

European Energy Poverty: Agenda Co-Creation and Knowledge Innovation

MC meeting

20th June 2019

COST Association
Avenue Louise 149
1050 Brussels
Belgium

Minutes by Stefan Bouzarovski, Jelena Lukić



AGENDA

1. **Welcome (Stefan Bouzarovski)**
2. **Tour de table**
3. **Action introduction and interactive Q&A (Stefan Bouzarovski)**
4. **Reports on activities completed since the last MC**
5. **Breakout groups (including coffee break)**
6. **Plenary session (Slavica Robic)**
7. **Close of meeting**

1 Welcome

Stefan Bouzarovski welcomed MC members and WG members who were invited as guests to MC meeting.

2 Tour de table

MC Members present:

Abu Hamed Tareq (IL), Brian Azzopardi (MT), Françoise Bartiaux (BE), Stefan Bouzarovski (UK), Dusana Dokupilova (SK), Ute Dubois (FR), Niall Dunphy (IE), Richard Filcak (SK), Eleonora Gaydarova (BG), João Pedro Gouveia (PT), Katrin Großmann (DE), George Jigla (RO), Andreas Koch (AT), Veneta Krasteva (BG), Ioanna Kyprianou (CY), Milan Lipovac (RS), Lina Murauskaite (LT), Antons Patlins (LV), Saska Petrova (UK), Slavica Robic (HR), , Siddharth Sareen (NO), Despina Serghides (CY), Anca Sinea (RO), Jakub Sokolowski (PL), Majda Tesanovic (BA), Naama Teschner (IL), Sergio Tirado Herrero (ES)

MC Guests present:

Jelena Lukic (HR), Carmencita Malimban (BE), Giulio Mattioli (DE), Louiza Papamikrouli (EL), Mikael Pero (BE), Carmen Sanchez Guevarra (ES), Sokol Dervishi (AL), Ina Osmani (AL).

No quorum. The minutes will be sent to an e-vote.

Stefan Bouzarovski notes MC decisions taken by e-vote since the meeting in Sarajevo:

1. To reduce the accommodation allowance for the ENGAGER Bucharest conference (January 2019) to 100 Euro per person per night (21 October 2018);
2. To give the Action Chair a mandate to modify the Work and Budget Plan (WBP) as concerns the Bucharest conference (21 October 2018);
3. Approving the participation of Austria in the Management Committee of the ENGAGER Action (28 November 2018);
4. Reimbursement eligibility for the Second ENGAGER conference in Bucharest (January 2019): to be determined by the Local Organiser and Scientific Committee Chair (Dr George Jigla), and subsequently communicated to the Action Chair and/or Grant Holder Manager for management via e-cost (28 November 2018);
5. Approving the participation of Luxembourg in Management Committee of the ENGAGER Action (11 December 2018);
6. Approving the participation of Switzerland in Management Committee of the ENGAGER Action (11 December 2018)
7. To give a mandate for appointing and/or replacing existing Core Group members (other than the Action Chair and Vice Chair) to existing Core Group members. A Core Group member can be appointed and/or replaced at the proposal of the Action Chair or alternatively, the Vice Chair), with a

simple majority of all existing Core Group members, undertaken during a Core Group meeting or an online vote within a 24 hour time window, opened by the Action Chair or alternatively, the Vice Chair. The vote is preceded by a 5 working day open nomination process, opened by the Action Chair or alternatively, the Vice Chair. In the case of a Working Group co-lead appointment and/or replacement, the other Working Group co-lead of the relevant Working Group has 2 votes in the Core Group voting process. The candidate with the highest number of Core Group votes will be appointed provided all the above conditions have been met. In case of a tie for a Working Group appointment, an additional vote is cast by the other Working Group co-lead of the relevant Working Group. In case of a tie for any other Core Group appointment, an additional vote is cast by the Action Chair, or alternatively, the Vice Chair (11 February 2019)

8. participation of Latvia in the Management Committee of the ENGAGER Action (19 February 2019)
9. reimbursement eligibility for the Erfurt event (March 1 2019)
10. appointment of a new Grant Holder institution (April 26 2019)
11. Participant and reimbursement eligibility for any Action meeting (other than a Management Committee meeting) is primarily determined by the named local organiser of the meeting, in consultation with the Action Chair, or alternatively, the Action Vice Chair (may 15 2019)

New members will be invited (Italy).

