

# Energy Poverty

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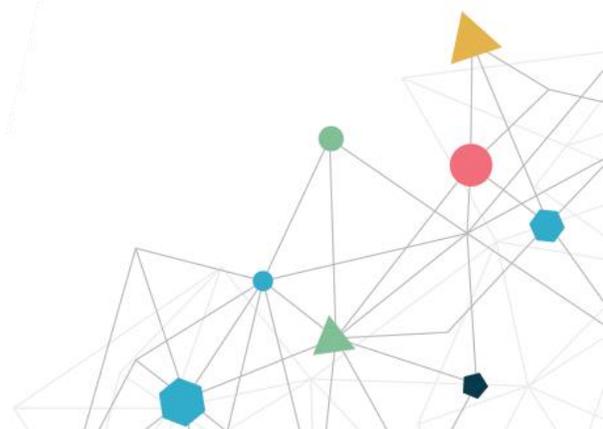
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**Eero Ailio** is a Senior Adviser on Energy Transition and Local Governance at the European Commission DG Energy, Directorate on Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Efficiency and Innovation



M. Ailio represents European Commission DG Energy in the Global Covenant, 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission and advises management on energy transition. Prior to this he headed and deputized the Consumer and Retail Market Units, where he contributed i.a. to Clean Energy for All Europeans legislation, international agreements and co-created Global Covenant, Covenant of Companies, EU Energy Poverty Observatory and the Clean Energy for EU Islands initiative.

In his earlier Commission career, he co-negotiated the EU Offshore Safety Directive, international agreements on satellite navigation. He served also Finland as career diplomat mainly on security and humanitarian aid policies supporting also President Ahtisaari's peace mediation in Kosovo. He has experience also from international finance, media and city administration. He has an MSc (Econ) from Hanken Business School Finland.

**Baiba Miltoviča** has been appointed in 2020 President of the "Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and Information Society" Section (TEN) of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). In her previous mandate at the EESC, Ms Miltoviča held a position as Vice-President of the Diversity Europe Group of the European Economic and Social Committee.

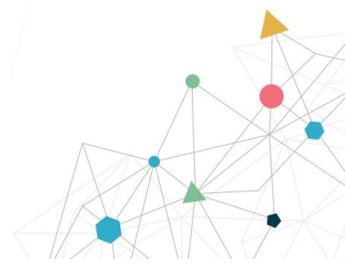


Ms Miltoviča is a member of the Consumer Policy Advisory Group established by the European Commission Directorate-General Justice and Consumers.

At the national level Baiba Miltoviča serves as the International and EU Affairs Adviser of the Latvian National Association for Consumer Protection (LPIAA, member of the European Consumer Organization, BEUC) and is Member of the Advisory Board of the Latvian Public Utilities Commission.



**Giorgos Koukoufikis** is part of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, he leads the project exploring the social impacts of the energy transition and their policy implications. Prior he was involved on energy communities' research in Greece and was policy advisor at the European Parliament. He holds a PhD on urban studies where he explored the impacts and transformative potential of crisis on urban socioecological transformations.





**Thais Gonçalves** works as a Policy Officer/Socio-Economic Analyst at the Fair Green and Digital Transitions, Research Unit in the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion since November 2021. Prior to that, she has worked as a Deputy Attaché for Employment and Social Affairs at the Portuguese Permanent Representation to the European Union, in files such as the Minimum Wage Directive, the Coordination of Social Security Systems and Future of Work, notably telework. Previously, in the private sector, she participated in the DRIVES Project and worked with municipalities on sustainability and upward social convergence.



**Ivan Ivanković** has a master's degree in engineering and is currently working as the Assistant Head of the Office for Energy and Climate in the City of Zagreb. He is an expert on energy and climate policy design, implementation, and monitoring. He is also one of the coordinators of the development of the Energy Poverty Alleviation Programme.



**Manuela Ojan** is an engineer, working for more than 25 years in the field of environment for the private and public sector, in particular climate protection, renewable energy and energy efficiency. Currently I am the head of the Environmental Transition department in AMAT, an in-house company of the Municipality of Milan, with main responsibility on energy management and air quality and related stakeholders' engagement and co-design. I am leading a team engaged in the promotion of Carbon Neutral Areas in Milan, one the of the actions of the Milan Air and Climate Plan to reach decarbonisation at urban scale. I am a member of the Practitioner City Panel of the EU Net Zero Cities and of "C40 Cities for climate"

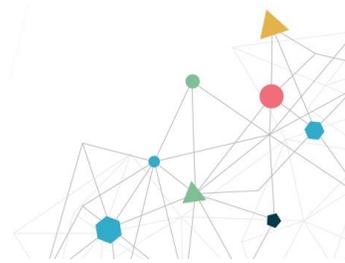


**Andreea Vornicu** has a PhD in Political Science and International Development and combines academic interests related to the sustainable development of societies with applied research in the field of energy poverty. In recent years, Andreea has been involved in numerous research and policy projects and has carried out field work activities in various countries from Central and Eastern Europe and the Middle East, developing expertise in the field of policy making and mapping the decision processes on energy poverty.

The most recent project in which Andreea is involved is "Facilitating Socially Just Carbon Pricing Policies in Central and Eastern Europe", through which, together with researchers from Poland and Germany, she explores how carbon pricing mechanisms can be applied in a way that reduces energy poverty and supports fair transition processes, while also developing specific expertise in ETS policies in the Central and Eastern European region.



**Louise Sunderland** is Senior Advisor for the Regulatory Assistance Project working on demand side energy policies and energy justice. She has worked on energy efficiency and sustainability in the energy and buildings sectors for fifteen years. Louise is also an external expert for the European Commission, has served as an expert witness providing evidence to the United Kingdom's House of Lords and until recently was a Director of her local citizens' energy cooperative. Before moving into the energy field, she spent her early career working in international development and community development.





