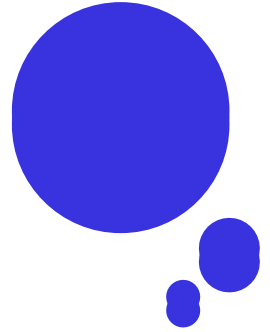


Energy poverty in Spain: situation and coping strategies

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DIAGNOSIS

We carry out diagnoses on energy vulnerability at all levels (municipal, regional or district) which help us start from a more intensive knowledge base to create planning and actions adapted to the reality of the territory.

PLANNING AND STRATEGY

All the diagnoses provide the basis for an approach and planning strategy. We provide support in the design of local, regional, national and international strategies to fight energy poverty.



ACTION

TRAINING

We carry out specialized and informative training on energy from a technical, consumer and health perspective addressed to professionals, people in vulnerable situations and citizens in general.

ENERGY INTERVENTIONS

Attention to people in vulnerable situations is basic for them to be empowered in energy use. We carry out audits adapted to the municipal Reality:

- 1 or more home visits.
- Option to monitor energy and comfort (temperature and humidity measurements).

SUPPORT TO THE LOCAL WORLD

We provide technical support, consultancy, advice and coordination of municipal services in the field of energy in general and energy rights in particular.

EVALUATION

Knowing the impact of the initiatives is essential. We evaluate the technical and social impact of projects and services once they have been completed in order to assess their replicability in the territory and to offer guarantees on whether the actions carried out are effective in combating energy poverty.

COMMUNICATION

✓ We take care of all phases of the communication process of projects and services.

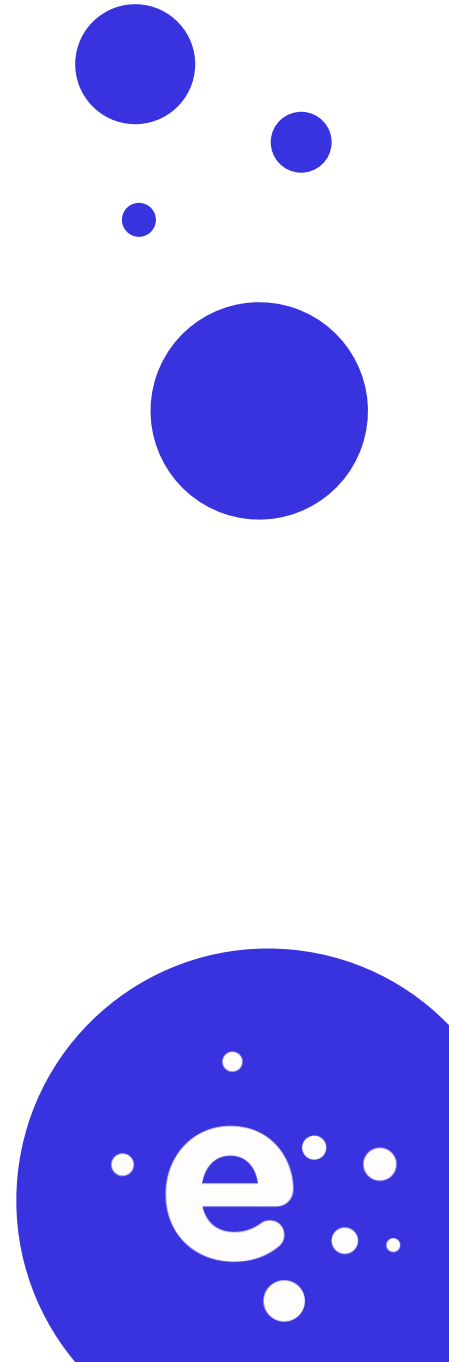
✓ We plan and run campaigns, create content and multi-platform material.

✓ We address beneficiaries and other public entities interested in replicating the actions.

Spanish National Indicators.

Primary indicator	2018	2019	2020	2021
High share of energy expenditure in income (2M) (% households)	16,9	16,7	16,8	16,4
Low absolute energy expenditure (M/2) (% households)	11,0	10,6	10,3	9,3
Inability to keep home adequately warm in winter (% population)	9,1	7,6	10,9	14,3
Arrears on utility bills (% population)	7,2	6,6	9,6	9,5

Source: MITECO



National Strategy against Energy Poverty 2019-2024 .

