

## SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a policy dialogue with EU decision makers on the nexus of energy poverty, gender, and health in the Mediterranean.

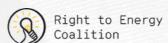
29 March 2023, from 13.00 – 15.00, European Parliament



Register by 20 March 2023









**Energy Poverty** Advisory Hub



## ENERGY POVERTY, GENDER, AND HEALTH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN



Policy dialogue in the European Parliament 29 March 2023, from 13.00 – 15.00, European Parliament Registration for event is open by 20.3.2023.

In the coastal areas of Mediterranean countries, the challenge of energy poverty comes with several specific features. The most notable is that during the summer season, energy poverty appears because of poor access to adequately cooled dwellings.

Women and women-led households are disproportionately affected by energy poverty. Yet, women are a crucial actor in tackling energy poverty, hence their engagement in acting against energy poverty is of utmost importance.

Research shows that energy poverty has significant impacts on people's health. Health effects associated with energy poverty include anxiety, stress and depression but also increased physical problems and greater mortality rate.

To address these challenges, H2020 project EmpowerMed - Empowering women to take action against energy poverty in the Mediterranean - tackles energy poverty and helps improve health of people in the coastal areas of Mediterranean countries, with a particular focus on women. After empowering over 4000 households affected by energy poverty from Spain, France, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia and Albania to manage their energy consumption and improve their access to appropriate energy resources, the project is now opening a policy dialogue on how to align policies and measures to tackle energy poverty, improve health of people and provide a stronger support for women.



## **PROGRAM**

- 13.00 13.20 Opening address Lina Gálvez Muñoz and Romana Jerković, MEPs
- 13.20 13.25 Video on women, affected by energy poverty
- 13.25 13.40 Going beyond the 'triad' of energy poverty causes - Lidija Živčič, Focus, Slovenia
- 13.40 13.50 Summertime energy poverty Miljenka Kuhar, DOOR, Croatia
- 13.50 14.00 Energy poverty and gender Valbona Mazreku, Milieukontakt Albania
- 14.00 14.10 Energy poverty and health Sergio Tirado Herrero, Autonomous University of Madrid
- 14.10 15.00 Panel discussion and Q&A

Panel facilitator: Katharina Habersbrunner, Women Engage for a Common Future

**REGISTER FOR THE EVENT BY 20.3.** 

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