

## Remarks/Notes on the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP)

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### 1. NRRP and Homelessness background in Italy

NRRP provides a series of interventions to fight against adult severe marginalization (homeless people).

In particular:

- **MISSION 5 - Inclusion and social cohesion, Investment**
  - **1.3 Temporary housing e “stazioni di posta”**, ”, it proposes an articulation of measures and interventions aimed at housing integration, access to low-threshold services and employment
  
- **MISSIONE 6- Health, Investment**
  - **1.1 Houses of the community and vulnerable people case management**, It indicates the possibility of local health services, in collaboration with social services, to support people within a community approach.

While appreciating the commitment and effort of the document in keeping together different perspectives of intervention, it seems appropriate to suggest some remarks and comments that frame the NRRP interventions in the logic and working methodology already outlined by important milestones as well as:

- the *Guidelines to fights severe adult marginalization in Italy* carried out by the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy in 2015
  
- OP Inclusion, OP I FEAD and the Poverty Plan to serious marginality share

- European Parliament Resolution of 21th January 2021 on Access to decent and affordable housing for all (2019/2187 (INI))
- European Pillar of Rights social, proclaimed by the European Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission in November 2017 and in strict consistency with principles 19 "Housing and assistance for the homeless" and 20 "Access to essential services" and with previous resolutions

In all mentioned documents, it is possible to identify some actions and approaches strongly recommended in the definition of a system to fight severe adult marginalization. For example, just think of the development of **Housing First** as an intervention methodology; case management; social welfare and social health integration; the importance of enhancing services and long-term innovative solutions

## 2. fio.PSD suggestions

About the **Investment 1.3** of the NRRP, as regards the definition of the "**Temporary Housing**" intervention, it is important to underline how the housing integration projects inspired by the **Housing First/Housing Led model** are showing in Italy, as in the rest of Europe, their effectiveness in reducing homelessness and in the possibility of starting social and even work integration paths (fio.PSD 2020 Observatory). Based on this prominent evidence, it would be important to encourage investments housing is considered as significant elements (rapid re-housing) **rather than indicating housing as temporary**. Furthermore, the housing programme could also cover training courses, social health integration, job placement, income increase to specific target groups as well as homeless and low-income adults, migrants with integration paths interrupted, ex-prisoners, families in economic and social difficulties, etc. The housing programme must therefore be independent of a rigid time limit and must provide for the involvement of the whole community.

As for the "**Stazioni di posta**", it would be fruitful that the services provided could have the nature of multi-tasking centers open 24 hours a day, probably also known in Europe as *One stop shop* for integrated accompaniment to the health, economic, family and work of the person concerned, where, through a widespread accommodation (no more than 30 beds), light support of vulnerable people is offered with the possibility of managing open spaces also to the community. Structures of this type could also facilitate integrated actions (nutrition, searching job, educational workshops, one to one advice and support scheme, etc) and liaison with multidisciplinary teams, oriented towards a case management of the person.

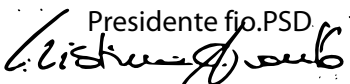
Furthermore, on the involvement of the **Job Center** for the job placement of people living in the homeless condition, it has been observed over time that it is necessary for them to provide highly personalized project that aim to promote listening and orientation actions in the first instance, balance of skills for a preparatory overcoming of situations of fragility and precariousness that puts the person in the conditions of being the protagonist of an active inclusion. For the purpose of a correct and sustainable job placement over time, it is considered necessary to provide suitable professional figures for the educational, psychological support of linguistic and cultural mediation of the beneficiaries rather than the mere involvement of the aforementioned employment services.

As regards **Measure 6. Health, Investment 1.1: Community houses** and case management offers the opportunity to provide work spaces for vulnerable people and the integration of social workers at the health centers that will be realized. There remains the issue of health integration with social services for the areas concerning mental health, drug addiction and post-acute care and post-hospital discharge procedures.

Finally, the path prefigured by the NRRP cannot be entrusted exclusively to voluntary associations, but must necessarily involve the whole community, strengthening the role of the entire third sector, as established by the recent Italian Guidelines on the relationship between public administrations and third sector entities. in articles 55-57 of Legislative Decree n.117 / 2017) (Third Sector Code) and in the logic of enhancing the territorial experiences already developed.

We submit this interlocutory note with the best wishes for a strengthening of investments aimed at combating poverty in the long term, overcoming emergency solutions limited in time and in the enforceability of rights, encouraging transformative actions of the entire community of reference. Finally, it is desirable to fully involve local communities in the planning of specific services and in the awareness that the phenomenon and the relative contrast to adult marginality is everyone's subject and a collective challenge.

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