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Empowering homeless individuals to overcome adversity and build brighter futures through comprehensive training and community support

WHO WE ARE

About the project

HomeBound Horizons is a three-year Erasmus+ cooperation partnership in adult education (December 2025 – November 2028). Seven organisations from Germany, Greece, Croatia and Portugal are working on one question: how can adult education, social services and local businesses help people experiencing homelessness to regain stability, build skills and find a way into work?

The project is developing a holistic support methodology and a 40-hour training programme, strengthening the local learning centres that serve homeless people, piloting the programme with participants and mentors from local businesses, and raising awareness that homelessness is more than a housing problem – it is a question of social inclusion and dignity.

Partners: BK Consult GmbH (coordinator) and BETA gGmbH, Germany · AKMI and DIOGENIS / shedia, Greece · ANESPO and CRESCER, Portugal · CKM Dubrovnik, Croatia

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MAIN STORY · NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Listening first: what our needs assessment found

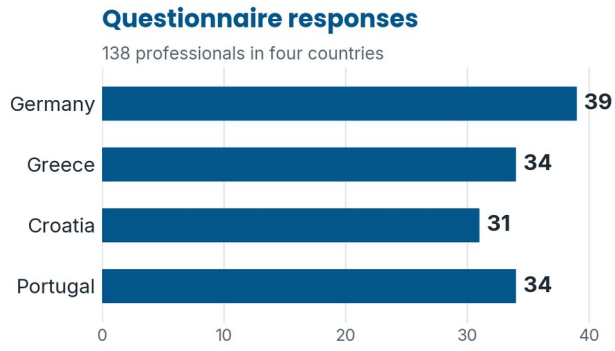
Between February and April 2026 the partners held **40 in-depth interviews** with people experiencing homelessness and collected **138 online questionnaires** from social workers, adult educators, shelter staff, employers and public authorities. The **Transnational Needs Assessment Report** brings these voices together.

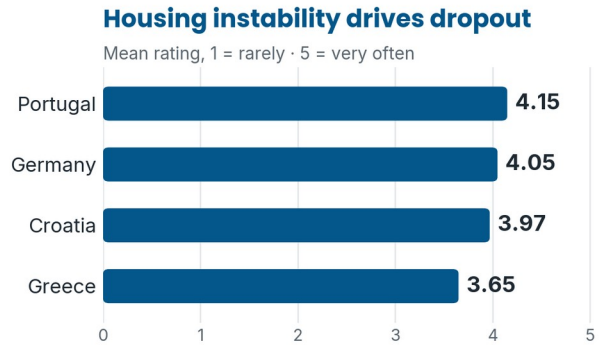
The message is clear: existing offers rarely fit. Professionals in all four countries rated the relevance of state-provided training for homeless people below 3 out of 5. Losing a shelter bed, having no registered address or missing documents is one of the most frequent reasons for dropping out.

Most training still concentrates on vocational 'hard skills', while life skills such as managing stress or resolving conflicts are usually handled informally. The link to the labour market is weak, too: where businesses are involved, it is mostly occasional or charity-based.

The report therefore recommends three shifts that now guide the whole project: **Empowerment First**, a **low-threshold access model** and **market-driven reintegration** with employers as real partners.

Read more





Source: HomeBound Horizons Transnational Needs Assessment Report (April 2026)

Site visit during the kick-off meeting in Berlin, January 2026

STORY FROM THE FIELD

Voices from four countries

Behind every figure is a person. In **Greece**, interviewees described going 'from office to office', only to be turned away for a missing document, and asked for someone to guide them through the system. In **Germany**, people spoke of a catch-22: without a registered address there is no health insurance and no access to job-centre services. In **Croatia**, having nowhere to store belongings makes it hard even to attend a job interview, and the cost of transport is often why people cannot finish a course. In **Portugal**, low literacy, debts to public authorities and services that are only available online leave many people stuck.

Across all four countries one wish came through: practical, hands-on learning in real sectors – kitchens, gardening, logistics, care – and the chance to be seen for their strengths. Several people called the 'school of life' their main source of problem-solving skills.

Read more

Kick-off meeting at BETA gGmbH, Berlin, 15–16 January 2026

WHAT'S NEW

Project updates

- **Kick-off in Berlin.** In January 2026 the partners met at BETA gGmbH, visited the emergency shelter of Strassenfeger e.V. and met the initiative 'Solidarisch gegen Obdachlosigkeit'.
- **Empowerment & Employability Strategy completed (June 2026).** It combines the European LifeComp framework with a social economy orientation: a learning pathway from trust-building to work tasters and aftercare.
- **40-hour training curriculum in development.** Eight modules, each led by a partner, are being finalised for peer review.
- **Advocacy Campaign Strategy agreed (July 2026).** Led by shedia, Greece's street paper: eight advocacy events, eight storytelling videos and a network of at least 400 stakeholders.
- **Website in five languages.** homeboundhorizons.eu is available in English, German, Greek, Croatian and Portuguese.

THE HOMEBOUND CURRICULUM

40 hours, eight modules: from stabilisation to work

M1 4 h Welcome, trust and personal goals	**M2** 6 h Self-regulation, wellbeing and resilience	**M3** 5 h Communication, empathy and conflict	**M4** 5 h Learning to learn and digital navigation
M5 5 h Rights, administration and work-readiness	**M6** 5 h Employability tools and job search	**M7** 5 h Social economy and inclusive employers	**M8** 5 h Work tasters, action plan and transition

COMING UP

Upcoming activities

01 National Validation Workshops in Germany, Greece, Croatia and Portugal	**Autumn 2026**
02 Assessment of 12 local learning centres that support homeless people	**From October 2026**
03 First round of advocacy events in the four countries	**From December 2026**
04 Pilot training and 'Be-the-Mentor-of-the-Day' workshops with local businesses	**From 2027**

OUR RESULTS

Results so far

40 in-depth interviews	**138** questionnaires
4 countries	**40 h** curriculum · 8 modules

- **Transnational Needs Assessment Report:** 40 interviews and 138 questionnaires in four countries.
- **Empowerment & Employability Strategy:** five competence pillars, one 'Empowerment First' pathway.
- **Advocacy Campaign Strategy:** messages, ethical storytelling and common templates.

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