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**BUILDING A COALITION TO  
PREVENT YOUTH EXCLUSION  
IN THE EU**



## THE CHALLENGE:

### Call for After Care policies at EU level

Authorities, service providers and youngsters in youth care all over Europe are struggling with aftercare strategies.

Too many youngsters who have left care, face exclusion from sustainable housing, work, education and leisure activities.

A more efficient preparation of life after the care is needed, and a better understanding of the specific needs of the youngsters by social institutions and public services, once they have left care. The A Way Home project will tackle these two issues.



## OBJECTIVES

- Defining and implementing a clear after care policy for the entire youth care sector with quality standards, a toolbox with methods supporting young people outside the care system and preparing them for interdependent living their independence and a training for professionals
- Trying out the Canadian A Way Home model as a structural approach to fight youth exclusion, on a local level, in areas such as housing, education, culture and health. In this approach, local (social) institutions are brought together to develop and execute a radical local strategy to erase youth exclusion (as homelessness).

Both strands will be piloted in 2 regions: after care policies at regional level in **Flanders and Carinthia**, the 'A Way Home' model at local level in the cities of **Antwerp and Villach**. This work will be guided and followed by social authorities from all over Europe via ENSA and the Youth Care Platform. In the A Way Home project the voice of the young care leavers and direct actions with them are central. The project involves maximally the young people themselves and takes their experiences, needs and voices into account.

## WHAT IS A WAY HOME?

### RESULTS

- **Aftercare Protocol**, quality standards and actions for a better guidance of youth care users in the phase of leaving care;
- **Toolbox**, creative and innovative methods on aftercare guidance;
- **Training package**, for the aftercare worker on a better guidance of young care leavers for interdependent living after care;
- **Local A Way Home Hubs**, a network of local partners;
- **Partners**, working together on a structural approach to fight youth exclusion
- **A Way Home model**, 'A manual on the Canadian 'A Way Home practice - how can it work in Europe' outlining strategies, programs and interventions for community engagement, partnerships and collaboration.

### KEY EVENTS

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| 17-18/04/18 | Kick-off meeting in Brussels – Flemish Ministry for Youth Welfare             |
| 30/08/18    | Workshop with Austrian and Belgian Youth Care Leavers in Brussels             |
| 17/09/18    | A Way Home Experts Meeting from Canada, Scotland and Wales                    |
| 17-18/09/18 | Community Planning Institute creating the A Way Home Hub in Antwerp           |
| 08-09/10/18 | Community Planning Institute – creating the A Way Home Hub in Villach         |
| 01/19-10/19 | Pilots in Antwerp and Carinthia (4 training sessions and testing the toolbox) |
| 03-05/04/19 | Project Meeting A Way Home in Venice and Padua                                |
| 03/2020     | End Conference in Brussels  |