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# CONNECTING CITIES

Local solutions for global challenges



# CIRCLE 4

The Social Component of the Energy Transition

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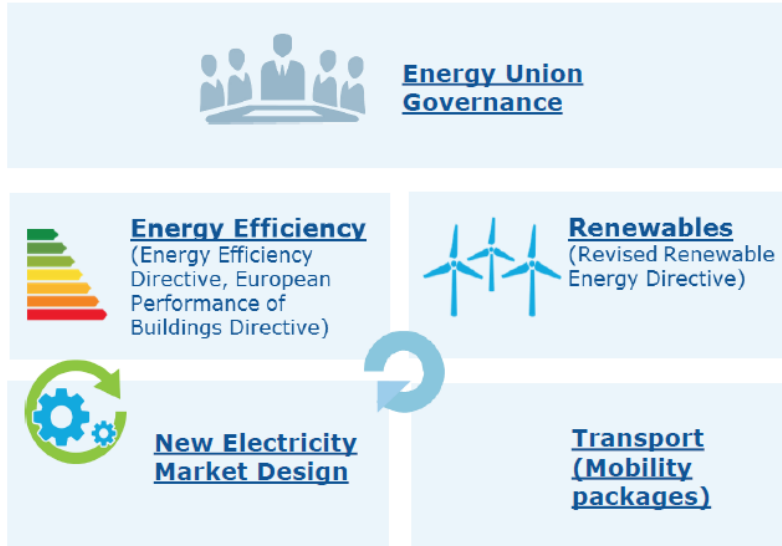
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Local solutions for global challenges

- An **initiative of the European Commission**, launched in 2008
- A unique **bottom-up movement** bringing together local and regional authorities voluntarily committed to implementing EU Climate & Energy objectives on their territory
- A growing and inclusive community now counting over **9,200 signatories**
- A shared vision of decarbonised and resilient cities where citizens have ***access to secure, sustainable and affordable energy***



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# EU POLICY CONTEXT



- Energy poverty identified as a policy priority by a number of EU institutions, incl. in the European Commission's '**Clean Energy for All Europeans**' legislative package
- **EU Energy Poverty Observatory (EPOV)** created in 2018

# ENERGY POVERTY

## Definition of the concept

*“the inability to realise essential capabilities as a direct or indirect result of insufficient access to affordable, reliable and safe energy services, and taking into account available reasonable alternative means of realising these capabilities.”*

R.Day , G.Walker, N.Simcock, Conceptualising energy use and energy poverty using a capabilities framework, Energy Policy 93 (2016)

# ENERGY POVERTY

## Situation in Europe

- **1 out of 10 citizens** are affected by energy poverty
- **57 million** people cannot keep their homes warm during winter
- **104 million** people cannot keep their homes comfortable during summer
- **52 million** people face delays in paying their energy bills
- **10 million** people need to walk more than 30 minutes to access to public transport facilities

*Source: EU  
Energy Poverty  
Observatory*

# ENERGY POVERTY PILLAR

Ongoing activities:

- Analysing EU policy framework
- Facilitating knowledge exchange
- Collecting good practice examples
- Developing guidance materials



...with the support of various stakeholders...

# ENERGY POVERTY

- Support offered to Covenant of Mayors signatories

## General information

(one-pager, leaflets)



## Examples (various case studies)



## Technical support (self-assessment checklist, reporting template, monitoring indicators)

*[to come soon – stay tuned!]*





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