



GENDER4POWER

Generating Equity, Nurturing Diversity, Energising Resilience 4 Power Against Energy Poverty



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The GENDER4POWER project is a LIFE Programme co-funded initiative that started in November 2024 and will continue its efforts to alleviate energy poverty in targeted EU countries and beyond for the next four years.

About the Project

The GENDER4POWER project aims to enhance living conditions and energy efficiency in buildings (and households) affected by energy poverty. It emphasizes a holistic gender-responsive, multi-stakeholder, and people-centred approach to renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions, aligning with EU strategies such as the Gender Equality Strategy and the Energy Efficiency Directive. GENDER4POWER aspires to demonstrate the potential of gender-responsive projects in meeting EU strategies. By incorporating gender mainstreaming and intersectionality and by involving citizens, the project aims to enhance public acceptance and community trust, bridge social networks, and ensure active participation of marginalized groups in decision-making processes.

The project will develop comprehensive and intersectional approaches to promote social and gender justice in addressing energy poverty by creating tailored methodologies for the local, national and EU contexts. In addition, it will enhance shared understanding and awareness of energy poverty, energy efficiency, gender and social justice considerations to foster a sense of self-reliance and engagement in sustainable solutions. The project will carry out replicable, citizen-driven initiatives for renewable energy and renovation solutions that uplift the living standards of energy-poor households while simultaneously empowering communities. The consortium will collaboratively develop and widely disseminate a comprehensive set of practical gender-responsive recommendations derived from project insights and input from all stakeholders, with particular emphasis on the perspectives of those directly affected by energy poverty. Finally, inclusive and gender-responsive outreach plans will be developed to comprehensively support the dissemination, exploitation, and long-term sustainability of the project outcomes, thereby generating solid interest and promoting the scalability of the project to address energy poverty in the six demonstrators and beyond.

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About Us

GENDER4POWER project brings together nine EU organisations from six countries with the common aim of alleviating energy poverty in Europe. Additionally, GENDER4POWER project will directly work with the people experiencing energy poverty through engaging with citizens or municipality led initiatives in six demonstrators (pilot locations) in these 6 countries across Europe.

Through the GENDER4POWER project, the consortium partners are combining their expertise in energy, social sciences, citizen engagement, energy communities, gender equality, productive use of renewable energy, small and deep renovations, and policy advocacy to implement a multidimensional and cross-cutting gender approach to selected energy poverty solutions.



Consortium



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[Consortium and Demonstrator Map](#)



Demonstrator

The GENDER4POWER project will work directly with people experiencing energy poverty through engaging with citizen or municipality-led initiatives in six 6 pilot locations (demonstrators) across Europe. This approach allows for the identification of community-specific energy needs and the development of tailored solutions that are more likely to be effective. It also allows citizens to empower their communities, create a sense of mutual understanding in tackling their own energy poverty, and learn from each other.



Demonstrator	Actions Addressing Energy Poverty	Main Challenge to Address	Vulnerable Groups Targeted	Scope of Activities
District Neuperlach, Munich 	Production and distribution of renewable energy through an energy community.	Low citizen engagement in energy-related activities (led by public authorities).	Residents of the district in need of renovation.	District level
Municipality of Hrastnik 	Production and distribution of renewable energy through an energy community.	Financial and social constraints to participation of vulnerable households in energy communities.	Residents of rural areas.	Municipal level (mainly rural areas)
Schweizer Haus Hadersdorf (SHH), Vienna 	Production of renewable energy through an energy community and renovation activities.	Addressing vulnerable and hard-to-reach groups affected by energy poverty and encouraging participation in energy communities.	Patients of the health facility, who are facing financial, health social dimensions of energy poverty.	A specific building (health facility) and the communities it serves.
Sants-Montjuic District, Barcelona 	Production of renewable energy through an energy community and renovation programs.	Financial and social constraints to participation of vulnerable households in energy communities.	Residents of the district affected by energy poverty.	District level
Hyperion energy community, Athens 	Production of renewable energy for collective self-consumption, renovation programs, and demand-response engagement.	Financial and social constraints to participation of vulnerable households, especially women-led, in energy communities and public renovation programs.	Women living in the centre of Athens affected by energy poverty.	Municipal urban areas
Vilnius City 	Deep renovation of multi-apartment buildings.	Low engagement of building residents in carrying out deep renovation activities (led by public authorities).	Residents of multifamily buildings affected by energy poverty.	Municipal level

Events

Consortium-Internal Gender Training in the GENDER4POWER Project, 28.01.2025

At the end of January B-NK and WECF held a gender training within the EU-LIFE financed GENDER4POWER project. The training provided an in-depth exploration of gender-related topics in the project's context. The goal was to raise awareness of gender justice and develop practical strategies to ensure a gender just implementation of the GENDER4POWER project. The training was led by B-NK and WECF, bringing in thorough knowledge on gender-relevant topics and hands-on training methods.

The training included interactive sessions covering an introduction to gender, intersectionality, and power structures, along with an analysis of gender dynamics and existing inequalities. Key component was the relation of gender with energy poverty, energy communities and the energy sector.

While facts and figures on gender issues in the energy sector served as a foundation for discussions on existing barriers and potential solutions, practical exercises made it possible for the participants to reflect on gender-specific challenges in the energy sector and apply strategies for gender mainstreaming in projects. By presenting best practice examples and engaging in interactive group work, participants were encouraged to develop their own ideas and integrate them into their specific working packages of the GENDER4POWER project. Overall, this training can be seen as an important step to anchor gender as a cross-cutting issue within the consortium and implement effective measures for greater gender equality in the project.

Factors contributing to the relationship between gender and energy poverty

Structural inequalities in income distribution, access to resources and representation mean that structurally excluded groups are at higher risk of living in energy poverty (EESC, 2024).

Gender

- Migration
- Household composition
- Disability and health
- Income
- Age

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The picture is showing a training slide demonstrating the factors contributing to energy poverty which were discovered in a recent WECF study for the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).



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News



→ Press Release, 19. February 2025

The new LIFE project GENDER4POWER officially started in November 2024 and partners came together for the kick off meeting on 27-28th November in project coordinator's venue at WIP Renewable Energies in Munich.



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