



Sick of energy poverty:

How to create programs that improve health and eliminate energy poverty in our cities



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What are the challenges and successful approaches to design programs that improve health, wellbeing and equality for city residents, especially those affected by energy poverty? Learn how to develop new innovative health-focused approaches to alleviate energy poverty amongst the most vulnerable and disadvantaged, while promoting energy-efficient behaviors and reducing energy demand in those households. Based on the experiences from cities and their academic and non-profit partners, we also want to hear your own ideas for a massive, EU-wide deployment of health solutions by policy-makers and city practitioners.

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AGENDA

11-11:05 **Welcome and intro**
Miriam Eisermann, Energy Cities

11:05-11:08 **Poll with audience**

11:08-11:25 How unhealthy is energy poverty?

We will expose and discuss what type of health issues are caused by energy poverty, who is most affected by it. We will share concrete examples from cities and affected people.

Moderation: Miriam Eisermann, Energy Cities

Intro speeches by:

- **Joao Pedro Gouveia – CENSE, NOVA University of Lisbon; EPAH Energy Poverty Advisory Hub (and WELLBASED Advisory Board Expert)**
- **William Baker, Catapult Energy Systems**

Reactions from audience

11:25-12:05 Data mining for energy poverty: how to get health data without ‘exploiting’ vulnerable people?

The work on health and energy poverty remains a real gap. This is also due to the difficulty in getting data. In this part, speakers and participants will share experiences with study interventions in vulnerable households, but also elaborate on how big data will be leveraged to evaluate health factors impacting urban wellbeing.

Moderation: Vassilis Voulgarakis, Vilabs

- **Merel Stevens, Junior Researcher Public Health, Erasmus Medical School (WELLBASED project)**



- **Melda Karademir, Sustainability Consultant for Edirne City Council (WELLBASED project)**

Q&A with audience

12:00-12:25 **What solutions to alleviating health injustices in our cities?**

Let's put the spotlight on individual, community and macro-political support to increase wellbeing for the weakest members of the population.

- **How to bridge different areas in governance (energy, social, health etc.)?**
- **How to co-design those solutions with communities?**
- **What do cities need to be more effective in eradicating those injustices?**
- **How do these efforts need to extend across disciplines and agencies?**

Moderation: Jaideep Visave - Institute of Advanced Studies, Pavia

- **Anna Jensen - Aarhus University** about the critical issue of health in cities
- **Prof Richard Laing** from Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen
- Representative of Copenhagen (tbc)
- Representative of Milan (tbc)

12:25-12:30 Wrap-up

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TNOC Festival

The festival focuses on facilitating transdisciplinary dialogue, small group workshops, arts engagement, and fostering a collaborative spirit around solutions for how to build cities that are better for nature and all people. We believe the route to cities that are better for both people and nature is through transdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration. The event spans across 5 regional time zones and it is available in multiple languages. Last year it counted with the participation of 2300 people from 72 countries.

[Here](#) you can see other sessions that are planned to happen in parallel to ours.

www.tnoc-festival.com

WELLBASED project

Exiting energy poverty and related health problems: European pilots take action

While 10% of European citizens suffer from energy poverty and policy solutions remain scarce, six cities around Europe have decided to tackle the challenge. Valencia (Spain), Heerlen (Netherlands), Leeds (UK), Edirne (Turkey), Obuda (Hungary) and Jelgava (Latvia) will design, implement and evaluate six pilot programs that particularly aim at improving health, wellbeing and equality for people affected by energy poverty. Based on these experiences, the pilots and their academic and non-profit partners will propose EU-wide replicable solutions to policy-makers and city practitioners.



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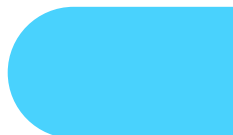
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URBANOME project

Improving urban health and wellbeing

URBANOME aims at building a common EU Framework for evaluating multi-sector policies in urban settings supporting the “Health in all Policies” approach of WHO. The project brings together the complete set of environmental, social, and functional features of a city in an integrative analytical framework to facilitate the identification of the main determinants of urban health and wellbeing and support co-creation and testing of policies and precision interventions designed to improve urban health and wellbeing. This approach is going to be applied through pilots built by the Urban Living Labs in Aarhus, Aberdeen, Athens, Ljubljana, Madrid, Milan, Montpellier, Stuttgart and Thessaloniki. The ULLs conclusions will be translated into evidence-based policy recommendations to mitigate urban health inequalities.

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