

Social Research Call

Title:

A gender perspective study of homelessness in Barcelona



Acronym: Violet

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Host organisation: Universitat Internacional de Catalunya

Main purpose of the project: To analyze the distinctly vulnerability of women living in a homeless situation in Barcelona in terms of health, mental health, and addiction, to work on specific programs to increase healthcare and social resources utilization and ultimately their social reintegration.

Design/methodology/approach: Quantitative longitudinal study including a convenience sample of homelessness population of Barcelona (Spain): 300 women and 300 men. Recruitment is expected to be carried out over the course of 6 months, and follow-up interviews will be done at 6 and 12 months after the baseline questionnaire.

Potential results: Deepen knowledge and update the information on the characteristic situation of women living homeless in the city of Barcelona, and to explore the mechanisms leading to the steady increase of women in this situation, while shedding light on this relevant topic.

Social relevance of the research: The results of this project will increase recognition, advocacy, and scientific evidence on homelessness aftereffects. We will be able to work on preventive interventions and strategies to avert homelessness, in addition to healthcare and social resources and strategies adapted to the specific characteristics and needs of women living homeless.

Originality/value of the project: To the best of our knowledge, this would be the first cohort of individuals in homeless situation on an understudied region, as is the city of Barcelona, and at a particularly relevant time, considering the global economic crisis, and with the entry into force of the new law.