VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
FROM LOCAL TO EUROPEAN: BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS TO TACKLE ENERGY POVERTY

DRAFT AGENDA

ONLINE SESSIONS
9, 10, 11 JUNE 2020 | 10:30H00 - 12H00 CET

SESSION I - TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Opening and Welcome
- Marina Varvesi, ASSIST Project coordinator
- Pierre-Jean Coulon, President of the TEN section at the EESC

Round table: How local actions and social innovations are necessary to put vulnerable consumers at the heart of policies addressing energy poverty

Moderator: Marta Garcia, ECOSERVEIS
- Discussion with National Vulnerable Consumers Steering Committee members from Italy, Spain, Finland, UK, Poland and Belgium
- Discussion with the audience

SESSION II - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Opening and Welcome
- Marina Varvesi, ASSIST Project coordinator
- Vincent Berrutto, Head of Unit, EASME - H2020 Energy Unit

Challenges to tackle energy poverty: views from EU projects

Moderator: Stefan Bouzarovski, EU Energy Poverty Observatory (EPOV)
- Silvia Vivarelli, Unit B1 H2020 Energy, Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME)
- Marina Varvesi, ASSIST coordinator
- European projects on Energy Poverty
  - Cezara Popovici, STEP coordinator, Horizon 2020 project
  - Daan Creupelandt, REScoop coordinator.
- Clotilde Clark-Foulquier, Project coordinator, the European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)
- Discussion with the audience
SESSION III - THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Opening and Welcome
- Marina Varvesi, ASSIST Project coordinator
- Thor Vermann, Member of Kadri Simson Cabinet, European Commission, in charge of Energy Poverty

Round table: EU policy to tackle energy poverty and protect vulnerable consumers in Europe: proposal and recommendations
Moderator: Mathias Maucher, European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN)
- Maria Jeliazkova, EAPN, ASSIST partner presenting the Vulnerable Consumers Protection Framework Paper
- Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- Cornelia Ernst, Member of the European Parliament, GUE/NGL group
- Giustino Piccolo, Covenant of Mayors
- Julien Dijol, Housing Europe
- Anne Katherina Weidenbach, Energy Efficiency: Policy & Financing, DG ENERGY, European Commission
- Discussion with the audience

ASSIST IN A NUTSHELL

The challenge
How to develop concrete solutions to improve the levels of empowerment and engagement of vulnerable consumers and energy poor in a scenario of increasing market complexity?

The response
ASSIST offers a two-way approach to the problem: active engaging of consumers in the energy market as well as a positive change of behaviour in relation to energy use, and to influence the design of policies at all levels to tackle energy poverty issues.

The project has generated in depth knowledge on consumer vulnerability and on energy poverty, with the aim to foster the development of a clear and unique definition for its identification and measuring in Europe.

The impact
- Nearly 100K vulnerable consumers reached through "soft" and big actions.
- Energy saving of 2% of > 12K vulnerable consumers.
- > 500 trained Home Energy Advisors (HEA) in 6 countries.
- Identification of national measures and best practices to address energy poverty in Europe.