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Local solutions for global challenges
CIRCLE 4
The Social Component of the Energy Transition

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COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE & ENERGY

- 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
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.”

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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