



# VALENCIA, Spain



With over 800,000 inhabitants and a Mediterranean climate of hot summers and mild winters, the city's energy poverty levels range from 18.2% to 23.1%, surpassing regional and national averages. Summers in Valencia have seen a substantial portion of the population unable to cool their homes comfortably, leading to health concerns exacerbated by climate change impacts.

To combat this, the city has integrated energy poverty into its urban strategy, offering annual energy bill assistance and operating an "energy office" for citizen support, including social worker-led mentoring programmes. EU funds will aid the rehabilitation of 600 flats in vulnerable areas, underlining the critical requirement for assistance in addressing energy poverty in Valencia.

**The objective of the technical assistance is to address summer energy poverty.**

Firstly, the city aims to build internal knowledge to design **communication material** that will successfully **reach out to vulnerable households**. Furthermore, Valencia will integrate this approach into existing and future projects and plans within the broader context of adapting to climate change. The main activity of the technical assistance will be the training and capacity building of a network of local actors on summer energy poverty challenges. This training of trainees will increase the final impact of the technical assistance, as the outcomes from the training will be directly incorporated into the services offered by the local actors on a regular basis and in ongoing local projects.