This policy instrument offers -for the first time-:

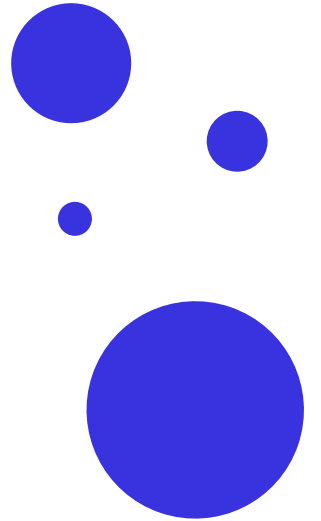
- an official definition of energy poverty;
- it establishes indicators for its monitoring and targets for its reduction (a minimum reduction target of 25% by 2025 and a goal of reaching a 50% reduction).
- Measures : social energy bonus for vulnerable consumers (automatic and all sources), household renovation and replacement of old appliances and equipment by efficient appliances.

ESTRATEGIA NACIONAL CONTRA LA POBREZA ENERGÉTICA 2019-2024



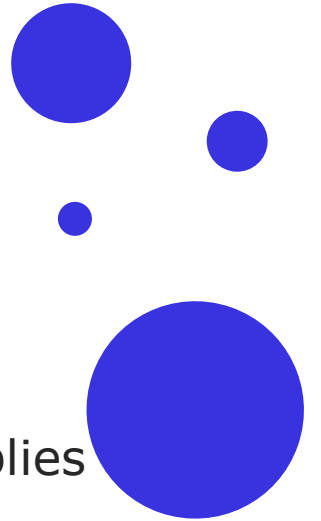
Existing national coping strategies

- Social bonus for domestic consumers-only for electricity
 - Higher discounts after COVID
- Ban from disconnection- from COVID
- Corrective measures- payment of energy bills