2 Action introduction and interactive Q&A (Stefan Bouzarovski)

Stefan Bouzarovski presented the action.

Carmencita Malimban (COST) presented changes to the Vademecum (new version is available on-line, major change in section 8.4 STSM Financial report) and Jelena Lukić (DOOR) brought up frequent mistakes in TRR and list of derogations.

4 Reports on activities completed since the last MC

George Jiglaeu made presentation of communication call the members to come up to him with any relevant and interesting information- he will publish it to ENGAGER social media channels.



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Science communication

George Jiglaeu
Babeş-Bolyai University (Romania)

ENGAGER Online communication
channels

- The website: <http://www.engager-energy.net/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/EngagerCOST>
(#EnergyPoverty, #fuelpoverty, @engagercost)
- Facebook:
www.facebook.com/energypovertyaction/

What do we communicate about

- Our research/publications within the action
- Our (relevant) research/publications outside the action
- Events within the action
- Events/presentations outside the action
- News/actions/projects of relevant stakeholders (at home and abroad)
- Interesting stuff

Who do we target

- Decision-makers at home (local/national) – government, parliament, regulators etc.
- EU decision-makers
- Businesses, companies, industries, practitioners
- Other researchers in epov and connected fields
- The media/general public

What kind of material

- Scientific publications (articles, books)
- Our deliverables - Policy briefs/reports
- Newspaper/magazine articles
- Blog posts
- Flyers
- Relevant websites
- Newsletter

Who can communicate

- Action chair/core group, SCM, grant manager
- Everyone!
- jiglau@fspac.ro

WG 1

Ute Dubois and Anca Sinea

Work on EPpedia is continued

EPpedia will have website (planned after summer break)

65 contributions so far

All members are invited to make contribution

Documents with max 4-5 pages

Survey on how different stakeholders see topic of EP in each country will be launched in next few weeks.

Anca Sinea proposed book to be published - similarities among post-communist countries – 12 countries, 12 case studies.

Albania would like to be included, Anca will see if that is possible.

Mikael Pero (COST) noted that additional deliverables are significant change and needs approval from MC, and MC should decide on how data sharing will work.

WG 2

Siddharth Sareen



WG2 aims & activities



- **Operationalise** a multi-scalar, EU-wide framework on energy poverty
- **Identify** key EP detection issues: how do existing measures capture susceptibility?
 - Energy access and needs
 - Energy affordability
 - Social norms and everyday practices
 - Technical infrastructure
- **Create** an interdisciplinary expert network to develop monitoring methods
 - Regional, national and COST-wide levels
 - Using available and emerging data sources

WG2 aims & activities



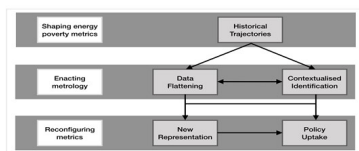
- **Produce** toolkits on how to identify and measure energy poverty
- **Facilitate** access to new expertise and skills through STSMs
- **Promote** knowledge sharing & cross-fertilisation
 - Workshops with key stakeholders and decision-makers
 - Training schools focusing on concepts, data, and measurement methodologies

Group	Activities	Year (quarters)				Year (quarters)				Year (quarters)				Year (quarters)			
		0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45
All	Kick-off meeting	R															
	MC meetings			R				R				R				R	
	CG meetings				R/F				R/F				R/F				R/F
	WG consolidation																
	WG meetings			R				R				R				R	
	Website			E													
	Conferences				C												C
WG1	Workshops		S		S			S		S		S		S		S	
	Review					R											
	ECI events			C												C	
WG2	Papers/briefs						P/B						P/B				P/B
	Review							R									
	STSM			R					R			R					
	Training schools				M				M								
	ECI events																C
WG3	Toolkit												T				
	Papers/briefs				P/B				P/B				P/B				
	Training school						M										
WG4	Toolkit													T			
	Papers/briefs			B				B				B				PB	
	Database					D											T
	Toolkit																
	Papers/briefs			B				B				B				PB	
	Case studies			A			A				A						
	STSM				R				R				R				

