



YEC Task Force - Overall Focus

Who we are



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I have a mission, make everyone aware that our jobs are just a way to deliver positive impacts. Sea is my natural environment.



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The role of our Task Force

Make EP solutions accessible to everyone and provide a youth inclusive perspective



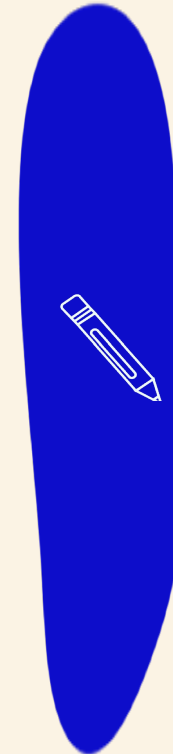
Our goals

- gathering a stakeholders group
- definition of a position paper
- creation of a library collecting the status of the art of EP in selected EU countries highlighting the ones which have implemented best practices



Energy Poverty and Youth

- Focus is mostly put on other social groups such as pensioners, multigenerational families.
- Young people, just entering the job market, are especially prone to be affected by high energy bills
- Students are impacted negatively by the the failure of the state administration to deal with the energy crisis



Why we focus on that

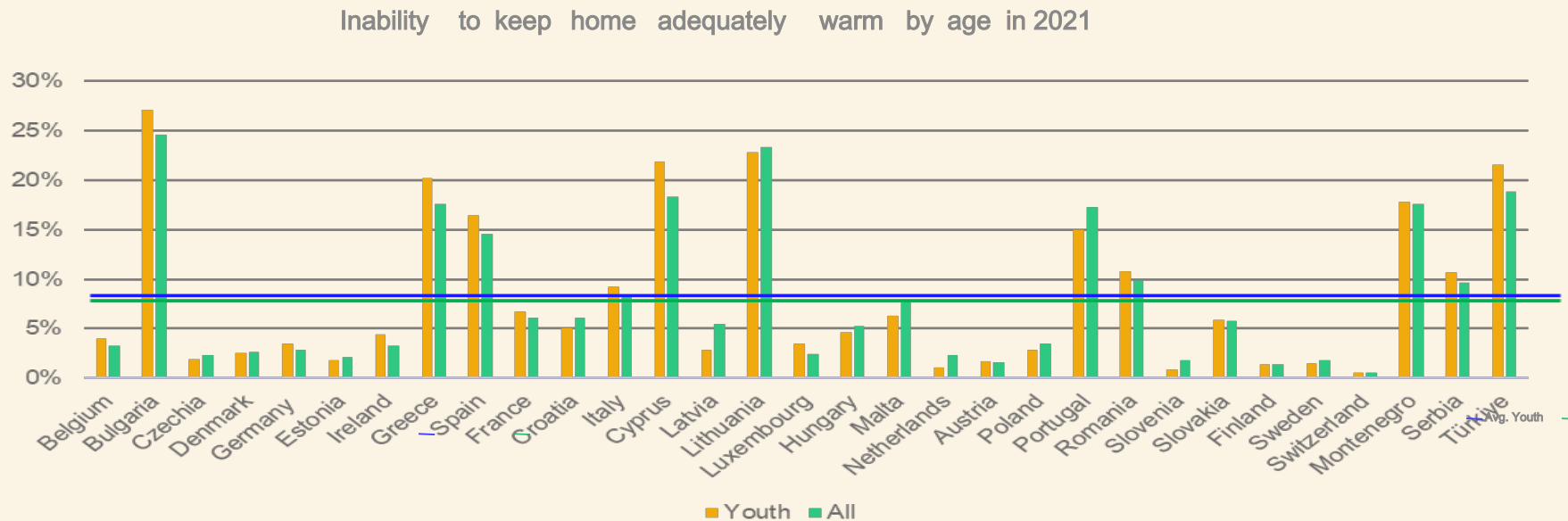
- We believe, that including taking into consideration the needs of all social groups will also make them more eager to collaborate between themselves
- potential of youth organisations and schooling system so as to convey the message

Youth deep dive

DATA :

- At EU level data available by age are related to "Arrears on utility bills", "Inability to keep homes adequately warm", "Disposable income of households spent on electricity, gas and other fuels", the most complete dataset is outdated (2015)

For these reasons, only the data related to the first indicator have been analysed :



Various associations are now being established at both the European Union and Member State levels to address energy poverty in youth

- Energy Poverty Youth Network (EPYN)
- Youth for Climate Justice



Poland



12,2% of the population (2016), however the recent partial studies show it may be as high as 21,4% of the population in the recent years (Polish Economic Institute)



How is EP defined?

