

Serie of Knowledge Transfer Thematic Webinars at EU level

1st Webinar: Triggering communities to become 'Fit for 55'. Tackling energy poverty in the Eastern and Central Europe

Format: Panel Discussion - online event

Language – English

Date: 14th December 2021

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM CET

Duration: 1.5 h

Moderator – Marine Cornelis, Next Energy Consumer

Agenda:

10:00 – 10:05	Welcoming/Joining in
10:05 – 10:10	Introduction
10:10 – 10:20	Marine Cornelis presenting the Fit for 55 package and challenges of this topic
10:20 – 10:30	Keynote by Baiba Miltovica, President of the TEN Section of the European Economic and Social Committee
10:30 – 10:50	<i>Summary of an Overview report on the energy poverty concept</i> Eszter Turai (MRI), Senta Schmatzberger (BPIE)
10:50 – 11:00	<i>Country specific situation: Lithuanian example</i> Kęstutis Kupšys, Lithuanian Consumers Alliance (STEP and ComAct projects)
11:00 – 11:25	Baiba Miltovica – President of the TEN Section of the European Economic and Social Committee Eva Suba – Project Manager, Climate Alliance Eszter Turai – Metropolitan Research Institute (MRI) Senta Schmatzberger – Project Manager at Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) Knut Höller – Managing director at Housing Initiative Eastern Europe (IWO) Kęstutis Kupšys , Vice-President, Lithuanian Consumers Alliance Lidija Živčič , Senior expert of Focus (tbc)
11:25 – 11:30	Closing remarks

Energy poverty is a widespread problem across Europe, as between 50 and 125 million people are unable to afford proper indoor thermal comfort. This webinar is the 1st in the series of the three Knowledge Transfer Thematic Webinars at EU level of the H2020 ComAct project and it aims to highlight the issue of energy poverty in Europe under the light of the 'Fit for 55' goal, which raises a huge challenge for many households in Europe.





A common European definition of energy poverty does not exist, however, many Member States acknowledge the scale of this socio-economic situation and its negative impact, that is translated into severe health issues and social isolation. Different terms are used to describe affected persons: fuel poor, energy poor, vulnerable energy consumers or, to a larger sense, at-risk-of-poverty or low-income people. During the event, we will present an overview of the energy poverty concept and discuss the new EU rules for energy efficiency within the Fit for 55 package.

Objectives:

- Highlight the issue of energy poverty in Europe in light of the Fit for 55 package goals
- Discuss ideas and potential solutions for the lack of a common definition of energy poverty
- Present the latest ComAct results related to the energy poverty concept and how they can fit under the Fit for 55 goals





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