

## Tackling energy poverty with a gender lens

16 June 2022, 14.00-15.30

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### Concept

More than 50 million Europeans are today affected by energy poverty, a number that is likely to increase due to a combination of higher energy, transport and food prices due to the current energy market crisis caused by Russian's war in Ukraine and the foreseen extension of ETS to transport and buildings. Energy poverty, in the sense of the inability to attain a socially and materially necessitated level of domestic energy services, is due to three main factors: poor energy performance of buildings, high energy prices and low incomes.

**Women and women-led households appear to be disproportionately affected by energy poverty** due to structural inequalities in income distribution, socioeconomic status and the gender care gap. In January 2022, the European Committee of the Region adopted an opinion on [Gender equality on Climate change](#), underlining the need to tackle energy poverty by the use of various public policy instruments at all levels of governance. In the current context of the energy crisis, [REPowerEU Plan](#) – the joint European action for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy presented on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May – cannot be gender-blind.

This Covenant of Mayors webinar will provide examples of good practices notably from the [EmpowerMed project](#) of alleviating energy poverty and collecting gender-disaggregated data at local level.

### AGENDA

Moderators: **Théo Giubilei & Beatrice Tommasi**

<b>14.00</b>	<b>Opening</b>
<b>14.05</b>	<b>Setting the scene</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kata Tuttö:</b> Deputy-Mayor of Budapest, Chair of the ENVE Commission of the European Committee of the Regions and Ambassador of the Covenant of Mayors</li> <li>• <b>Emil Broberg:</b> CEMR Spokesperson on gender equality, Regional councillor Östergötland (Sweden).</li> </ul>
<b>14.30</b>	<b>Practical approaches and actions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mònica Guiteras Blaya:</b> Energy campaigner at the Catalan Association of Engineering Without Borders (ESF) which takes part to the EmpowerMed Project and finalist of the EU Sustainable Energy Awards 2021 in the Woman in Energy category.</li> </ul> <p><b>Katharina Habersbrunner</b>, board member at Women Engage for a Common Future WECF, project partner with the H2020 project EmpowerMed and winner of the EU Sustainable Energy Award 2020 “Women in Energy”.</p>
<b>15.00</b>	<b>Exchange with participants</b>
<b>15.25</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>

**How to join the webinar?**

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The webinar will be held in English.

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