Grand Besançon Métropolis, *France*



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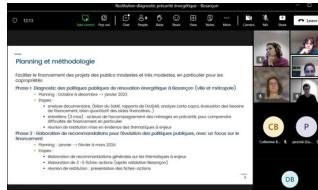
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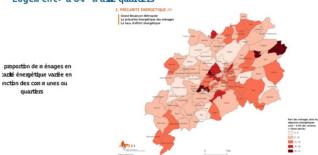
Energy poverty phase: Planning, Implementation



Topics: Financial measure, stakeholders mapping



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Besançon, a city in northeastern France and part of the Great Besançon Metropolis (GBM), has been addressing energy poverty through programs like the "Slime" initiative. Despite efforts, energy poverty remains a significant issue, with 15% of households in Besançon and 13.5% in GBM affected and many homes struggle with high energy costs and low energy efficiency.

Objectives

The strategic objectives were:

- analysis of public policies aiming at energy retrofitting
- •some **advice** in order to improve those public policies, in particular regarding financial schemes

The technical assistance, through its human sciences approach, has removed the obstacle of necessary completeness of quantitative diagnosis to set in motion a territorial strategy to combat energy poverty.

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Activities & Outcomes

The analysis identified several measures to combat fuel poverty, including a decade-long public policy and the SLIME programme, which supports energy-poor households. The local government provides subsidies for energy-efficiency renovations, primarily focusing on single-family homes, with fewer resources for apartments condominiums. Despite the available financial aid, challenges remain, particularly in financing projects after the regional council discontinued its pre-financing scheme. Suggested improvements include enhanced support for co-ownerships, advancing subsidies, offering direct payments to companies, and improving access to zerointerest loans.

Future

The diagnosis opens up significant funding opportunities for renovation, particularly with the creation of a comprehensive operator attached to the Metropolis (one stop shop) in collaboration with the Emerging Renovation Bank (FIDEO).