

Catalysing cross-sectoral networks of national observatories and regional hubs to coordinate actions against households Energy Poverty in EU MEDiterranean countries

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Why is EP-MED important?

Energy poverty remains a major challenge across Mediterranean Europe. High energy costs, low household incomes and inefficient buildings can limit households' ability to adequately heat and cool their homes, with consequences for health, comfort and well-being.

Mediterranean countries also face specific challenges, including summer energy poverty, island contexts and vulnerable groups. Yet policy responses remain fragmented across sectors and governance levels.

EP-MED VISION

To implement a holistic approach for:

- Improving the diagnosis and monitoring of energy poverty
- Supporting the development of national and regional energy poverty policies and plans
- Building long-term, cross-sectoral and multilevel coordination

Key challenges

Mediterranean countries encounter at national and regional levels:

- Limited energy poverty monitoring and fragmented alleviation actions
- Gaps in stakeholder knowledge and engagement across energy, social, health and housing sectors, and local authorities
- Underexplored mediterranean-specific energy poverty challenges

EP-MED IMPACT

EP-MED key targeted outcomes:

- Create or strengthen National Energy Poverty Observatories in Portugal, Italy, Spain and Cyprus
- Create or strengthen Regional Energy Poverty Hubs in:
Portugal: Barreiro, Montijo, Alcochete, Moita; **Cyprus:** Nicosia;
Italy: Padova; **Spain:** Zaragoza
- Build capacity and actively engage cross-sectoral stakeholders
- Improve national and regional Energy Poverty Monitoring Frameworks
- Expand scientific knowledge on underexplored, mediterranean-specific energy poverty topics
- Produce recommendations for National Energy Poverty Strategies and for Regional Plans in targeted Policy Briefs