Key Insights in Energy Poverty in the European Private Rental Sector

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Size of the EU rental sector in 2022

25.9%

Share of population at risk of poverty in 2022

25.3%

Share of tenants in the energy poor population in 2022

33.8%

Winter Energy Poverty Among Tenants in 2022

9.7%

Share of population unable to keep home adequately warm

28.9%

Share of tenants unable to keep their home adequately warm

22.9%

NATIONAL POLICIES FOR ENERGY POVERTY IN THE PRS

1. Set up a long-term framework that diagnoses and monitors

Diagnose energy poverty, monitor progress in tackling energy poverty also in the PRS, adjusting existing policy framework and adding new measures.

2. Combine measures with comprehensive policy approaches and target landlords

Push for energy efficiency through networking, foster the sense of responsibility and improve local framework conditions.

3. Support investing in energy efficient renovations in the PRS dwellings

Consider the particularities of the local context and the community’s needs, create relations of trust. Include winter & summer needs, women & elderly.

4. Increase social acceptance by networking and cooperation

Co-design & set up by involving national and local stakeholders measures that are inclusive, targeted & tailored to the needs of energy poor population, easy-to-access, and continuous for at least 10 years.

Define Energy Poverty in National Legislations


Increase Building Energy Efficiency in the PRS

Provide long term financial incentives for building energy efficiency upgrades and protect energy poor tenants. Consider both landlords and tenants equally. Address the split incentives and avoid renovictions.

Link Renovation Grants with Advice and Campaigns

Match energy advice outreach channels and message to the diverse realities of energy poor households in the PRS. Technical advice, one-stop-shops and renovation campaigns in cooperation with municipalities as technical support is suggested to accompany financial support.

ACT NOW

Collaborate, Co-create, Combine

Cooperate with different stakeholders involved in the PRS to increase social acceptance. Set up measures by involving national and local stakeholders, combine the measures with comprehensive policy approaches.

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