given to applicants with experience in homelessness counts and surveys, homelessness research, and homeless service delivery and policy.
<b>Full program and application form</b>	available after May 7 <sup>th</sup> 2018 see <a href="http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA15218">http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA15218</a>
<b>Deadline for motivation letter</b>	June 15 <sup>th</sup> 2018
<b>Deadline for formal application</b>	June 15 <sup>th</sup> 2018