



# Lessons from last winter - fighting energy poverty and ill-health

## Capacity-building for cities caring for energy justice

**Wednesday 10 May 2023 – 10-11:30 am (CET), 9-10:30 am (GMT)**  
online on ZOOM

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### Why this workshop?

**Short-term alleviation measures to energy poverty don't go far enough. Structural empowerment by improving not only the homes, but also the health of vulnerable people is needed. A whole new urban program focusing on this energy poverty-health nexus needs to be invented by cities across Europe.**

During this session, city experts involved in the WELLBASED project will share initial findings from their research in cities that want to tackle energy poverty and health. This includes insights into people's daily lives this past winter, and the consequences for their health. Building such an understanding of experiences of energy poverty is a crucial step towards better policy-making and effective local support schemes.

### Expected outputs

This event is mainly for policy influencers and local stakeholders wanting to propose services that benefit the most vulnerable and cities wanting to design exit energy poverty strategies. They can learn from existing experiences, ask questions and find interesting contacts. Also, the evidence-based recommendations shared by the speakers from their ground and research work during last winter can be useful inputs for public authorities who will engage in mid- and long-term measures on energy justice.



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## AGENDA

<b>10:00-10:03</b>	Welcome and moderation by Miriam Eisermann, Communication & EU Policies at Energy Cities
<b>10:03-10:10</b>	<b>Energy poverty in Europe: a mastered chaos?</b> Joao Pedro Gouveia, Senior Researcher, NOVA University Lisbon/EPAH
<b>10:10-10:20</b>	<b>Incorporating health in urban (energy) policies</b> Elena Rocher, Health Program Officer at Las Naves
<b>10:20-10:30</b>	<b>Energy poverty and underlying health issues: initial insights from winter research in 2022/2023</b> Merel Stevens, Junior researcher at Erasmus Medical School
<b>10:30-10:40</b>	Q&A with audience
<b>10:40-11:10</b>	<b>Challenges and coping strategies in committed cities in the North and South of Europe</b> Spain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Pellicer-Sifres, Energy Officer at Las Naves</li> <li>• Marta Garcia-Paris, Energy Consultant at Ecoserveis</li> </ul> Latvia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Dina Bite, Head of Department at Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities, Latvia University</li> </ul>
<b>11:10-11:20</b>	Q&A with audience
<b>11:20-11:30</b>	<b>How is experience on the ground reflected and facilitated in European legislation?</b> <b>Feedback from the European Commission and wrap-up</b> Veronika Jirickova, Energy Efficiency Policy Officer, European Commission - DG ENER

## ABOUT WELLBASED

The diverse team of WELLBASED wants to strengthen the health perspective in the ongoing energy poverty debate. For that purpose, experts and six pilot cities design, implement and evaluate a comprehensive urban programme to significantly reduce energy poverty and its effects on the citizens health and wellbeing. Concrete research interventions in energy poor homes all over Europe will provide evidence and feed into future policy measure at local, national and EU level. WELLBASED is a European project funded under the HORIZON 2020 programme of the European Commission.

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