



# Energy Poverty Advisory Hub

**Annual Conference**

*19-20 September 2023, Warsaw Poland*

**Location:** Palace of Culture and Science (Pałac Kultury i Nauki),  
plac Defilad 1, 00-901, Warsaw.

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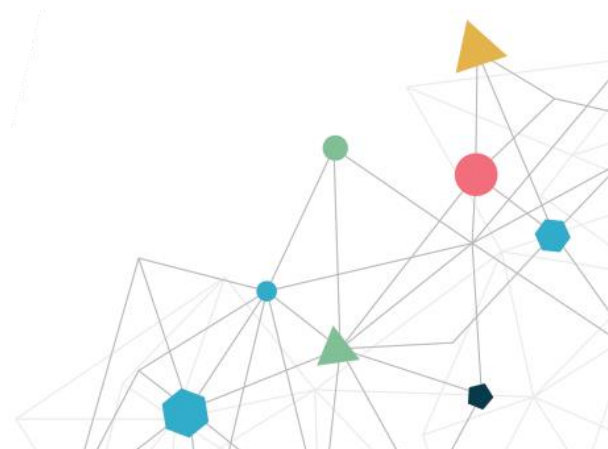
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# AGENDA

## 19 September

▶ LIVE

[Join live on 19 September from 09:00 to 13:00 CEST.](#)

<b>08:30-09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b> at the Palace of Culture and Science, second floor.
<b>09:00-09:30</b> ▶ LIVE	<b>Official Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <i>Rafał Trzaskowski</i>, Mayor of Warsaw</li><li>▶ <i>Tadhg O'Briain</i>, Deputy Head of Unit, Unit B1 Consumers, Local Initiatives, Just Transition, European Commission</li></ul>
<b>09:30-10:00</b> ▶ LIVE	<b>Welcoming remarks “The global perspective of effective policy recommendations for inclusive energy transition”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <i>Giorgos Koukoufakis</i>, Project Leader – Just and Empowering Transitions, Joint Research Centre, European Commission</li></ul>
<b>10:00-11:15</b> ▶ LIVE	<b>Panel discussion "Multilevel approach on energy poverty: From shaping the legal framework to planning energy poverty actions"</b> <p><i>By bringing together representatives from the EU, national governments, and local governance, the session seeks to create a holistic approach that considers the distinct challenges faced at each level. Moreover, the gathering aims to explore the existing legal frameworks and programmes in addressing energy poverty while identifying areas for improvement and innovation. Key themes: policy coordination and resource allocation, stakeholder engagement, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, NECPs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <i>Joško Klisović</i>, President of the Assembly, City of Zagreb, Member of the Committee of the Regions</li><li>▶ <i>Dorota Zawadzka-Stepniak</i>, Director, Air Protection and Climate Policy Department, City of Warsaw</li><li>▶ <i>Drogosz Leszek</i>, Head of Department of Infrastructure, City of Warsaw, President, Association of Municipalities Polish Network "Energie Cités"</li><li>▶ <i>Jeppe Mikel Jensen</i>, Project Manager, Climate Alliance, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub</li></ul>



- ▶ *Mathilde Leyge*, Directorate-General Energy, European Commission (moderator)

**11:15-11:45**

**Coffee break**

**11:45-13:00**

**LIVE**

**Panel discussion "Unlocking potential: New approaches to skills for energy poverty eradication"**

*The session will emphasise the critical role of skills' development in combating energy poverty. The panelists will delve into innovative strategies and initiatives that focus on equipping individuals and communities with the necessary skills to overcome energy poverty challenges. The panelists will highlight the success of local cases examples. The session will be followed by Q&A.*

- ▶ *Piotr Orzechowski*, Deputy Mayor of Zamość, Poland
- ▶ *Marta Saiz*, Architect, Empresa Municipal del Suelo Y la Vivienda de Getafe, Spain
- ▶ *Myrto Skouroupathi*, Environmental Engineer, Cyprus Energy Agency
- ▶ *Marina Varvesi*, Director, RETE ASSIST, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub
- ▶ *Anamari Majdandžić*, Senior Expert, DOOR
- ▶ *Dora Biondani*, Project Manager, Climate Alliance, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub (moderator)

**13:00-14:00**

**Lunch break**

**14:00-15:30**

**Parallel sessions**

*During the parallel sessions, participants will have the opportunity to select and attend one of the three concurrent sessions, where they can engage in smaller group discussions. These sessions are designed to provide participants with inspiring examples and foster an open dialogue on different aspects of energy poverty. By actively participating, attendees become part of an open dialogue, exchanging ideas, and collectively exploring potential solutions to the challenges associated with energy poverty. The smaller group setting encourages collaboration learning from one another's experiences.*

**1) Collaborative approaches: How to form effective partnerships for energy poverty ROOM KOPERNIK**

*The session will present different types of partnership and collaboration among stakeholders that have been functional to the realisation of effective actions to tackle energy poverty. During the session, participants will have the chance to work on concrete case studies and jointly co-design policies and measure that guarantee a strong collaboration among different stakeholders.*