Sept 2018 – June 2019



- Policy brief (November)
- Lisbon workshop (February)
- Manuscript submitted Sareen et al. GT (June)
- Article published Kyprianou et al. E&B (June)
- Barcelona training school (June)



Upcoming tasks



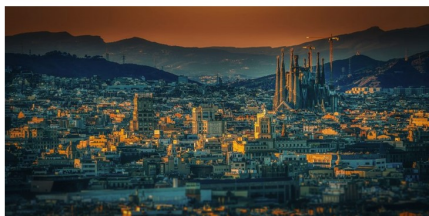
- Training school manual (in progress)
- STSM outcomes
- Report on EP indicators (due October)

Some actions are delayed and will happen later on

All participants are invited to be involved in report on EP indicators

WG 3

Sergio Tirado Herrero



MOBILISING DATA FOR ENERGY POVERTY RESEARCH AND ACTION

Joint WG2 and WG3 ENGAGER training school
Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA)
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)
3-7 June 2019

Background



- We aim to **push beyond the state of the art** on energy poverty data and knowledge.
- Predominance of **quantification methodologies and indicators** in energy poverty research.
- Potential of **unmapped, untapped sources of information** for communication purposes, public dialogue and renovated energy poverty action.
- Connects with more participatory, democratic forms of **knowledge co-production**, e.g., scientific crowdsourcing and citizen science.

Aim and objectives



- Re-assessing the **epistemology** of energy poverty
 - How do we know what we know about energy poverty?
 - What alternative forms of knowledge can be articulated?
 - How can knowledge be mobilised for transformative action?
- **Objectives** of the training school
 - Skills for mapping, evaluating and making use of unconventional data sources
 - Tools for realising the potential of untapped data for enhanced research, communication and action

Training school schedule and speakers

DAY 1 Setting the scene	DAY 2 Science as practice	DAY 3 Mapping unusual data	DAY 4 Infographies & Barcelona	DAY 5 Policies & storytelling
MONDAY June 3rd ICTA-UB	TUESDAY June 4th ICTA-UB	WEDNESDAY June 5th ICTA-UB	THURSDAY June 6th ICTA-UB	FRIDAY June 7th L'Observatori
9:00 AM	EXPERTISE, PARTICIPATION, EVIDENCE Andrea Sathelli	MAPPING ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICTS Dimitris Del Bono	COMMUNICATION THROUGH DATA VISUALIZATION AND INFOGRAPHICS Gemma Bouquet	SSH EVIDENCE FOR POLICY IMPACT Rocio Robinson
10:00 AM		MAPPING NON-CONVENTIONAL PARTICIPATORY DATA Cait Robinson		USING DATA IN STORY TELLING Marlynn Smith
11:00 AM				
12:00 PM				
1:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
2:00 PM	SETTING THE SCENE Hannah Thompson, Sid Savarin, Sergio Tirado	CITIZEN SCIENCE AND PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH Cait Robinson	ENERGY POVERTY POLICIES IN BARCELONA (AND) ECONOMIC COLLECTIVE ENERGY POVERTY ACTION Alliance against Energy Poverty	GROUP WORK
3:00 PM	A CONVERSATION WITH BRENDA BORDOMAN	MAPPING ENERGY POVERTY VULNERABILITY IN PORTUGAL (I) GONCALVES		PRESENTATION OF ASSIGNMENTS
4:00 PM	GROUP WORK	GROUP WORK	FIELD VISIT TO SANT ROC BARCELONA	
5:00 PM	WELCOME DRINKS AND SNACKS			FAREWELL DRINKS AND SNACKS
6:00 PM			NETWORKING DINNER	
7:00 PM				
8:00 PM				

Trainees in figures



- 65 applicants – 30 trainees
 - **Selection criteria:** geographical spread (priority to Inclusiveness Target Countries), early career/non-academic background, gender and no previous participation in ENGAGER.
- 17 EU and neighbouring countries (13/30 from ITCs): AL, CY, DE, DK, ES, FR, HR, HU, IE, IT, LT, MK, PL, PT, UK
- 20/30 are female
 - 12/19 trainers are female
- 7/30 trainees work in non-academic organisations
 - 6/19 trainers do not work in academia

6 groupwork teams



Groups as mixed as possible.

