

POWERTY PROJECT

II INTERREGIONAL THEMATIC SEMINAR

Online - 8 & 9 April 2021

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AGENDA

Day 1: 8 April 2021

Energy poverty: How can the EU Green Deal contribute to increasing the use of renewable energy by vulnerable groups?

Objective: The seminar will focus on the EU regulatory framework supporting the reduction of energy poverty, in particular the use of RES by vulnerable groups. It will review current EU strategies and plans, discuss current regulatory frameworks in the project partner countries and provide insights for the revision of EU directives.

Context: The Covid pandemic has highlighted the deep inequalities in society and across the regions of Europe. Energy poverty is recognised as a widespread problem, with serious consequences for health and well-being. Besides housing energy efficiency issues, the production of renewable energy by vulnerable groups remains a major challenge. In support to the EU Green Deal, the Commission has released the Renovation Wave strategy including measures to address energy poverty. This strategy will lead to the revision of EU directives such as the RES and EE directives.

9:00 Participants can enter the virtual meeting room

9:05 **Opening and Welcome by the Authorities and Introduction to POWERTY project and objectives of the seminar** by *Patrick Biard (AURA-EE)* and *Joaquín Villar Rodriguez (AEA)*

Session I

9:15 **EU strategy and plans: Green Deal, Renovation wave and revision of EU directives** by *Teresa Aristegui, European Commission*

9:30 **Interreg Policy Learning Platform: Presentation of the platform and how it can support policies addressing energy poverty** by *Katharina Krell (tbc)*

9:40 Q&A

Session II

9:50 **State of the art of the regulatory framework in the POWERTY partner countries** by *POWERTY partners*

10:40 **5 minute-break**

10:45 **Influence of policy instruments to promote energy efficiency in social housing** by *Ryan Weber, leader of the SOCIAL GREEN HOUSING project*

10:55 **Local energy communities: what is at stake?** by *Roland Tual, RESCOOP*

11:10 Q&A

Session III

- 11:20** **Roundtable discussion: How can the revision of EU directives better support the reduction of energy poverty?** *moderated by Patrick Biard (AURA-EE)*
- 11:50** **Closing** *by Ruth Borrego Andrade (AEA)*

Day 2: 9 April 2021

Overcome barriers of normative character – Good practices

- 9:00** **Opening and Welcome** *by Ruth Borrego Andrade (AEA)*
- 9:05** **Local policies to promote renewable energies** *by Francesco Filippi (Fundación MUSOL), partner of the LOCAL4GREEN project*
- 9:20** **Presentation of Good practices identified in the POWERTY project about normative** by experts and stakeholders of the POWERTY project, *moderated by Catherine Premat (AURA-EE)*
- The zero-rated eco-loan scheme to encourage renewable energy (ECO-PTZ) *by AURA-EE*
 - The energy voucher *by the French Ministry of Ecological Transition*
 - Policy changes to make renewable energy easy to use and install *by VIPA*
 - I Andalusian Plan for the Elderly *by AEA*
 - LIFE project *by AOT*
- 10:20** **10 minutes-break**
- 10:30** **Networking section** *moderated by POWERTY partners*
- 11:15** **Virtual study visit: Préau des Colibris in Voiron (FR) and discussions** *by AURA-EE*
- 11:30** **Closing** *by Manon Burbidge (University of Manchester)*