

**LAUNCH EVENT**

**EU**

# Energy Poverty Advisory Hub



## AGENDA

### Day 1 - 22 November 2021

High-level presentations and Q&A discussions

**Link on Zoom to join:** <https://bit.ly/epahlaunch-day1>

Meeting ID: 682 2259 1723

Passcode: 931060

#### 09:30 – 09:40 CET **Keynote Speech**



*Kadri Simson*, European Commissioner for Energy

*Introduced by: Hans Van Steen*, Adviser to DG ENERGY, Directorate B  
Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Efficiency & Innovation

#### 09:40-09:45 CET **Opening Remarks**



*Jernej Vrtovec*, Minister of Infrastructure, Slovenia

#### 09:45-09:50 CET **Opening Statement**



*Baiba Miltoviča*, Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information  
Society (TEN) President, European Economic and Social Committee

#### 09:50 - 10:20 CET **Plenary interventions**

The EU is committed to address energy poverty as a priority in its long-term fair transition to an ecologically sustainable and a climate-neutral economy. This topic has become even more urgent in the current high energy price context as part of the energy transition, the Green Deal sets the priority to secure the supply of clean, affordable and secure energy to all EU citizens and households and the newly launched "Fit for 55 package" is set to align current laws with the 2030 and 2050 ambitions.

High-level speakers will speak on the future of energy poverty action in the EU and the launch of the Energy Poverty Advisory Hub.

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  - *Pedro Marques*, Vice President of the Socialists and Democrats Group in the European Parliament
  - *Maria Spyrali*, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the European People's Party
  - *Michael Bloss*, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

Moderated by: *Tadhg O'Briain*, Deputy Head of Unit, Unit B1 Consumers, Local Initiatives, Just Transition, European Commission.



The session will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

**10:20 - 10:45 CET Break**

**10:45 - 12:00 CET Panel discussion and introduction to Energy Poverty Advisory Hub: "Energy poverty - reality check: A multi-dimensional challenge"**

Starting with three mayors approach to tackle energy poverty, this session will have a distinct focus on the local reality. This will be complemented with a short introduction to the approach of the Energy Poverty Advisory Hub and how this can help tackling the challenges and multiply the already existing good solutions. The session will end with an exchange on how the Energy Poverty Advisory Hub can further tailor its support to the local needs including questions from the participants.

- *Kata Tüttő*, Deputy Mayor of Budapest
- *Tomislav Tomašević*, Mayor of Zagreb
- *Tine Heyse*, Deputy Mayor of Ghent

Moderated by: *Jeppe Mikel Jensen*, Project Manager, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub.



The session will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

## Day 2 - 23 November 2021

Interactive sessions and Q&A discussions.

**Link on Zoom to join:** <https://bit.ly/epahlaunch-day2>

Meeting ID: 659 4670 6093

Passcode: 262728

**09:00 - 10:00 CET Presentation "Towards a local approach: The new Energy Poverty Advisory Hub"**

The Energy Poverty Advisory Hub (EPAH) is the leading EU initiative with the vision to eradicate energy poverty and accelerate the just energy transition of European local governments. The event will present the local approach and the multiple services offered to municipalities through EPAH.



- *Dora Biondani*, Project Coordinator, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub
- *Marta Garcia Pais*, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub

- *João Pedro Gouveia*, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub
- *Marina Varvesi*, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub

Moderated by: *Dora Biondani*, Project Coordinator, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub.



The session will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

**10:00 - 11:00 CET**

### **Workshop “Defining and measuring energy poverty: The new Covenant of Mayors’ indicators”**



The cross-cutting nature of energy poverty translates into challenges in defining and measuring energy poverty and developing robust indicators and assessment methods. The session will highlight the Covenant of Mayors (CoM) new indicators and engage the audience in an interactive activity to discuss the main challenges on assessment and data collection.



*Miguel Morcillo*, Covenant of Mayors Europe

Moderated by: *João Pedro Gouveia*, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub.

**11:00 - 11:30 CET**

### **Break**

**11:30 - 12:30 CET**

### **Workshop “Vulnerable groups in the front line: Challenges and impacts”**



The workshop will explore the disproportional aspect of energy poverty and identify different consumer groups mostly affected (women, elderly, persons with disabilities). Finally, it will discuss the impact of the phenomenon on the health and well-being of citizens.



- *Charis Kordatos*, Cyprus Energy Agency, Cyprus
- *Miljenka Kuhar*, Society for Sustainable Development Design-DOOR, Croatia
- *Corina Murafa*, Ashoka, Romania
- *Colm O'Mahony*, 3 Counties Energy Agency, Ireland

Moderated by: *Marta Garcia*, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub.



The session will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

**12:30 - 13:30 CET**

### **Workshop “Inspiring case studies on energy poverty mitigation”**



Decision-makers, practitioners, private sector and civil society explore the challenges and potential solutions to tackle energy poverty. With a no one-size-fits-all solution, different local practices address different barriers. The workshop will present inspiring cases developed and implemented at the local level aiming to mitigate energy poverty.



- *Cecilia Foronda*, Ecodes, the “Barrio Solar” project in Spain

- *Marlene Potthoff*, Caritas, the “Stromspar-Check Aktiv” project in Germany
- *Marina Varvesi*, AISFOR, the “ASSIST - Support Network for Household Energy Saving” project in Italy, Spain, Belgium, Finland, UK, Poland
- *Zita Kakalejcikova*, Habitat for Humanity, the “Residential Energy Efficiency for Low Income Households - REELIH” project in Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia

Moderated by: *Dimitra Drakaki*, Communications Officer, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub.



The session will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

### **13:30 - 13:45 CET**

#### **Closing remarks**

The session will highlight the main takeaways from each of the sessions and pour it into a coherent narrative that connects the dots between the different themes.

*Massimo Serpieri*, Consumer Team Leader: “Consumers, Just Transition, Local Initiatives”, DG Energy, European Commission

*Jeppe Mikel Jensen*, Project Manager, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub