



WOMEN IN SOLIDARITY FOR ENERGY



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The hidden face of energy poverty in the EU

At present,
8-10% of households
are estimated to be
affected by situations
of energy poverty.*

Aggregate figures **mask a massive gender gap** – shares** skyrocket to:

- **44% of single mothers**
- **31% of other single women**

Being a migrant substantially increases risk of energy poverty

* Defined as: energy bills being an excessive share of income (e.g. >10%); inability to maintain thermal comfort (winter or summer); and being in arrears on energy bills. **
Eurofund, 2022

Single women in the EU face greater risk of inadequate access to affordable energy

Such women are likely to:

- **Live in poor quality housing** that is ill-fitted to their needs and makes it difficult to manage energy consumption and costs.

They also have:

- **Lower average incomes**, linked to lower employment and higher rates of low-paid, part-time or precarious work, while undertaking unpaid work of family care.
- **Low levels of literacy** regarding energy and/or fundamental rights.
- **Limited agency** to improve their dwellings or acquire more efficient equipment or appliances.
- **Little or no opportunity** to participate in energy or related social policy making to improve their situation.

In line with CERV* objectives, WISE will:

Boost awareness of rights and EU values in relation to the just clean energy transition.

Engage with, empower and show solidarity towards a group of citizens not typically active in civic participation.

Empower and support vulnerable single women to engage directly in strategies to achieve energy justice.

Create social cohesion among single women across generations and diverse cultural backgrounds.

* The **Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values** programme (CERV) aims to protect and promote European Union rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights



Specifically, across 10 strategically planned events in seven countries,* WISE will:

Raise awareness of energy injustices experienced by single women

Organise energy solidarity actions to build energy knowledge and know-how of women

Lead holistic approaches to align policy and practice to end energy poverty among women

* Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy and the Netherlands

Project timeline

M1-M7

Prepare

- Create 'National Collectives'
- Organise pan-European event
- **Host 'translate-a-thon' to leverage existing content**

Translate Women's Right to Energy into national contexts



50 volunteers

20 languages

250 hours

Awareness materials

Home energy tips

Empowering policies

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M8-M11

Raise awareness

- Host film and panel discussion events
- Recruit and train Energy Solidarity volunteers

M11-M20

Deliver

- Energy workshops
- Co-develop solutions
- Energy Solidarity Days
- Storytelling workshops

M21-M24

Disseminate

- Host local/national events
- Organise pan-European event
- Make content available on open access principles



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