



LA PALMA ISLAND, Spain



La Palma island, with 85,000 inhabitants in 14 municipalities, faces a pressing need for technical assistance. The island is primarily rural, with only two cities hosting over 15,000 inhabitants. It faces challenging circumstances such as varying temperatures, including extremes in certain areas, and inadequately constructed buildings. The average income is just 1,600€. La Palma Renewable (LPR), an organisation committed to a just and social energy transition, has been working closely with the Cabildo Insular de La Palma, the island council. They've identified a growing energy poverty crisis, worsened by the pandemic and volcanic eruptions. A study revealed alarming statistics, with many households struggling to maintain adequate temperatures and pay electricity bills. Social services, while doing commendable work, lack resources to address the issue preventively. LPR aims to coordinate efforts across municipalities, the Cabildo, and third-sector entities to combat energy poverty effectively, recognising the urgent need for assistance.

LPR aims to enhance its fight against energy poverty, reframing its approach to reach vulnerable families rather than those with economic resources. Given the island's significant energy poverty challenge and limited resources, LPR seeks technical assistance to optimise impact. This involves **evaluating current activities** like the LPR office and workshops, along with broader social services, in coordination with the new energy poverty insular board. Expert assessment, feedback, and mentoring are crucial. Establishing an **energy poverty board** with all stakeholders will ensure island-wide activity and efficiency. **Collaborating with the island's energy cooperative** will offer practical energy-saving solutions for vulnerable families. Ongoing services include workshops, consultations, and partnerships with organisations addressing energy poverty.

