

Join the SocialWatt Capacity Building Workshop

on alleviating energy poverty - 28th of May 2020!

Energy poverty is broadly understood as the inability of households to afford basic energy services to guarantee a decent standard of living. According to Eurostat, **57 million people** can't keep their homes adequately warm during winter, **104 million people** cannot keep their homes comfortable enough during summer, **87 million** live in poor quality dwellings and **52 million people** face delays in paying energy bills.

Under **Article 7** of the **Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU)**, EU countries must set up an energy efficiency obligation scheme that requires energy companies to achieve yearly energy savings of 1.5% of annual sales to final consumers. As such, **energy companies need to design and implement measures** that help final consumers improve the energy efficiency of their dwellings. A share of measures should be implemented as a priority among vulnerable households, including those affected by energy poverty, and where appropriate, in social housing.

SocialWatt, a project funded by the EU's Horizon 2020 programme, aims to enable obligated parties under Article 7 of the Energy Efficiency Directive across Europe to develop, adopt, test and spread innovative schemes to alleviate energy poverty.

The workshop will take place on the 28th of May 2020 (10:00-11:40 CEST)

The SocialWatt capacity building workshop will focus on how utilities, energy companies and social services can help alleviate energy poverty. Experts on energy

poverty and representatives from utilities, academic institutions and social services will present their experience and knowledge.



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