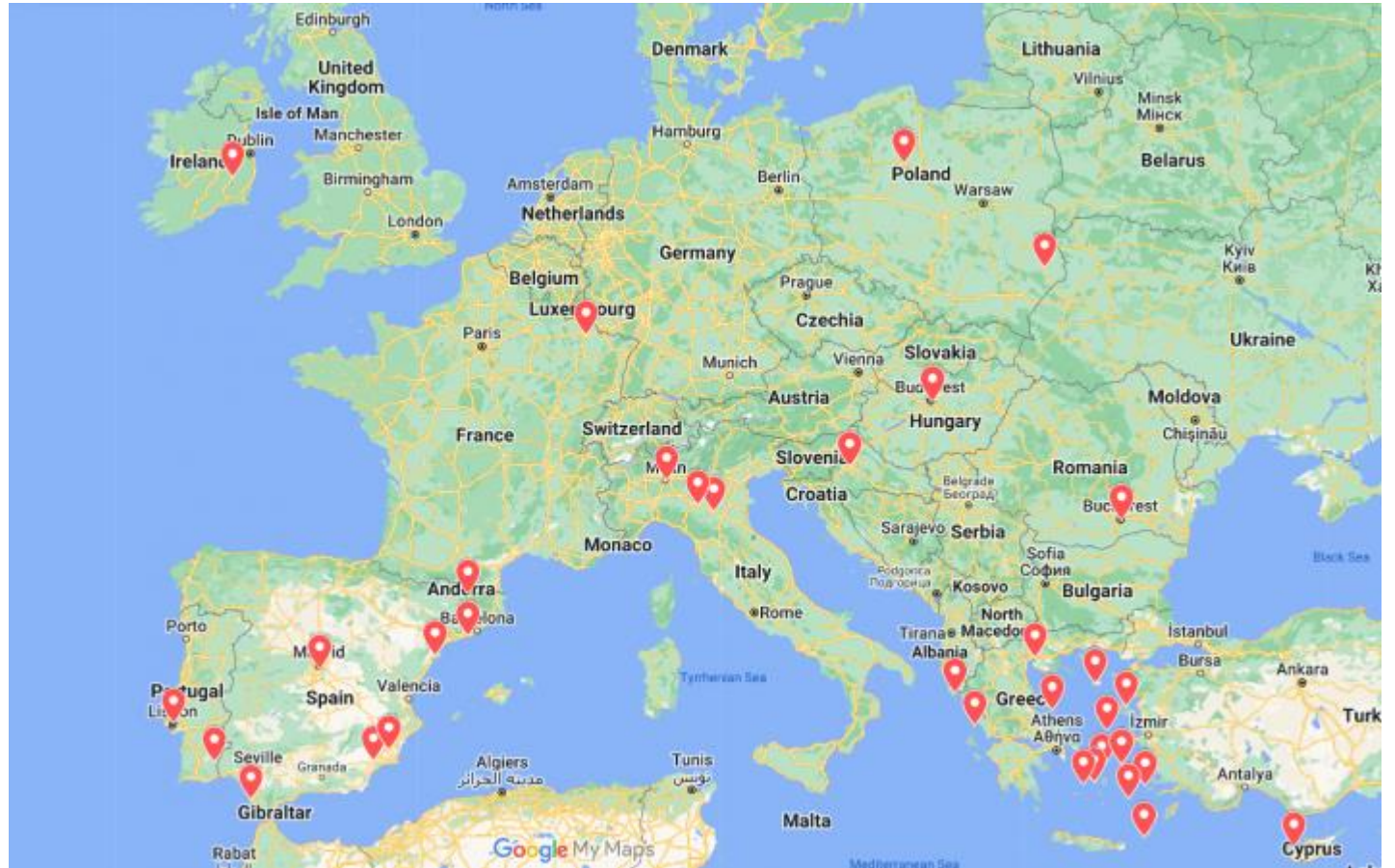
NEW ! National coping strategies - 2023

- Maintains the ban on cutting off basic electricity, water and gas supplies to vulnerable consumers.
- It extends the suspension of the 7% tax on electricity generation, in addition to other tax reductions on electricity and gas.
- The maximum selling price of butane is limited
- Iberian exception-cap electricity prices



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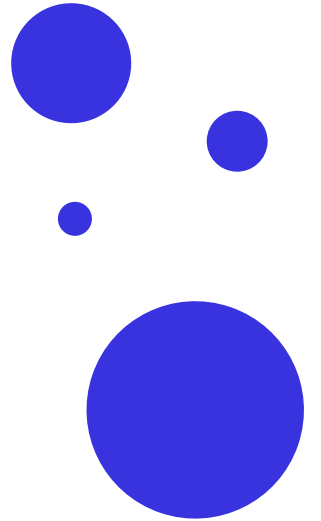


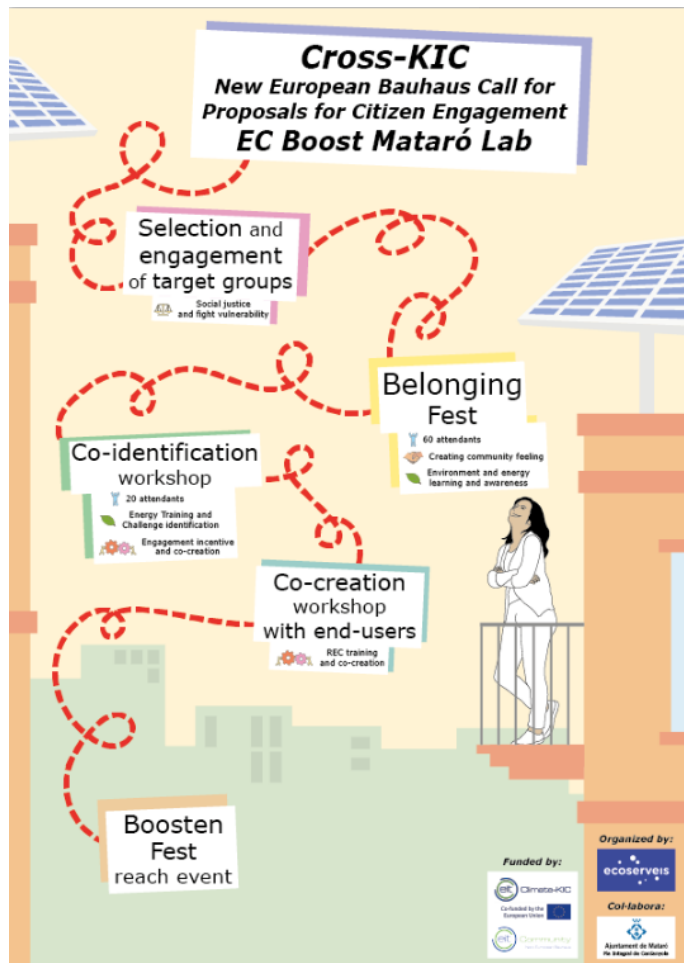
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Other initiatives to make vulnerable consumers access to just energy transition to overcome barriers such as:

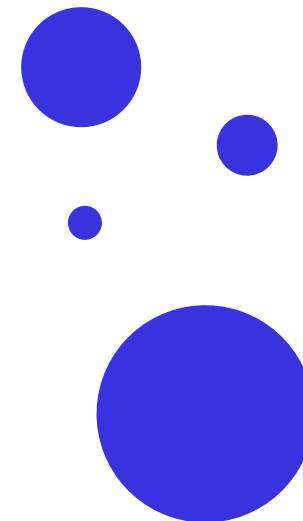
- Lack of access to information (complex procedures, language, asymmetric info,...)
- Financial barrier (can't access to credit, don't have cash,...)
- Limit to access grants for RES (tax penalty if 2 income-payers)
- Ownership patterns (owners - tenants)
- Housing conditions (limitations for RES installation)
- Difficulties to participate governance structures





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