**Jeppe Mikél Jensen** is Project Manager at Climate Alliance, a European network of more than 1800 local authorities. Having worked on strengthening local climate action in the EU UN contexts for over ten years, he is working on the EU initiative Energy Poverty Advisory Hub (EPAH) together with the EPAH consortium. With Jeppe's background the focus will be on operationalizing the efforts from the former Energy Poverty Observatory to local actions on the ground in the new Energy Poverty Advisory Hub. Jeppe brings the experiences from his work with existing EU initiatives such as the Covenant of Mayors and the Clean Energy for EU Islands.

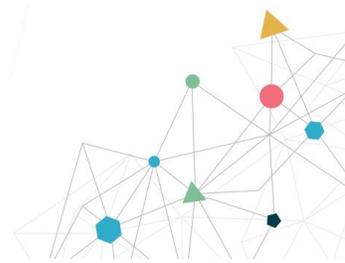
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**Dora Biondani**, works for Climate Alliance as Senior Coordinator for the on-going Energy Poverty Advisory Hub, the leading EU initiative run by the European Commission at the request of the European Parliament, to eradicate energy poverty and accelerate the just energy transition of European local governments. She holds a Master Degree in Engineering and an MBA in Energy and Sustainability. Dora has worked both for the profit and no profit sector managing projects on renewable energies, circular economy and sustainability. She worked as Project Manager and Head of Mission in the international cooperation field, gaining experience on European Union external actions in South East Asia and the MENA regions. In both the countries she coordinated a portfolio of various project exploring the connection between environment, energy and vulnerable beneficiaries. She had the opportunity to work in strict contact with local governmental institutions and private companies, facilitating Public Private Partnerships. She is also member of the Network of Coaches for Climate-KIC.



**Alba del Campo Martínez** currently works at Ecoserveis. She has been working as an energy consultant for 6 years for the municipal government of the city of Cádiz, where has designed three shock plans against energy poverty. Responsible of the creation and coordination of the Department of Energy Transition, she has been also a volunteer counselor in municipal representation of Electricity of Cádiz (municipal energy company marketing and distribution). She has facilitated the process of creating the Annual Energy Coverage, an aid offered by the City of Cádiz through the municipal energy company, which ensures the access to a sufficient energy quantity for families in situations of exclusion and energy poverty. Before that, she has worked as an assistant for a Member of the European Parliament and has made two documentaries on the current energy model and alternatives under construction.





**Anamari Majdandžić** is a senior expert at DOOR working on topics related to energy poverty, sustainable development, climate change and environmental and nature protection. She graduated from the Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, Department of Biology, Department of Environmental Science, and has so far dealt with various topics primarily related to the environment, nature, energy and sustainable development while working in public sector, private sector, research institutions and international organisation. Currently working on two projects from energy poverty: POWERPOOR and ENPOR.



**Masha Tarle** is a Communication and training coordinator with a degree in English language and a Postgraduate degree in EU Competition Law. Born in Croatia, she completed her studies in Madrid at the Autonoma and Carlos III Universities. She has been living in Brussels, Belgium since 2008 when she arrived to do a traineeship in the energy and transport department. She is responsible for communication and capacity building aspects of EU-funded projects at Climate Alliance, as well as internal training for staff. Previously she worked a Public relation of the 1st European Commission's campaign on sustainable energy. She also has a wide experience in managing communications in various associations such as All Digital and International Road Union (IRU). She is fluent in English, French and Spanish.



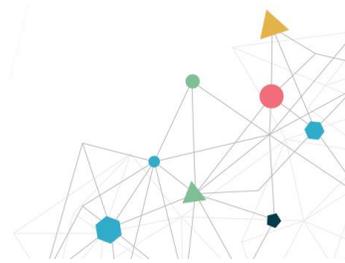
**Paula Damaška** (junior expert associate) is a sociologist from Green Energy Cooperative dealing with matters of energy poverty, energy efficiency, citizen engagement and impact measurement. She is passionate about interdisciplinary approaches to energy problems as well as broader climate change discussions.



**Marta Garcia** has been working on energy poverty for 15 years. As a practitioner, consultant, trainer, researcher, Marta has provided support to different agents at different levels (local, regional, national and european).She is currently part of the Energy Poverty Advisory Hub's team.



**Patrycja Płonka** is a project manager at the Association of Municipalities Polish Network "Energie Cités" and a thematic expert in resource efficiency. She is a MSc in International Relations and MSc in Environmental Engineering. Her main fields of interest include energy efficiency in buildings, energy awareness raising and change of consumer' behavior, energy efficient infrastructure and adaptation to climate change (including green and blue infrastructure). She regularly publishes articles in thematic press. She's a trainer in energy efficiency and clean energy topics, as well as the member of the Social Monitoring Group for Polish Climate Policy.





**João Pedro Gouveia** is an Environmental Engineer with a PhD in Climate Change and Sustainable Development Policies focused on Sustainable Energy Systems (from NOVA University of Lisbon, Portugal).

He has 13 years of experience in research and teaching activities, funding acquisition, projects and team management (at the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Research, FCT-NOVA, Portugal). His experience also spans the participation and coordination of multilevel (from local governments to EU wide) high-level policy support and technical studies on energy systems, smart and sustainable cities, buildings energy efficiency, energy poverty, and climate mitigation and adaptation.

João Pedro is part of the Coordination team of the EU Energy Poverty Advisory HUB for DG Energy of the European Commission, Board Member of APEEN – Portuguese Association for Energy Economics; and he takes part on multiple EU projects advisory boards.