There is no binding legal definition of energy poverty functioning right now. The main factor contributing to such state was identified as poor condition of residential buildings.



How they are dealing with it?

Governmental programmes: - Czyste Powietrze (Clean Air Programme):
Mój Prąd (My Electricity)

There are also several existing local programmes, most of which were introduced in connection to the local anti-smog resolutions. Funding is available locally to improve energy efficiency of the buildings and replace old heat sources.



YOUTH

There are no specific measures targeted at the youth. During winter 22/23 most universities were unable to continue onsite teaching due to high energy prices. Several organisations such as Greenpeace Poland or WWF Poland have altered their narrative to say more about energy poverty. **Also some new youth-movements emerged such as Wschód, which we want to contact about our study.**



What is the current state of Energy Poverty in the UK ?



What are the current policies?

Fuel Poverty

13.5%
(2022*)

- Legal definition in England, Scotland and Wales
- Slight country specific variation in indicators
- Key indicators include : Income, energy efficiency, required energy consumption and poverty gap .
- **Children in N. Ireland are twice as likely to be in Fuel Poverty**

- Excellent practice in Monitoring and Evaluation
- National strategies and Target in place to address fuel poverty
 - Sustainable Warmth in England
 - Affordable Warmth scheme in N. Ireland
 - Fuel Poverty Strategy in Scotland



How are youth being affected ?



How are youth dealing with it ?

- Mental and Physical Health
- Education
- Digital Divide
- Social stigma

Highest Likelihood Age Group

0-4,
16 -24
(England*)

Only children under 4 are classed as vulnerable and legislative policy granted Fuel Poverty special status for children in Northern Ireland.

Green Doctors
End Fuel Poverty Coalition
Youth Energy Action
UK Youth Climate Coalition (UKYCC)



Italy



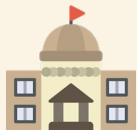
9% of the total population is affected by energy poverty (*Eurostat database, OIPE*)



How is EP defined?

- No official definition available

How they are dealing with it?



- **Social Bonus:** This is a government-funded program that provides financial assistance to low-income households to help cover energy bills, including electricity, gas, and water. Eligibility is based on income and family composition.
- **Ecobonus and Superbonus 110%:** tax credit scheme which does not include social criteria on eligibility or grant rate. Superbonus is in place since 2020 and consists in a deduction of 110% of the expenses incurred from 01/07/20 for the implementation of specific energy efficiency measures
- **Thermal Energy Account** (Conto Termico) can be used by households for RES heating systems or high efficiency heating systems
- **Italian Observatory on Energy Poverty (OIPE):** to develop research and networking on energy poverty, gather and produce data, disseminate information, and organise events.



How are youth affected?

- **8-10%** of the younger population is affected by energy poverty
- **No specific measures** targeting this group
- 69.4 percent of young people aged 18 to 34 years were living with their parents in 2022

Source: oipeosservatorio.it

Policies ?

Subsidies and
tariffs

education

renovation

Partnerships with youth for energy poverty reduction



To work it out:



- include to engage
- understanding the diversity of youth around Europe
- creating a database of possible alliances, learning from each other
- efficiently using the school and university structures
- knowledge-based activism



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Next steps

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LIBRARY OF
EP

By the end of our work we aim to have discovered best practices, policies and EP related matter in all european countries.

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TEAM UP

In the meanwhile we do our research we aim to team up with other european associations that are working towards the same direction as well as connect with startups and projects in all EU.

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Side event at
CEF

We aim to present the results of our work at the Citizen Energy Forum by holding a presentation

Questions?

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