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AGENDA

Objective: The workshop will focus on how to **engage local authorities and citizens** to raise awareness of the problem of energy poverty and to create systemic solutions beneficial for vulnerable groups. Citizen participation and community co-ownership schemes play an increasingly societal role by fostering citizens' participation in energy matters and raising acceptance of renewable energy. They can bring tremendous benefits for citizens and communities by placing them closer to the energy transition and fulfilling Europe's decarbonisation goals.

Context: Renewable energy sources act as the main vehicle of global energy transformation. The process of energy transformation is defined as a gradual transition from the traditional path of energy supply to the new system, based on structural changes in the produced primary energy, observed both globally, nationally and at the household level. The mission of our seminar is to look for solutions that will enable reaching the largest number of energy poor people and empowering them. The COVID pandemic has highlighted the deep inequalities in society and across the regions of Europe. Energy poverty is recognised as a widespread problem, with serious consequences for health and well-being. Besides housing energy efficiency issues, the production of renewable energy by vulnerable groups remains a major challenge.

Day 1: 17 June 2021

Social Innovation for the energy transition to tackle energy poverty

- 8:50** **Participants can enter the virtual meeting room** moderate by Anna Bednarska (AOT)
- 9:00** **Opening and Welcome by the Authorities / Introduction to POWERTY project and objectives of the seminar** by Piotr Dancewicz (AOT Director) and Joaquín Villar Rodriguez (AEA)

Session I: Social Innovation for the energy transition

- 09:15** **Development of civic energy in Poland** by Piotr Nowakowski, The Polish National Energy Conservation Agency (KAPE)
- 09:30** **Energy communities: An European overview of energy and social innovation** by Aura Caramizaru, JRC European Commission
- 09:45** **5 minute-question** moderate by Anna Grodzińska (AOT)

Session II: Focus on local authorities

- 09:50** **Master Plan for social innovation of the Seville City Council** by David Pino, Sevilla City Hall
- 10:05** **Examples of the use of new support mechanisms for housing policy and thermo-modernization in local government policy** by M.Ar. Cezary Czemplik, Nationwide Natural Building Association
- 10:20** **5 minute-questions** moderate by Anna Bednarska (AOT)
- 11:25** **5 minute-break**

Session II: Focus on citizen participation

- 11:30** **A nationwide system of advisory support for the public sector, screening and enterprises in the field of property assessment and RES** by Dariusz Grabowiecki, Provincial Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management in Opole
- 11:45** **Community bioenergy, fostering new links and partnerships,** by Magdalena Zatońska, partner of BECOOP project (Horizon 2020)
- 12:00** **Community owned and led energy for security climate change and employment** by Andrew Hunt, partner of COALESCCE project (Interreg Europe)
- 12:15** **Experience as a “European Climate Pact Ambassadors”** by Marine Cornelies, Next Energy Consumer
- 12:30** **Citizen participation in the Monachil Energy Community (Andalusia, Spain)** by Jose Miguel Granados, COOPERASE
- 12:40** **Networking section** moderate by Anna Grodzińska (AOT)
- 13:00** **Closing** by Anna Grodzińska (AOT)

Day 2: 18 June 2021

Empowering citizens and local authorities – Good practices

- 8:50** **Opening and Welcome** by Piotr Dancewicz (AOT Director)
- 9:00** **Presentation of Good practices identified in the POWERTY project about empowering** by experts and stakeholders of the POWERTY project. Moderated by Anna Bednarska (AOT)
- 09:05 Sustainable reduction of energy consumption of low-income households through energy advice** by Elena Vatrachka, Schneider Electric Bulgaria (EAP)
 - 09:15 How to make a vlog or interview?** by Jakub Mickiewicz, owner of Local TV, and Anna Grodzińska (AOT)
 - 09:25 Change of legislation to foster building renovation program which include vulnerable groups** by Gintarė Ermanaitė-Žalė (VIPA)
 - 09:35 ABC demonstration** by AURA-EE
 - 09:45 An installing solar panels insertion company whose employees are people at risk of exclusion** by Ruth Borrego Andrade (AEA)
 - 09:55 Alumbra Energy community and its project “Energy at the school” awarded by the Greenpeace Hackathon** by Maria Prado, Greenpeace, and Bosco Valero, MUTI Association.
- 10:10** **5 minute-break**
- 10:15** **Virtual Study Visit in Opole voivodeship and a virtual tour around modular house 100% RES (Poland)** by Anna Grodzińska (AOT)
- 10:25** **15 minute-questions** by Anna Bednarska (AOT)
- 10:40** **Closing** by Ruth Borrego Andrade (AEA)