



Energy Poverty in Clean Energy Package

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Setting the stage

Goals:

- *Putting energy efficiency first*
- *Achieving global leadership in renewable energies*
- *Providing a fair deal for consumers*

Consumers: three dimensions

- **Empowerment:** *active consumers, demand response, Local Energy Communities*
- **Better information:** *on billing, switching suppliers, price comparison tools*
- **Protection:** *energy poverty and data protection*

Clean Energy Package: some details

Proposals relevant for energy poverty:

- *Electricity Directive*
- *Energy Performance in Buildings Directive*
- *Energy Efficiency Directive*
- *Energy Union Governance Regulation*

Starting point – a short recap

Third Energy Package – relevant provisions

In Directives on common rules for the internal electricity and gas markets

Energy poverty recognised as an energy policy issue

MS required to identify and protect vulnerable consumers;

Energy poverty to be addressed in the vulnerable consumer context (where identified as a problem)



Electricity Directive

Description in **Recital (40)** : "Inability to afford basic energy services, such as adequate warmth, cooling, lighting and the energy to power appliances, due to a combination of low income, high energy expenditure and poor energy efficiency of their homes"

New requirements:

Article 29

Define a set of criteria to measure energy poverty

Monitor energy poverty

Report on the evolution of energy poverty and measures taken to prevent it to the Commission every two years (as part of their Integrated National Energy and Climate Progress Reports)

Article 10

MS to ensure that customers are given information on alternatives to disconnection sufficiently in advance

Interlinkages

Energy Performance in Buildings Directive

- *Incentivising the **tackling of energy poverty through building renovation** and lifting people out of energy poverty*
- ***Long term renovation strategies** required to contribute to the **alleviation of energy poverty***

Energy Efficiency Directive

- *EE obligation scheme: MS shall include requirements with a social aim (...) by requiring a **share of EE measures to be implemented as a priority in energy poor** households and in social housing;*
- *alternative EE policy measures: MS shall take into account the effect on households affected by energy poverty*

Interlinkages

Governance of the Energy Union Regulation

- *Integrated reporting on the internal energy market includes **national objectives with regards to energy poverty**, including the number of households in energy poverty and when the objectives shall be met; also **policies and measures** to achieve the objectives*
- *specific actions, share of savings to be achieved in households affected by energy poverty and in social housing in line with point (a) of Article 7a (5); EE*
- *On alternative measures: specific policy measures or individual actions targeting energy poverty*