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# SocialWatt National Seminar “Energy poverty. Challenges vs. alleviating measures”

**ISPE Proiectare si Consultanta organized a national seminar that enabled the exchange of knowledge and experience via an interactive and participatory process**

The SocialWatt project ([www.socialwatt.eu](http://www.socialwatt.eu)) funded by the EU's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme, enables energy suppliers and utilities to develop, adopt, implement and spread innovative energy poverty schemes across Europe. More specifically, the project aims to enable energy suppliers and utilities to build their capacity and use tools developed within the framework of the project to effectively engage with their customers and implement schemes that aim to alleviate energy poverty.

As the project is coming to an end, on November 29, 2022, ISPE Proiectare si Consultanta together with CEZ Vânzare, the Romanian SocialWatt partners, and joined by CNR-CME, as an honorary partner, organized the national hybrid seminar titled "Energy poverty. Challenges vs. mitigating measures" and invited all key stakeholders to attend in order to understand more about schemes and measures that can be successful in tackling energy poverty.

The event focused on both the problem of energy poverty and the solutions to alleviate it, with emphasis on how utilities, energy companies and social services can help alleviate energy poverty.



Participants were representatives from: the Romanian Government (Ministry of Energy), the Romanian Academy (Life Quality Research Institute), companies active as energy producers and suppliers, national professional associations, NGOs active in the energy poverty field.

Experts on energy poverty and representatives from utilities and academic institutions presented their experience and knowledge. The SocialWatt project, its objectives, target groups and key outputs were also presented.

The event was structured in two parts, using different communication techniques. Thus, the first half of the seminar was dedicated to speeches based on slide-presentations, and the second part was built as a panel and was more interactive.

The open debate was moderated by the industry representative – SocialWatt partner CEZ Vanzare - and the discussions revolved around the latest achievements as a result of putting in operation in Romania of article 7 of the Energy Efficiency Directive 2018/2002 (EED) and how energy poverty is addressed by the energy efficiency measures at national level.

Participants agreed that in the light of the recent rise in energy prices energy poverty should become one of the priorities of national policies and concrete schemes and actions should be put in place for tackling it. Energy efficiency measures should benefit in particular the energy poor and those living in social housing.

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