

## **Tallinn's Pledge to the European Pillar of Social Rights**

### **Commitment to Principle 19 "Housing and assistance for the homeless"**

#### **Basic principles of re-socialization and housing assistance for the homeless in Tallinn:**

Tallinn Development Strategy 2035+ declares prevention of social exclusion and fostering independent living through flexible solutions as one of the social welfare priorities.

For the city of Tallinn, ensuring a living space for everybody is a priority. We offer high-quality municipal accommodation with social services where necessary for all target groups, taking into account their special social needs.

There is a three-step re-socialization housing system: shelter, social housing unit and dormitory with micro apartments. After assessing the need for assistance, the person will receive the necessary support in the re-socialization service system. In order for people to be able to live independently as soon as possible, we also help to rent an apartment on the free market and provide more social support to avoid fallback.

In 2016-2020, the city invested more than 15 million euros into building new and renovating existing social housing; in 2020, a new dormitory with micro apartments was added. Since 2018 social support is provided for those who wish to rent from free market.

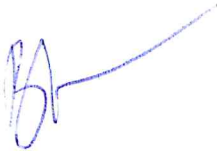
10 million euros are invested annually from the city budget to subsidize the rental costs in municipal and social housing compared to free rental market prices, with a total of 50 million euros between 2016 and 2020.

#### **In order to improve the housing and assistance for the homeless in Tallinn in 2021-25:**

- We will integrate more social services to municipal and social housing;
- We will establish assisted living units and social housing units for different target groups, investing at least 26 million EUR into social housing;
- We will invest at least 3 million EUR into the maintenance of social housing units;

- We will invest at least 10 million EUR annually to subsidise rental costs in municipal housing units.
- We will invest 4 million euros annually into homeless shelters and social housing units, with a total of at least 20 million euros for the period.
- We will profile the service units more based on the target group special needs. In 2020, we started the process of creating 40 social housing units for people with alcohol addiction.

In total, Tallinn plans to contribute at least 63 million EUR in 2021-25 to support the principles of Article 19 of the European Pillar of Social Rights.



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