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# Alleviating Energy Poverty through Article 7 of the Energy Efficiency Directive

**Eight SocialWatt utilities and energy suppliers gathered forces for alleviating energy poverty in their countries**

The EU-funded SocialWatt project ([www.socialwatt.eu](http://www.socialwatt.eu)) enables obligated parties under Article 7 of the Energy Efficiency Directive across Europe to develop, adopt, test and spread innovative schemes to alleviate energy poverty. The appropriate tools developed within the framework of SocialWatt aim to help utilities and energy suppliers effectively identify energy poor households, as well as develop and monitor schemes that focus on increasing the energy efficiency of these houses.

The second SocialWatt capacity building workshop on alleviating energy poverty was organized virtually on August 24, 2020 and on October 15, 2020. The first part of the workshop (24<sup>th</sup> of August 2020) focused on how to best engage with energy poverty households. The second part of the workshop (15<sup>th</sup> of October 2020) focused on successful schemes utilities have implemented to alleviate energy poverty. Particular emphasis was given on how schemes have been financed and designed.

Significant project results are available after the project's launch 1.5 years ago. Amongst others, a series of reports on the status quo of energy poverty and on identifying actions and schemes for tackling it are available:



- › [Report on the status quo of energy poverty and its mitigation in the EU](#) contains definitions and indicators currently available to measure energy poverty at European and Member State level, studies on the national contexts for the 11 SocialWatt countries and a range of good practice examples that illustrate different approaches taken to alleviate energy poverty.
- › [Brief on actions and schemes to consider for tackling energy poverty](#) reviews numerous different schemes and actions that have been/are being implemented to tackle energy poverty.
- › [Evaluation of schemes to tackle energy poverty](#) presents the utility partners' analysis of energy poverty and the assessment of schemes for alleviating it, performed by using the tools. Key lessons learnt regarding the role that calculation tools can play in identifying energy poor households and designing schemes are also presented.

The eight SocialWatt utility partners from Croatia (HEP ESCO), France (EDF), Greece (PPC), Ireland (ESB), Italy (EVISIO), Latvia (FORTUM), Romania (CEZ VANZARE) and Spain (NATURGY) are currently developing their Energy Poverty Action Plans which will present the actions and schemes that they decided to use for tackling energy poverty during the project and beyond.

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