- ▶ *Julien DENIS*, la Maison de l'Habitat Grand Chambord Beauce Val de Loire, France
- ▶ *Anamari Majdandžić*, Senior Expert, DOOR
- ▶ *Halina Jagielska*, European Youth Energy Network
- ▶ *Aleksandar Macura*, Co-founder, Programme Director, RES Foundation
- ▶ *Dora Biondani*, Project Manager, Climate Alliance, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub (moderator)

## 2) Empowering social actors: Reskilling and upskilling for energy poverty eradication **ROOM TROIJKA**

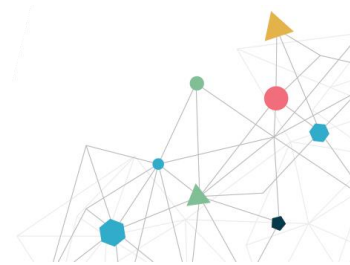
*This session aims to examine the role of different social actors in tackling energy poverty and focus on their empowerment through reskilling and upskilling programmes. The objective is to provide practical tools and solutions to enhance the effectiveness of their actions. Participants will be divided into groups and discuss about OSS, CER, and energy poverty, in a cross-cutting manner. They will be tasked with completing a skills map and an actions map. This exercise will help participants to reflect on their competencies/skills and identify their knowledge gaps and, consequently, their training needs.*

- ▶ *Aryanisha Lawes*, Leadership Trainer and Coach
- ▶ *Marina Varvesi*, Director, RETE ASSIST, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub (moderator)

## 3) From diagnosis to planning: Harnessing the effective use of indicators **ROOM RATUSZOWA**

*Participants will explore how to best select energy poverty indicators and analyse selected data to effectively plan actions at the local level. They will have the opportunity to explore the EPAH indicators' dashboard, learn the existing challenges and potential improvements to energy poverty measurement and hear concrete examples of how cities have used indicators to measure energy poverty and then plan actions. Finally, participants will be split in smaller groups to share and learn from each other.*

- ▶ *Balint Menyhart*, Research Economist, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- ▶ *Paola Valbonesi*, Full Professor of Economics, Head of the Department of Economics and Management "Marco Fanno", University of Padova
- ▶ *Pedro Palma*, Researcher, NOVA School of Science and Technology - FCT NOVA, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub
- ▶ *Alice Corovessi*, Managing Director, INZEB
- ▶ *Joao Pedro Gouveia*, Principal Researcher, NOVA School of Science and Technology - FCT NOVA, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub (moderator)



19:00

**Networking dinner** at the Palace of Culture and Science

## 20 September

09:00-09:10

**Official Opening** by the European Commission

09:10-10:40

**Parallel sessions**

**4) Financing renovations where it is most needed: Investment plans for renovations** **ROOM RATUSZOWA**

*The session will explore how financing for the renovations can be made accessible for low-income households through research results and interactive exercises. Participants will explore question such as: are there gaps in current financing schemes considering the needs of households?; how should homeowners in individual homes be financially supported?; how can multi-apartment buildings access funding?; and how can the issue of air pollution be addressed by renovating homes of coal users?*

- ▶ *Jan Nill, CLIMA B1, Policy coordinator ETS for buildings, road transport and additional sectors, European Commission*
- ▶ *Jakub Sokolowski, Economist, Institute for Structural Research (IBS)*
- ▶ *Jan Frankowski, Energy Analyst, Institute for Structural Research (IBS)*
- ▶ *Zsuzsanna Koritár, Energy Efficiency and Energy Poverty Policy Manager, Habitat for Humanity Hungary*
- ▶ *Anna Bajomi, Energy Poverty Policy Officer, FEANTSA (moderator)*

**5) The role of energy communities: Structural obstacles and benefits for vulnerable consumers** **ROOM KOPERNIK**

*The session will introduce the current research results on the benefits of energy communities to tackle energy poverty, followed by the lessons learned from the Sun4all project and two city cases. Afterwards, participants will be split in smaller groups to share and learn from each others' experience on benefits and obstacles of energy communities.*

- ▶ *Giorgos Koukoufakis, Project Leader – Just and Empowering Transitions, Joint Research Centre, European Commission*
- ▶ *Jurijs Grizans, Officer in Sustainable Energy Planning and Carbon Reporting, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability*
- ▶ *Miguel Macias Sequeira, PhD Candidate at CENSE FCT-NOVA, on the Telheiras Renewable Energy Community, Lumiar Civil Parish*
- ▶ *Alejandro López Parejo, Project Coordinator, Getafe City Council*



- ▶ *Marta Garcia*, CEO, Ecoserveis, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub (moderator)

