

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

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### PROJECT ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

- Reporting, coordination of project activities, monitoring the implementation of the project budget

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### INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

- Promotional activities and development of common communication strategy

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### DEFINING ENERGY POVERTY

- Defining energy poverty with development of guidelines on energy poverty mitigation planning at local and regional level

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### EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

- Organization of thematic workshops and info days
- Public call for interested households in order to access their energy poverty risk and involvement in the implementation of pilot

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### ENERGY MANAGEMENT

- Development of comprehensive online energy management tool

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### PILOT ACTIONS (5 in Croatia and 5 in Hungary)

- Development of energy audits and measurements of general building characteristics for 10 private houses with development of detailed plans for enhancing energy efficiency



## Improvement of cooperation for better energy management and reduction of energy poverty in HU-HR cross-border area



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### PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Improvement of the cooperation of all relevant stakeholders to jointly address the problem of energy poverty and to increase the capacity and skills of all involved local and regional public institutions to reduce energy poverty in the HU-HR cross-border area.

For more information please visit::

<https://www.menea.hr/co-emep/>  
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IMPROVEMENT  
OF COOPERATION FOR BETTER  
ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND  
REDUCTION OF ENERGY  
POVERTY IN HU-HR  
CROSS-BORDER AREA

*A cross-border region where rivers  
connect, not divide*



## PROJECT BACKGROUND

Energy poverty is a complex issue that requires a comprehensive and effective approach in solving. Since there is no official definition of energy poverty, assessing its current situation in the EU Member States and the impact on the lives of their citizens is not an easy task.

Statistics show that in Europe:

- 57 million people **cannot keep their homes adequately warm** during the winter;
- 104 million people **cannot keep their homes energy comfortable** during the summer;
- 52 million people **are late in paying their energy bills**;
- 10 million people **have to walk more than 30 minutes to be able to use public**.



## GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Total project budget	173.450,13 €
EU contribution	147.432,61 €
National contribution	7.431,00 €
Own contribution	18.586,52 €
Implementation period	01/07/2020 - 28/02/2022

## What is the role of local and regional authorities in the fight against energy poverty?

Achieving effective energy planning and management at the local and regional level in the fight against energy poverty requires:

1. **Raise awareness of existence of energy poverty** at the local and regional level in order **to identify its degree**;
2. **Identify the key financial and social challenges** faced by energy-poor households;
3. **Provide education and information** to employees in order to become a central point for advising citizens;
4. **Facilitate close cooperation** with civil society organizations and the private sector.

### What is energy poverty in HU-HR cross-border area?

A household is considered to be energy poor if all of the following criteria are met:

- ▶ the annual costs for providing the basic needs of the living comfort (room temperature as around 20 - 22 °C) in a residential space exceeded 10% of the total annual household income;
- ▶ the total monthly income of the household does not exceed the two median salaries at the regional level + 200,00 € per each subsequent member of the household;
- ▶ the residential space in which the household members live was built in the period up to 1987 and in the period after its construction no measures were taken to improve its physical properties in the terms of energy efficiency.

**Effective energy planning and management at the local and regional level is the key in the fight against energy poverty!**

## How can I increase the energy efficiency of my home and reduce the risk of becoming energy poor?

Before investing in increasing the energy efficiency of my home, I have to be prepared **to change my current life habits** and **take small steps every day like remembering to turn off electrical devices when not in use** and **influence family members** to do the same in order **to achieve long-term effects**.

### What CAN I do?

1. **Monitor energy consumption** to avoid unnecessary losses;
2. Use **a cheaper electricity tariff**;
3. **Insulate the external openings** (doors, windows, etc.);
4. **Use the shower instead of the bathtub** to save water;
5. **Insulate my loft and exterior walls**;
6. **Repair existing damages and insulate cavity walls**;
7. Install **windows and/or doors with double or triple glazing**;
8. Upgrade my existing heating system **by installing a high-efficiency furnace/boiler**;
9. Consider **installing solar panels for heating and/or DHW preparation**.

