

Explanation of Data Protection

In this document we explain why we ask for your information and what measures we take to protect your data.

1. Purpose of the survey

In the study „EU Homelessness Counts”, which is funded by the European Commission and led by the University of Leuven, we kindly ask you to provide some basic information about yourself. The aim of the study is to develop a harmonised methodology for counting people experiencing homelessness, to gain more information and better understanding of different groups of homeless people. In Germany, the cities of Münster, Potsdam and Rostock are participating in this project.

Homelessness should be ended by 2030. To monitor the success of measures to combat homelessness a comparable database is needed. This will be achieved in this pilot study. The project will provide reliable figures of the extent and structure of homelessness in the participating cities. Based on this information, existing support services and measures can be reviewed and, if necessary, further developed to benefit people experiencing homelessness.

2. Your participation in the study is voluntary

Your participation is voluntary. You will not suffer any disadvantages if you choose not to participate.

3. Anonymous and confidential data collection

The data collection is anonymous and confidential, so that no conclusions can be drawn about individuals. All persons involved in collecting data in this study have signed a written confidentiality agreement and are obliged not to share any information or data with third parties.

4. Data processing

All questionnaires will be digitised by the research institute “Gesellschaft für innovative Sozialforschung und Sozialplanung (GISS e.V.)“ and analysed by the University of Leuven. The original documents will then be destroyed. The European Commission will receive a report, tables and a dataset that includes the data you have provided. This dataset will be fully anonymised and will not allow any identification of individuals.

5. Data controller and responsible for processing your information is GISS e.V.

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