

POWERTY inspires a pilot finalist for the Social Germinador Awards 2021

A group of workers from the Andalusian Energy Agency (AEA, Spain) highly aware of energy, the environment and energy poverty want to show that people with fewer resources can also benefit from renewable energy. For this reason, they have started the “Vulnerable Homes” project (**HOGARES VULNERABLES**) inspired in **POWERTY project** and they presented for the “Social Germinator” awards 2021.

The project consists of setting up collective solar photovoltaic self-consumption



facilities in vulnerable homes through participatory financing of the crowdlending type, so that households enjoy of saving around €100 a year on your electricity bills, and without having to pay any euro for it. Self-consumption facilities are offered on a

rental basis, and the fees are assumed by a collaborating NGO. This NGO, which is also part of the collective self-consumption, pays for these fees with the economic savings it obtains on its electricity bill.

The prize money will allow us to expand the scope of the project, involving more families (also small shops and businesses in the neighborhood). Besides, the most important thing is that it will allow us to take the first steps to create an energy community among all the participants of the project. In this way we will be able to amplify the power and impact of a project of this nature, which in turn can serve as inspiration for other motor groups of workers from other entities or organizations.

In addition, the money will allow us to reduce the number of years of amortization of the installation and, therefore, get families to achieve greater savings on their bill from the year in which the installation is already amortized.

You can watch the video about “Vulnerable homes” in Spanish [here](#)

We need your vote and everything else you can get to win the awards (more votes, more possibilities). Here you have the **instructions to vote for us**:

1. Access here:

<https://vota.somenergia.coop/index.php/639346?lang=es>

2. Write your name (Nombre), surname (Apellidos) and email (Dirección de correo electrónico) and press CONTINUAR.

3. Access your email and click on the link that was sent to you.

4. On the first screen, **vote for 3 options** within the projects in the ENERGY COMMUNITIES category, vote for the ones you want and press SIGUIENTE.

5. On the second screen, **vote for us “Hogares Vulnerables”** and press ENVIAR.

The voting period ends on October 20, 2021.

You can find all this information and POWERTY project [here](#)