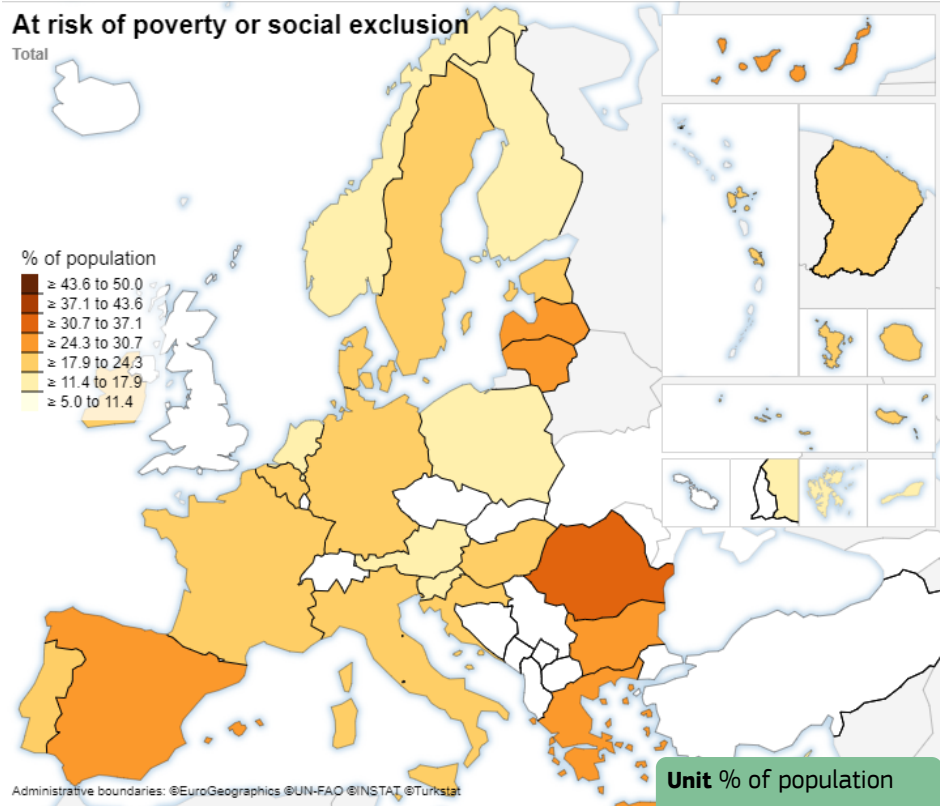


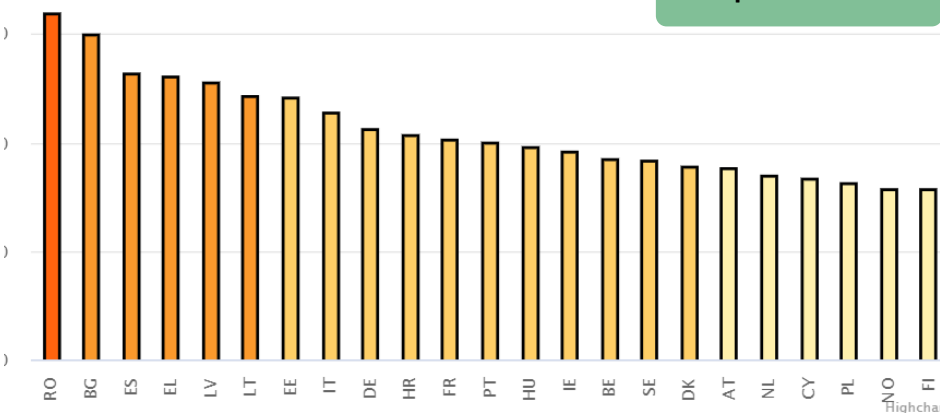
## National indicator - At Poverty Risk or Social Exclusion



Unit % of population

Source [EUROSTAT](#)

Last update 2023



The “at poverty risk or social exclusion” indicator represents the people at risk of poverty or social exclusion (% of the population).

### DEFINITION

It is a relative indicator depicting income poverty. However, it contains **limits**:

### LIMITS

- Income poverty does not fully overlap with energy poverty
- If directly used to evaluate energy poverty, it will leave out a considerable part of energy-poor households.
- It should be cross-examined with energy expenditure and energy efficiency indicators



In 2020, **21.5%** of the **European Union** population was in **risk of poverty** ([EUROSTAT, 2022](#)), corresponding to 96.2\* millions of Europeans.

### NUMBERS

\*considering that the European Union population in 2020 was 447.7 million, according to [EUROSTAT \(2022\)](#).



Energy poverty reduction policies can be impactful and effective in a region. Still, the share of the population at risk of poverty rises, as other causes might be causing it.

### EXAMPLES

More details and additional insights on the indicator are available in the EPAH report “[Energy Poverty National Indicators: Insights for a more effective measuring](#)”.