They all had:

- a) someone working in a non-academic organisation
- b) with a Spanish/UK background
- ... and from thereon ensuring that every group has a
- c) beginner data-indicator related person
- d) advanced data-indicator related person
- e) gender / health / global south / community participation person
- f) north-south EU divide / male & female



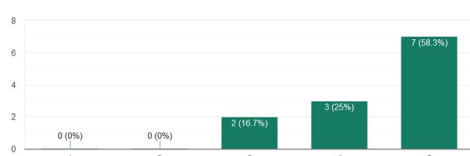
Final reflections on cross-cutting issues



- 'End-of-the-pipe' solutions aimed at alleviating symptoms vs addressing structural injustices and inequalities
 - Lack of data and knowledge (i.e., the deficit model) vs fundamental reassessment of underpinnings of energy poverty
- The purpose and practice of communication
 - 'The toolbox' – a broad range of advanced skills for strategic communication
- The human factor – embodied knowledge and emotions
 - Guilt, blame, shame, sorrow, compassion, anger, despair, trust, hope?
- Research in parallel to/together with/instead of action
 - Time and ambition: the role of targets and pace of change

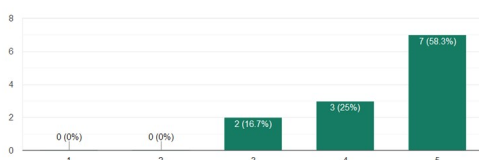
9. Overall, did you like the training school?

12 responses



10. Would you recommend the training school to a colleague or friend?

12 responses



"I get a higher motivation to learn data visualization, and I got inspiration for the definition and focus of my PhD research topic thanks for the associations presentation and the field visit. It was nice to meet fellows, who do research in the same field."

"As a researcher who does mainly qualitative work, the quantitative dimension to the training was particularly interesting. Also, highlighting useful (and free) online tools over the five days was very helpful."

"In the informal conversation with participants, some of them were disappointed in the lack of scientific aspect of the school. The topic differed significantly from the content. While all the lectures were interesting, there was no direct connection with the mapping of non-conventional data. Conversation with Mrs Boardman was the most influential part. Visualization lecture was terrific, but not that relevant for the topic. Air pollution session took one whole morning session, which was too much given the connection with the mapping of energy poverty data. Fieldwork in Badalona was unnecessary and witnessing fire victims talking in front of so many people, made participants feel very intrusive. We felt like they were put on the spot. By far, the most useful session was the one by Joao Gouveia."



Fins aviat.
Hasta pronto.
See you soon!




Interview with Brenda Boardman (Training school in Barcelona) is available - <http://www.engager-energy.net/boardman/>

Mikael Pero noted that TS was well balanced- participants from many countries with local stakeholders well combined.

WG 4

Katrin Großmann

Inovation check of existing policies – publication is submitted – policy brief
WG1 and WG4 are collaborating on Paris meeting – identified topics:

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1. Right to energy - Marlies Hesselman and Anais Verro Baranco – event in January
 2. Linking debates – EP topic links to housing markets, health...–Lidija Živčič and Ana Stojilovska- to become case study this year
 3. Income prices - EE, is there something more out of triangle – trusting institutions –conduct to study over the summer, how EP experience link to trust of institutions – WG members participation is welcome

STSM

14 achieved so far

A call will be announced for the next round of STSMs later in the summer

Mickaël Pero noted that 3 authors should be included on academic papers stemming from the Action – otherwise it is hard to recognize that paper is new and came from network/not from previous cooperation.

5 Breakout groups

Presentations

communication & dissemination

- how can we improve
Knowledge exchange
across and beyond
ENGAGER?

