

Józsefváros, Hungary



RESULTS

1st technical assistance of the Energy Poverty Advisory Hub 2022-2023

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- September 2022 - June 2023
- Energy poverty phase:** Diagnosis
- Topics:** Education

The **Józsefváros Municipality** in Budapest, with the assistance of **Energiaklub**, developed a technical assistance with the goal of alleviating energy poverty by contributing to a complex and robust diagnosis in this district.

Objectives

The strategic objectives included **enhancing awareness and local understanding** of energy poverty in Józsefváros. This involved collecting data on energy-poor households and formulating effective measures to alleviate the issue.

Activities & Outcomes

The municipality's social employees underwent training to monitor energy poverty and offer affordable behavioral advice to at-risk families. This initiative kickstarted negotiations to integrate energy advisory and ongoing energy poverty monitoring into the regular duties of employees engaged in daily fieldwork, such as social housing rental inspectors, family and child welfare center staff, and economic centre employees. Based on comprehensive data analysis, interactive training, household surveys, and residential workshops, energy poverty measures were enhanced and incorporated into the municipality's SECAP. Additionally, a dedicated Energy Poverty Alleviation Office was established through collaboration with the **POWERPOOR** project.

Challenge

Hungarian municipalities face **severe capacity constraints**, particularly in terms of municipal resources. The municipality experienced a lack of capacity, with the majority of social housing unit assessments being carried out by just two interns.

The training aimed to enhance the knowledge of various internal departments and external stakeholders, including children. Notably, activities conducted in the kindergarten were later transferred to Denmark as a source of inspiration.

