



## programme workshop

### **Access to Energy - A Basic Social Right! How to abolish Energy Poverty?**

Monday, 29 May 2017, from 9.30 to 15.00 in the European parliament, room PHS 1 C 51  
Languages: English and German

**To enter the European parliament: We meet at 9.00 in front of the European parliament, entrance Simone Veil (vis-à-vis la place Luxembourg)**

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9:30 - 9:40

#### **Welcome & Objectives of workshop**

- **Cornelia Ernst**, Member of European parliament, committee for industry, research and energy
- **Gabriele Zimmer**, president of the GUE/NGL, spokesperson for social policy and the European pillar for social rights, Delegation DIE LINKE. in the EP
- **Martin Schirdewan**, Director, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Brussels
- **Maxime Benatouil**, Programme director transform!europe

9:40 - 10:10

#### **Session 1: Energy Poverty - state of play and the situation in Bulgaria, Hungary and Spain**

**Facilitation: Maxime Benatouil, Programme director transform!europe**

**Question: How is the state of play of energy poverty in the EU?**

- **Sian Jones**, Policy officer on energy poverty in the European Anti-Poverty Network (7min.)

**Question: Situation in Bulgaria, Hungary and Spain? Which are the strategies and alliances to fight energy poverty? What are the demands from social movements and political parties?**

- **Georgi Medarov**, Journalist, Bulgaria, (7min.)
- **Attila Vajnai**, Workers Party, Hungary (7min.)
- **Maria Campuzano**, Spain (7min.)

10:10 - 10:30

#### **Discussion**

10:30 - 10:45

#### **Session 2: Energy democracy at the municipal and community level - ways out of energy poverty**

**Facilitation: Manuela Kropp, policy advisor office of MEP Ernst, European parliament**

**Question: How can local initiatives (remunicipalization and self-generation of energy/community energy) contribute to the fight against energy poverty?**

- **Eric Häublein**, Germany, Berliner Energietisch (Berlin Energy Roundtable) (7 min)
- **Rie Krabsen**, EBO in Denmark (7 min.)

10:45 - 11:00

#### **Discussion**

11:00 - 11:30

**Session 3: Access to energy as a basic social right - electricity price regulations and rights of tenants**

**Facilitation: Martin Schirdewan, Director, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Brussels**

Question: Why are regulated electricity prices important in the fight against energy poverty? How is it possible to combine regulated electricity prices and a growing share of renewable energy? And what do we need to do on the policy level?

- **Pablo Sanchez Centellas**, EPSU, European Public Service Union (7min.)

Question: What can be done so that people do not get homeless because of non-payment of energy bills? How to fight disconnection and eviction? What are conditions for renewable energy generation for tenants?

- **Mr. Jan Laurier**, Vice President of International Union of Tenants (7min.)

11:30 - 12:00

**Discussion**

12:00 - 12:30

**Lunch (in the same room, PHS 1 C 51)**

12:30 - 12:45

**Session 4: Energy Efficiency measures in buildings**

**Facilitation: Jean-Claude Simon, transform!europe working group on energy**

Question: How can renovation measures be implemented ensuring that additional costs are not incurred for tenants? How can house owners get access to funding?

- **Clémence Hutin**, Friends of the Earth (Brussels) (5 min)

- **Genady Kondarev**, Friends of the Earth (Bulgaria) (5 min)

- **Karl Vogt-Nielsen**, Advisor for Climate, Energy and Environment, Enhedslisten (Denmark Red-Green Unity List) (7 min)

**Discussion**

12:45 - 13:10

13:10 - 13:40

**Session 5: Replies and Speeches by politicians**

**Facilitation: Cornelia Ernst, Member of European Parliament**

- **Gabriele Zimmer**, president of the GUE/NGL, spokesperson for social policy and the European pillar for social rights, Delegation DIE LINKE. in the EP (7 min)

- **Caren Lay**, Deputy Chair of the political group DIE LINKE. in the Bundestag (German national parliament) (7 min)

- **Alejandro García** from Izquierda Unida, Spain (7 min)

- **Christiane Maringer**, KPÖ, Austria (7 min)

**Final Remarks:**

Cornelia Ernst and Martin Schirdewan

**from 14.00 to 15.00**

Networking Reception in a different room: PHS 5 A 033, European parliament



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