

# ENERGY POVERTY: From Household Problems to Climate Crisis

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP

**25-26 November 2019**

**Centre for Social Sciences**

1097 Budapest, Tóth Kálmán u. 4. Building K Room 11-12

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Energy poverty affects hundreds of thousands of people in Hungary. In recent years, the issue has gained significant recognition across the EU and has also become a focus policy area for the European Commission. The EU now urges Member States to define and measure its prevalence through indicators, to take concrete steps to prevent energy poverty and support vulnerable consumers. Researchers and practitioners have started work on the topic in Hungary, however specific policy and large-scale programs are absent.

The two-day event will revitalize academic and policy debates on the topic and identify priority areas for research and action in response. A written statement summarising key findings, discussion points and an updated proposal for a definition and context-based indicators of energy poverty in Hungary will be issued. This outcome is expected to serve as a reference document for further work on the topic for Hungarian academia, NGOs as well as policymakers and other actors.

The first day will be an international conference on current research, good practices and experiences around defining and measuring energy poverty in Europe with a special focus on Central Eastern Europe. We will also look at how these efforts can assist policymaking and feed into solutions of alleviating energy poverty.

The second day will be an interactive workshop on co-creating a draft definition and set of indicators for energy poverty within the Hungarian context. Participants will be working in groups assisted by a local facilitator and energy poverty researchers from the ENGAGER network.

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### ORGANISERS AND FUNDING

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Institute for Sociology (TK SZI)**  
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PRELIMINARY  
**AGENDA**

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25 November 9:00 - 17:30

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

- **REGISTRATION**
  
- **SESSION I: Theoretical and International Context**  
**Diana Ürge-Vorsatz** Central European University (CEU)  
**Sergio Tirado** Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB)  
**Michelle LaBelle** Central European University (CEU)
  
- **SESSION II: Energy poverty in Central-Eastern-Europe**  
**Anca Sinea** Babeş-Bolyai University (UBB) - Romania  
**Ana Stojilovska** Central European University (CEU) - Macedonia  
**Jakub Sokolowski** Institute for Structural Research (IBS) - Poland  
**REELIH project** Residential Energy Efficiency for Low Income Households  
Habitat for Humanity International, USAID - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Armenia  
*(to be confirmed)*
  
- **LUNCH**
  
- **SESSION III: National overview: household energy, buildings, air pollution**  
**Nora Feldmar** Habitat for Humanity Hungary  
**Zsuzsanna F. Nagy** Network of Environmental Advisory Offices (KötHáló)  
**Nagy Balázs** Budapesti Műszaki Egyetem (BME)  
*Further presenters to be confirmed*
  
- **SESSION IV: Affected households, support organizations and municipalities**  
**Lea Kószeghy - Ágnes Győri - Zoltán Ferencz**  
Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Sociology (TK SZI)  
**Patek Gábor** Asset and City Management Office of District 19 (Budapest)  
*Further presenters to be confirmed*

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26. November 9:00 - 15:30

## WORKSHOP

Facilitated by: **Ágnes Fernengel** School of Public Life Foundation

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During the two-day event interpretation is provided in English-Hungarian.

There is no participation fee, application to the event can be done [online](#).

Expenses of participants coming from outside of Budapest (including abroad) can be refunded.