

# Energy for the invisible citizen: in search for lasting renewable & fair solutions.

Capacity-building for municipalities and energy entrepreneurs with a social purpose

**When: 18 October, 9h30-12h** - in the framework of the [“Grafting Cities”](#) conference by Energy Cities

**Where: [Hostel Modena San Filippo Neri](#) (Room: Convegni), Via Sant'Orsola, 52, 41121 Modena, Italy**

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## AGENDA

**09:00-09:30** Welcome coffee

**09:30-10:30** Social impact hackers - Facilitated thematic workshop around energy poverty

**Facilitator:** Miriam Eisermann, Energy Cities

### Speakers:

Jan de Pauw, Ecopower - Overview of innovative business models (POWER UP project)

Francesca Gaburro, AESS - SECAPs and Energy Poverty (AT LAST project)

Parallel focus discussions with exchange of experience and challenges

**Group 1: Housing & health**

**Group 2: Renewable energy access and energy justice**

**Group 3: Summer energy poverty**

**10:30-11:00** Break

**11:00-12:00** Flopcast: Sharing bad practices on fighting energy poverty

**Facilitator:** Eduardo Blanco, Energy Cities

World café about no-go's and mistakes we made when fighting energy poverty (and what we can learn from them).

**Topic 1: Fixing mistakes in engagement and communications**

**Topic 2: Fixing mistakes delivering actions to alleviate energy poverty;**

**Topic 3: Fixing mistakes in policy.**

## Why this workshop?

This summer with its dramatic heat waves all over Europe has been hard. As the next winter comes in, different, but similar challenges lie ahead for certain parts of the population. The situation is systematically worse for specific parts of the population who often remain invisible for policy action: people with low-income, specific health conditions or those who are part of a minority.

Short-term support doesn't go far enough. Structural and systemic changes in the energy supply and public policy are needed to truly improve the condition of vulnerable households.

During this session, city experts involved in innovative EU-funded projects (POWER UP, Wellbased, Cooltorise, Shape EU) will share their insights and experience in testing systemic changes to alleviate energy poverty. We are going to address questions related to housing and health, renewable energy access, summer energy poverty, and gender. Together we will also explore the mistakes and the respective lessons learned in the different EU initiatives and projects.

## Expected outputs

Local stakeholders wanting to engage in energy services that benefit the most vulnerable, can learn from existing experiences, ask questions and find interesting contacts. Also, the recommendations shared by the speakers can have a positive impact on the local and regional level (e.g. engagement of communities, promotion of participatory local energy policies), national level (e.g. energy poverty specificities, contribution to National Energy Poverty Strategies, NECPs or National Long-Term Renovation Strategies); and European level (e.g. decarbonisation, electrification and energy markets, energy justice and ethics).

## ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

### POWER UP

The 6 POWER UP pilots explore business opportunities for energy efficiency services and renewables that benefit people in energy poverty. We co-design those services together with the most vulnerable. The project is coordinated by Energy Cities and co-funded by the EU H2020 program. It runs until 2025.

[www.socialenergyplayers.eu](http://www.socialenergyplayers.eu)

### COOLTORISE

Since September 2021, this H2020-funded project performs targeted activities in 4 EU countries to raise awareness on summer energy poverty in order to stimulate a reduction in energy use during the hottest months of the year.

<https://cooltorise.eu>

**You may also want to attend:**

**Climate Alliance's Workshop the next day "Municipal solutions for energy poverty" - 19 October, 15:00 – 17:00 | Camera di Commercio Modena | (EN)**

Energy poverty is increasingly in the spotlight, but what can cities and towns do about it? Involving energy-poor citizens and enabling municipal staff on the road to a socially just energy transition is of the essence. Join the discussion and get inspired by real

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