



# BARREIRO, MOITA, MONTIJO, ALCOCHETE, Portugal



Portugal ranks fourth in the EU for people unable to heat homes in winter and second for **discomfort in summer**. The municipalities Barreiro, Moita, Montijo, and Alcochete house a population of 219,425, with lower average incomes and aging buildings, resulting in low energy performance. The Energy Poverty Vulnerability Index indicates high **vulnerability in summer** and moderate vulnerability in winter. The **Covenant of Mayors involvement** and existing **SEAPs/SECAPs** demonstrate commitment to energy poverty mitigation.

S.ENERGIA Regional Energy Agency collaborates closely with municipalities, social services, and entities like private social solidarity institutions, schools, and Social Security, offering technical support and a strong social network. Their experience in European projects adds to their suitability for support in combating energy poverty.

The objective of the technical assistance is to replicate and extend the successful "**Transition Point**" pilot project, initially implemented in Setúbal District, to other territories by improving **thermal comfort** and **energy efficiency** in homes. **Replication** involves tasks such as **building capacity** for local **transition agents**, diagnosing needs, **aiding energy tariffs**, enhancing comfort, supporting **funding audits**, and creating a **local actor-network**. With RNAE as technical expert, the scope of action will be reinforced in a joint effort to mitigate regional energy poverty, now reaching four more municipalities, but probably many more in the future with the support of other Energy Agencies in the different areas, supporting the most vulnerable families, by replicating the methodologies improved and tested.