15:20 term definition

15:25 10-min pair-work

15:35 10-min share-work

15:45 task definition

~~15:50~~

15:50 20-min group exercise

16:10 short presentations

C&D → across →
→ beyond → questions
responsibility ← actions ← challenges ←



Action research Guide
General objective
of ENGAGER

- ① Guidance for decision makers
- ② Methodological innovation
- ③ Systemic embeddedness - understanding the "iceberg"
- ④ Regional building blocks and typologies - multi-scalar interactions
- ⑤ Innovation in the energy transition and the role of technology

Priority Future Resources

→ to amplify policy impact

- EPCV
 - EC-DAER
 - JRC
- (bipartisan support)
national govt?
→ cities/urban networks
CSOs (info/capacity)

→ to increase budget allocations for EP allocation

- yes media but also - political heads
- ↓ pol. eco. admin actors
- traction ←

↳ legislation?

Connect diverse
EP-relevant
actors to create
synergistic groups/
collaborations / alliances

- address lack of awareness
 - mobilise doorstep solutions
 - devise + implement policy vehicles
- ← (mobilise benefits)

POLICY IMPACT & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT (WG3)

- short-term technology based vs. fundamental reconfiguration of structural drivers
- prioritise less powerful actors, i.e., Right to Energy Coalition for enhanced evidence-based advocacy
- SCALES: EU vs. local context
- GSM disconnections national
- Right to Energy handbook + workshop
↳ right to WHAT exactly? 3/4
- database of organisations ESR

academic avenues civil society

challenges

need for clear focus as messages emerging from ENGAGE

developing a consistent language / framework

many drivers of EP are not directly dismissed as part of energy policy (multi-dimensional)

lack of interest by policy makers and state officials

outreach beyond research has only limited audience

EP still not an established concept for public in many European countries

show them how EP is relevant for them

- 2019 → projection of EP as real problem to multiple specific audiences
- national definitions?
- collection of useful practices, case studies, a basket of solutions, proven and contextualised strategies, methodology for improved targeting
- 2020 → but also wide coverage
- legislative traction?
- synergies with existing and emerging projects incl. other CAs, H2020 projects (MHEP 2018-19-20)
 - cross-sectoral strategy dialogues, capacity-building resources (effective EP integration in retrofits, efficiency etc)
- 2021 →
- situated alienation?
- including transport EP
 - more targeted outreach beyond ENGAGE
 - capitalising on generated resources, website, publications, survey results in order to strengthen political and administrative traction for EP in all contexts where ENGAGE has impactful presence

RESEARCH CHALLENGES / AGENDA

Engager objectives

Monitoring – data that we need

Challenge of identifying vulnerable consumers

Lot of projects framed by the idea of reducing energy consumption

Lack of comparative studies internationally

Assumptions of modelling

Don't separate debates on EP from debates on climate change

See EP not just at household level – but also at urban planning level (influence outdoor temperatures)

Gender

Local policies but you need national level too

Part of many policy fields beyond EP

So many different questions around EP

Should be more explicit about which we're interested in

How can we operationalise

Ute's got 7 different patterns with corresponding challenges

How much should we simplify our findings for the policy-makers

We could end up with problematic solutions – we were pushing insulation but now we need space cooling

France: too complex: >30 difference assistance measures at the national level, system is changed every 2 years

We don't measure enough about indoors

Temperatures / pollution

Insulation policy can have lots of negative consequences (Greenfell, gentrification in Germany)



6 Plenary session

It was highlighted that the deliverables will surpass initial intentions. We will need more activities of a similar kind in the future.

Stefan Bouzarovski:

1. Deliverables

All are in line with expectations

One case study is produced, one more is needed

1 STSM should be linked to it (maybe right to energy)

Policy brief – Sergio will produce new one for WG3

2. Events

STSM for WG4

STSM for WG1

The possibility of expanding the core group was discussed but no formal decisions were made. A new survey (WG1) is maybe not a good idea due to GDPR, it should be discussed within the group.

Dates of new events are on e-cost, all MC members can see them. WG members should ask WG group leaders

The report produced by MEDEC was mentioned – a contribution would be welcomed.

7 Close of meeting

Stefan Bouzarovski thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 17 o'clock.