

LAUNCH EVENT

EU

Energy Poverty Advisory Hub



TENTATIVE AGENDA

Day 1 - 22 November 2021

High-level presentations and Q&A discussions

09:30 – 09:40 CET **Keynote Speech**



Kadri Simson, European Commissioner for Energy

09:40 - 10:20 CET **Plenary interventions**

The EU is committed to address energy poverty as a priority in its long-term fair transition to an ecologically sustainable and a climate-neutral economy. This topic has become even more urgent in the current high energy price context as part of the energy transition, the Green Deal sets the priority to secure the supply of clean, affordable and secure energy to all EU citizens and households and the newly launched "Fit for 55 package" is set to align current laws with the 2030 and 2050 ambitions.

High-level speakers will speak on the future of energy poverty action in the EU and the launch of the Energy Poverty Advisory Hub.



- Slovenian Presidency (Ministerial level) (tbc)
- *Pedro Marques*, Vice President of the Socialists and Democrats Group in the European Parliament
- *Maria Spyrali*, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the European People's Party
- *Ciaran Cuffe*, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

Moderated by: *Paula Pinho*, Director for Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Efficiency and Innovation (ENER.B), European Commission.



The session will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

10:20 - 10:45 CET

Break

10:45 - 12:00 CET

Panel discussion: “Energy poverty - reality check: A multi-dimensional challenge”

The session will highlight the multidimensional aspect of energy poverty by city representatives from across Europe discussing the main challenges when it comes to energy poverty for their municipality.

Moderated by: *Jeppe Mikel Jensen*, Project Manager, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub.



The session will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

Day 2 - 23 November 2021

Interactive sessions and Q&A discussions.

09:00 - 10:00 CET

Presentation “Towards a local approach: The new Energy Poverty Advisory Hub”

The Energy Poverty Advisory Hub (EPAH) is the leading EU initiative with the vision to eradicate energy poverty and accelerate the just energy transition of European local governments. The event will present the local approach and the multiple services offered to municipalities through EPAH.



- *Dora Biondani*, Project Coordinator, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub
- *Marta Garcia Pais*, CEO, Ecoserveis
- *João Pedro Gouveia*, Senior Researcher, CENSE, NOVA School of Science and Technology
- *Marina Varvesi*, R&I Area Responsible, AISFOR

Moderated by: *Dora Biondani*, Project Coordinator, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub.



The session will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

10:00 - 11:00 CET

Workshop “Defining and measuring energy poverty: The new Covenant of Mayors’ indicators”



The cross-cutting nature of energy poverty translates into challenges in defining and measuring energy poverty and developing robust indicators and assessment methods. The session will highlight the Covenant of Mayors (CoM) new indicators and engage the audience in an interactive activity to discuss the main challenges on assessment and data collection.



Miguel Morcillo, Covenant of Mayors Europe

Moderated by: *João Pedro Gouveia*, Senior Researcher, CENSE, NOVA School of Science and Technology.

11:00 - 11:30 CET

Break

11:30 - 12:30 CET

Workshop “Vulnerable groups in the front line: Challenges and impacts”



The workshop will explore the disproportional aspect of energy poverty and identify different consumer groups mostly affected (women, elderly, persons with disabilities). Finally, it will discuss the impact of the phenomenon on the health and well-being of citizens.

-  ▪ *Charis Kordatos*, Cyprus Energy Agency, Cyprus
- *Miljenka Kuhar*, Society for Sustainable Development Design-DOOR, Croatia
- *Ruxandra Mocanu*, Ashoka, Romania
- *Colm O'Mahony*, 3 Counties Energy Agency, Ireland

Moderated by: *Marta Garcia Pais*, CEO, Ecoserveis.




The session will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

12:30 - 13:15 CET

Workshop “Inspiring case studies on energy poverty mitigation”



Decision-makers, practitioners, private sector and civil society explore the challenges and potential solutions to tackle energy poverty. With a no one-size-fits-all solution, different local practices address different barriers. The workshop will present inspiring cases developed and implemented at the local level aiming to mitigate energy poverty.

-  ▪ *Cecilia Foronda*, Ecodes, the “Barrio Solar” project in Spain
- *Marlene Potthoff*, Caritas, the “Stromspar-Check Aktiv” project in Germany
- *Marina Varvesi*, AISFOR, the “ASSIST - Support Network for Household Energy Saving” project in Italy, Spain, Belgium, Finland, UK, Poland
- *Zita Kakalejcikova*, Habitat for Humanity, the “Residential Energy Efficiency for Low Income Households - REELIH” project in Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia

Moderated by: *Dimitra Drakaki*, Communications Officer, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub.



The session will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

13:15 - 13:30 CET

Closing remarks

The session will highlight the main takeaways from each of the sessions and pour it into a coherent narrative that connects the dots between the different themes.



Teresa Aristegui, Policy Officer, DG Energy, European Commission

Jeppe Mikel Jensen, Project Manager, Energy Poverty Advisory Hub