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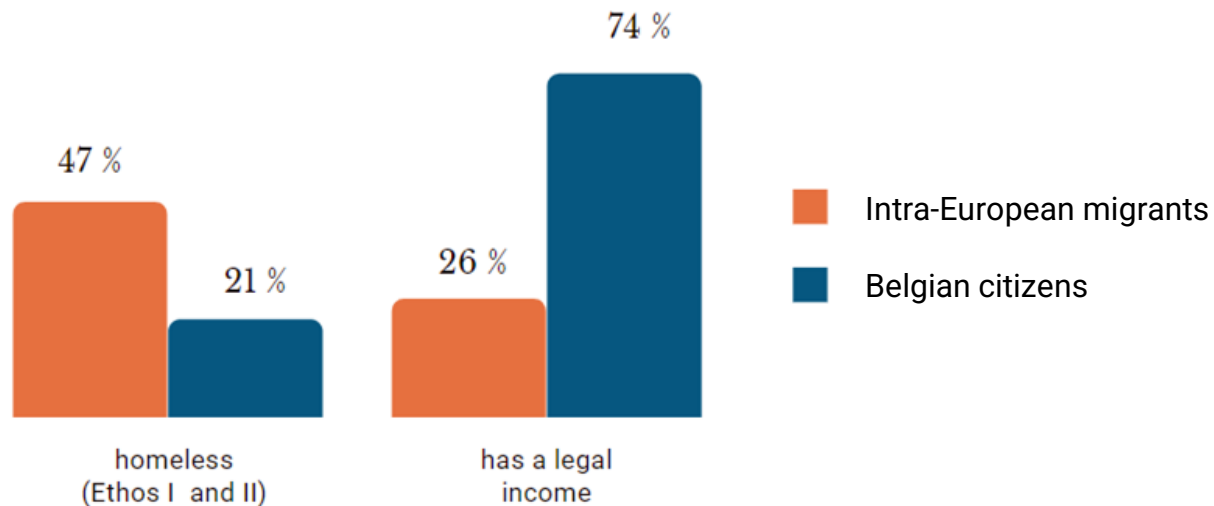
*Homelessness among mobile EU citizens in  
Brussels : Field experience*



# Mobile EU citizens represent 40% of our public in 2020

## Rough living conditions for 315 mobile EU citizens in Brussels

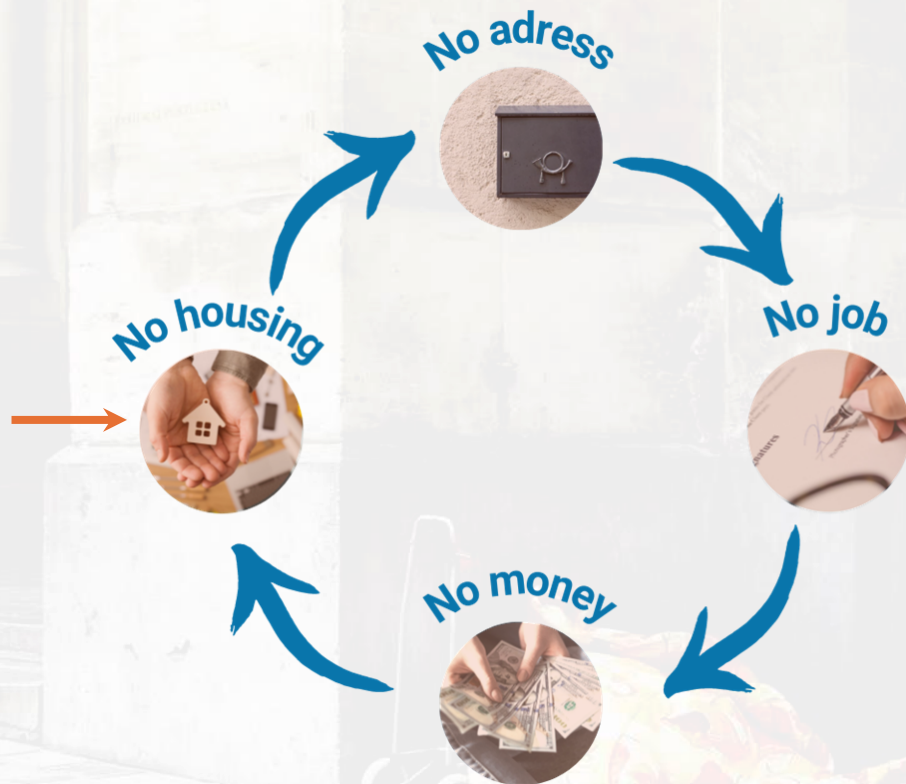
Among the homeless mobile EU citizens in Brussels, **56% have been in Belgium for more than 5 years**. From these, 55% still do not have a right of residence.



# How we try to break the vicious cycle

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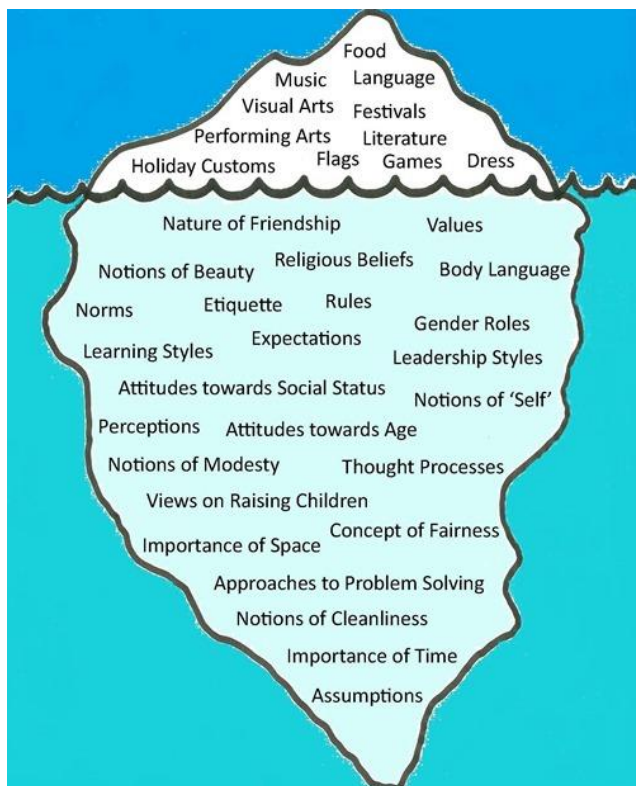
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## RIGHTS FIRST

- > training
- > access to labour market

# The need for ad-hoc support and intercultural mediation



## Intercultural mediation

- Since 2003 at DIOGENES ; good practice FEANTSA
- Goals : inclusion in the Belgian society + access to rights in Belgium
- Focus at DIOGENES : Roma and Polish mobile EU citizens
- Method : use own culture and language to connect with the people and support them
- Support in all areas of life where they consider they need help
- Awareness rising & deconstruction of stereotypes

## Also needed : ad-hoc support

- legal and administrative (e.g. translation)
- it should be long term and intensive

# Our plea for a social European Union

## Striving for universal rights :

- rights that are independent of administrative status,
- social protection outside one's country in the EU,
- portability of rights.

