



Energy Poverty Analysis (Summary)

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Summary

The Energy Poverty Analysis, authored by Prof. Ksenija Petovar, PhD, (Center for Democracy Foundation), was prepared within the framework of the advisory Thematic Group – Eradicating Poverty within the SDGsfor All Platform.

The subject of this analysis is the scope and consequences of domestic energy poverty in Serbia. The analysis looks into relevant documents of the European Union, as well as laws and other regulations in the Republic of Serbia with relevance to this topic. The issue of defining energy poverty, its dimensions, causes, the manner of its manifestation and consequences, as well as examples of good practice in Serbia, have all been highlighted in the document.

The analysis also provides recommendations for future action. In addition to existing measures to support vulnerable and poor households at risk of/facing energy poverty, it proposes that focus should be placed on synchronising measures (both reducing energy poverty and increasing energy saving) with the SDGs, in particular with the following goals: poverty reduction (i), improving public health (iii), quality education (iv), gender equality (v), energy availability(vii), reducing inequality (x), sustainable cities and communities (xi), responsible production and consumption (xii), and strong institutions (xvi).

Policy coordination in various sectors has the following common goals: (1) encourage energy saving as a public interest, and (2) use the available resources to achieve the best possible effects, both in terms of reducing energy poverty and improving the economic and social situation of the vulnerable population, in particular of the poor, deprived and marginalised social groups.