

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

# FROM LOCAL TO EUROPEAN: BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS TO TACKLE ENERGY POVERTY

## DRAFT AGENDA



**ASSIST**  
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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**



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## SESSION III - THURSDAY, JUNE 11

### Opening and Welcome

- **Marina Varvesi**, ASSIST Project coordinator
- **Thor Vertmann**, 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 Jeliaskova**, 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.



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