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Meeting need with ambition: Boosting energy efficiency to alleviate rising energy poverty in Europe

Thursday 16 March 2023, 09.00 -15.00 CET

Brussels ([COMET Louise](#), Place Stéphanie 20 – 1050 Brussels) and online

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Background and objectives

The current energy crisis has drastically increased the share of households at risk of energy poverty. This reinforces the need for a Just Transition leaving no one behind, as promoted with the new provisions on energy poverty in the proposed recast of the Energy Efficiency Directive.

The final conference of the Horizon 2020 project [SocialWatt](#) will share experience in designing and implementing energy efficiency schemes to alleviate energy poverty, and will discuss how to address three key challenges to scale up support to the energy poor, which is particularly important as needs grow.

The event also includes a workshop that focuses on monitoring and evaluating schemes, jointly organized with the Horizon 2020 project [streamSAVE](#).

Agenda

9:00 – 10:15	Opening	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration	
9:30 – 9:45	Energy efficiency to alleviate energy poverty: the EU policy framework	Veronika Jirickova (European Commission - DG ENER)
9:45 – 10:00	Initiatives across Europe that aim to alleviate energy poverty	Talia Brun Marcen, (European Commission - CINEA)
10:00 – 10:15	Energy companies and utilities designing and implementing schemes to alleviate energy poverty – lessons learnt from SocialWatt	Andriana Stavrakaki (ICCS)



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10:15 – 11:15	First panel: Designing and implementing schemes to alleviate energy poverty: how to make them effective and grow	
	Moderator: Jean-Sebastien Broc (IEECP)	
	How energy suppliers can actively support people escape energy poverty : the example of NATURGY programmes	Ester Sevilla (NATURGY, Spain)
	How NGOs can help scaling up energy poverty alleviation: The example of Red Cross Spain's partnerships with energy companies	Sara Casas (Red Cross Spain)
	How energy suppliers can work with social organisations to alleviate energy poverty - the example of eVISO schemes	Carlo Cigna (eVISO, Italy)
	Lessons learnt from local initiatives across Europe: EPAH's Technical Assistance	Dimitra Drakaki (Energy Poverty Advisory Hub)
	Bringing forward energy poverty supporters and establishing energy poverty alleviation offices in local authorities across Europe	Diana Yordanova (Housing Europe / Powerpoor project)
	Renovation projects to tackle energy poverty and improve health conditions	Hande Barlin (Gebze Technical University and Zero Discrimination Association / Wellbased project)
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30 – 12:30	Second panel: Financing deeper energy renovations for energy poor households	
	Moderator: Louise Sunderland (RAP)	
	Developing renovation programmes to alleviate energy poverty: the experience of ANAH (French housing agency)	Quentin Hoffer (ANAH, France)
	Learning by doing: ongoing evolution of the Polish Clean Air Programme towards supporting deep renovations and tackling energy poverty	Aleksander Śniegocki (Reform Institute, Poland)
	"European Cold House Fund" – financing the renovation of low-income households' homes	Anna Bajomi (FEANTSA)
	Austria's funding programmes for vulnerable households	Klemens Leutgöb (e-sieben / ProRetro project)
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:30 – 15:00	streamSAVE workshop: Assessing the impacts of energy efficiency schemes alleviating energy poverty	
	Moderator: Kelsey van Maris (VITO / streamSAVE)	
	What is different when calculating energy savings from energy efficiency measures also tackling energy poverty?	Guillermo Borragán Pedraz (VITO / streamSAVE)
	Challenges in monitoring and assessing impacts of energy efficiency measures to alleviate energy poverty	Katarina Trstenjak, JSI (Jozef Stefan Institute, Slovenia)
	Assessing and comparing the impacts of measures to reduce energy poverty: results from the EmpowerMed project	Mariana Jiménez, IREC (Catalonia Energy Research Institute, Spain / EmpowerMed)
	Impacts from overcoming challenges in household energy data collection – insights from the EnergyMeasures project	Niall Dunphy, UCC (University College Cork, Ireland / EnergyMeasures)





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SocialWatt is a Horizon 2020 project that develops and provides utilities and energy suppliers with appropriate tools for effectively engaging with their customers and working together towards alleviating energy poverty.

SocialWatt also enables obligated parties under Article 7 of the Energy Efficiency Directive across Europe to develop, adopt, test and spread innovative energy poverty schemes.

SocialWatt contribute to the following three main pillars:

Supporting utilities and energy suppliers contribute to the fight against energy poverty through the use of decision support tools.

Bridging the gap between energy companies and social services by promoting collaboration and implementing knowledge transfer and capacity building activities that focus on the development of schemes that invest in Renewable Energy Sources / Energy Efficiency and alleviate energy poverty.

Implementing and replicating innovative schemes to alleviate energy poverty.



streamSAVE is a Horizon 2020 project aiming to streamline energy savings calculations under Articles 3 and 7 of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED). streamSAVE has developed calculation methodologies for 10 Priority Actions, including one about energy efficiency actions to alleviate energy poverty. The project also facilitates discussions and experience sharing among EU Member States (for more details, see the streamSAVE platform).

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