



Understanding and mitigating energy poverty in Europe

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Defining and addressing energy poverty

Energy poverty is

- the inability of a household to secure socially- and materially- needed levels of energy services in the home (Bouzarovski and Petrova 2015)
 - not a subset of income poverty
 - intersectoral and systemic
 - central to the 'just transition'
- Energy poverty requires
 - Comprehensive, overlapping, multi-level policies
 - Inclusive dialogue and extensive stakeholder representation

Creating a European policy via multi-stakeholder engagement

- Energy poverty – now a central European policy concern after years of marginalization
- The subject of official EU policy and increasing ‘institutional thickness’ at the MS level
- Would not have been achieved without the creation of an extensive and engaged stakeholder public
- www.energypoverty.eu: unique decision-support resource containing the world’s largest public database of indicators, measures, publications and training resources



Challenges ahead

- Moving the energy poverty debate outside established domains: heating services, 'the triad', well-known places, income poverty
- Embracing intersectional inequalities: gender, minorities, disabilities
- A greater engagement of social, housing, infrastructural and health policy-makers and practitioners
- Engaging with the politics of energy vulnerability and precarization

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