## 6) One-Stop-Shops to empower citizens: Involving communities to help alleviate energy poverty **ROOM TROIJKA**

*The session will cover the advantages and challenges of creating one-stop-shops. It will also offer valuable perspectives on efficiently connecting with homeowners in multi-family apartment buildings via community resource centers. The session's kickoff will involve presentations from the UPSTAIRS and ComAct project's pilot countries. To conclude, participants will actively engage in interactive scenarios.*

- ▶ *Liljana Alceva*, Deputy Director, Habitat for Humanity Macedonia
- ▶ *Stanislav Andreev*, Energy Efficiency Expert, EnEffect Center for Energy Efficiency
- ▶ *Padraig Lyons*, UP-STAIRS Project Coordinator, Head of Group, International Energy Research Centre (IERC)
- ▶ *Ivanka Pandelieva-Dimova*, Project Manager, Sofia Energy Centre (SEC)
- ▶ *Karolina Loth-Babut*, Managing Director, Krajowa Agencja Poszanowania Energii Spolka Akcyjna (KAPE) (moderator)
- ▶ *Gyorgy Sumeghy*, Associate Director, Policy and Advocacy, Europe and the Middle East, Habitat for Humanity International (moderator)

**10:40-11:00**

**Coffee break**

**11:00-12:30**

**Parallel sessions**

## 7) Policies and measures to tackle transport and energy poverty: Country views and action-oriented guidance **ROOM KOPERNIK**

*In this session, experts from Germany, Poland, Romania and Spain introduce views from their countries on how vulnerable groups and households can be identified, which indicators may be useful, and explore policies and measures that tackle transport and energy poverty. A special focus will be placed on responsibilities and actions at the local level. Interactively including the audience, participants will engage in a world café style session.*

- ▶ *Marta Garcia*, CEO, Ecoserveis
- ▶ *Krzysztof Krawiec*, Researcher WISE Europe
- ▶ *George Jigla*, Researcher, Center for the Study of Democracy
- ▶ *Audrey Dobbins*, Researcher, IER Stuttgart
- ▶ *Viktoria Noka*, Researcher, Oeko-Institutv (moderator)



## 8) From Social Climate Fund to Social Climate Justice: Uniting ambitious climate and social policy goals **ROOM RATUSZOWA**

*The session will explore the intersection of ambitious climate policy and social justice, focusing on addressing energy poverty. Through panel discussions and thematic roundtables, participants will explore innovative solutions that bridge the gap between climate action and social equity, gain a comprehensive understanding of the challenges posed by energy poverty and the benefits of integrating social climate justice initiatives into local governments' agendas.*

- ▶ *Jakub Sokołowski*, Economist, Institute for Structural Research (IBS)
- ▶ *Marcin Jamiołkowski*, Head of the Funding Sources Coordination Team, National Fund for Environmental Protection & Water Management, Poland
- ▶ *Dariusz Stankiewicz*, Regional Transition Unit Expert, Marshal Office of the Silesian Voivodeship, Poland
- ▶ *Gyorgy Sumeghy*, Associate Director, Policy and Advocacy, Habitat for Humanity International
- ▶ *Joanna Mazurkiewicz*, Economist, Institute for Structural Research (IBS) (moderator)

## 9) Empowering energy equity: Strategies for reaching and engaging vulnerable consumers and stakeholders **ROOM TROIJKA**

*The session aims to empower participants with inspiring case studies and best practices to effectively reach out and engage vulnerable consumers. At the beginning, local initiatives will be presented inspiring examples highlighting the role of local governments and stakeholders in driving positive change. The session will finally engage the participants in a scenario-solving exercise.*

- ▶ *Dr. Dewi Vliexs*, EU Project Officer, South East Energy Agency
- ▶ *Miljenka Kuhar*, Senior Expert, DOOR
- ▶ *Izabela Kuśnierz*, Project Manager, the Association of Municipalities Polish Network "Energie Cités" (PNEC)
- ▶ *Colin Healy*, Communications Officer, South East Energy Agency, Ireland (moderator)

### Closing remarks

**12:30-12:45**

- ▶ *Mathilde Leyge*, Directorate-General Energy, European Commission
- ▶ *Jeppe Mikel Jensen*, Project Manager, Climate Alliance, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub

**12:45-13:45**

**Lunch**



**14:00-16:30**

### **Site visit in the Praga district**

*Old Praga, district of Warsaw has recently undergone a rapid process of redevelopment. Tenement houses have been renovated and connected to the district heating network. The topic of the energy efficiency of old buildings in Warsaw has certainly been raised more often in the public debate. The urban heat island challenge, common in deprived areas of the city, is being recognised by residents and inspires grass root initiatives to reduce concrete in the city. The Praga Museum of Warsaw has prepared a guided tour that will focus on the broader picture of contemporary Praga in the context of revitalisation process*

*The site visit will begin at the venue and will finish at the entrance of the Praga museum (Targowa 50/52, 03-733). Participants are advised to purchase a metro ticket in advance.*

