

ETHOS 2007

Table 6.1 Proposed Revision to the ETHOS categories and definition							
		Operational Category		Living Situation		Generic Definition	
v Conceptual Category v	ROOFLESS	1	People Living Rough	1.1	Public space or external space	Living in the streets or public spaces, without a shelter that can be defined as living quarters	
		2	People in emergency accommodation	2.1	Night shelter	People with no usual place of residence who make use of overnight shelter, low threshold shelter	
	HOUSELESS	3	People in accommodation for the homeless	3.1	Homeless hostel	Where the period of stay is intended to be short term	
				3.2	Temporary Accommodation		
				3.3	Transitional supported accommodation		
		4	People in Women's Shelter	4.1	Women's shelter accommodation	Women accommodated due to experience of domestic violence and where the period of stay is intended to be short term	
		5	People in accommodation for immigrants	5.1	Temporary accommodation / reception centres	Immigrants in reception or short term accommodation due to their immigrant status	
	5.2			Migrant workers accommodation			
	6	People due to be released from institutions	6.1	Penal institutions	No housing available prior to release Stay longer than needed due to lack of housing No housing identified (e.g by 18th birthday)		
			6.2	Medical institutions ⁹			
	6.3	Children's institutions / homes					
	7	People receiving longer-term support (due to homelessness)	7.1	Residential care for older homeless people	Long stay accommodation with care for formerly homeless people (normally more than one year)		
			7.2	Supported accommodation for formerly homeless people			
INSECURE	8	People living in insecure accommodation	8.1	Temporarily with family/friends	Living in conventional housing but not the usual or place of residence due to lack of housing Occupation of dwelling with no legal tenancy illegal occupation of a dwelling Occupation of land with no legal rights		
			8.2	No legal (sub)tenancy			
			8.3	Illegal occupation of land			
9	People living under threat of eviction	9.1	Legal orders enforced (rented)	Where orders for eviction are operative Where mortgagor has legal order to re-possess			
		9.2	Re-possession orders (owned)				
10	People living under threat of violence	10.1	Police recorded incidents	Where police action is taken to ensure place of safety for victims of domestic violence			
INADEQUATE	11	People living in temporary / non-conventional structures	11.1	Mobile homes	Not intended as place of usual residence Makeshift shelter, shack or shanty Semi-permanent structure hut or cabin		
			11.2	Non-conventional building			
			11.3	Temporary structure			
12	People living in unfit housing	12.1	Occupied dwellings unfit for habitation	Defined as unfit for habitation by national legislation or building regulations			
13	People living in extreme overcrowding	13.1	Highest national norm of overcrowding	Defined as exceeding national density standard for floor-space or useable rooms			

Note: Short stay is defined as normally less than one year; Long stay is defined as more than one year.
This definition is compatible with Census definitions as recommended by the UNECE/EUROSTAT report (2006)

⁹ Includes drug rehabilitation institutions, psychiatric hospitals etc.