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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Should **digitalisation** go hand in hand with the energy transition? Could it preserve competitiveness in companies across the EU? And how would that combination materialise? [Register now](#) and join the **AUDIT2MEASURE Dialogue events** on the **December 11th 2025**.

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(Re-)watch the session, [Securing the future of European energy - Future of Utilities](#), where our director **Vlasis Oikonomou** debated challenges, competitiveness, risks, and transformation during the shift to a greener Europe.

Energy Efficiency: A key driver for SME competitiveness. This [DEESME 2050 report](#), examines the cost-efficiency and competitiveness implications of Article 11 of the Energy Efficiency Directive for European **Small and Medium-size companies**.

We followed the **Global Energy Justice Action Week** and here's what happened! The event gathered speakers from all across the globe to discuss the current hot topics surrounding **energy justice**, and how the term "**energy poverty**" needs reframing. Within the [Energy Poverty Bulletin](#), we've got the 5 days covered full of different themes, perspectives, numbers and inspirational quotes. Interested in the Bulletin? Subscribe [here!](#)

IEECP is happy to join once again the [eceee summer study in June 2026](#), with two panel co-leads: **Policy, finance and governance as well as Energy efficiency and sustainability of industry**. Read from Ivana Rogulj and Manuel Casquijo on the panel expectations and hot topics. From **AI-driven energy management** to the growing role of **ESG in industry**.

IEECPers took up their pens to write for **BUILD UP**, the European portal for energy efficiency and renewable energy in buildings, see the many features around the topic of energy poverty:

- [Aligning local realities with policy ambitions: co-creation for rural energy poverty alleviation](#). How to connect local innovation with policy support to deliver effective renovation solutions to alleviate energy poverty in rural communities.
- Discover how the [Support service for Citizen-led renovation \(CLR\)](#) can assist in overcoming long-standing barriers, empowering communities, and accelerating high-quality, affordable upgrades through practical tools and locally driven approaches.
- The LIFE-funded ASSERT project shows [how to tackle the overlooked intersection of disability](#) and energy poverty, empowering local actors to design and implement inclusive, sustainable energy solutions.
- The RENOVERTY project, coordinated by the Institute for European Energy and Climate Policy (IEECP), has released its [final policy package](#), consisting of a Framework Policy Paper and a Synthesis of Policy Recommendations.
- Building conversations up | [Only by treating renovation as a sustained social investment rather than a one-off technical fix we can ensure that the transition leaves households not just warmer, but genuinely better off](#).
- Expert talk | [Energy poverty and vulnerable people](#): how not to leave them behind in the energy transition of the building sector

LOCAL AND REGIONAL ACTION FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE

[Press release](#) (REGILIENCE+) – A New Chapter for Climate Resilience: REGILIENCE+ Launches to Turn Knowledge into Action Across Europe.

[Survey](#) (REGILIENCE+) – If you are a Local or Regional Authority (LRA), the consortium needs your experience to ensure these resources are perfectly tailored to meet the needs and challenges on the ground. This is your chance to directly influence the support structure for climate action!

[Policy Brief](#) (ENTRACK) – Strengthening Local Capacities for a Just and Inclusive Energy Transition.

[Policy Brief](#) (ENTRACK) – Insights from Mediterranean rural communities to shape inclusive, effective energy efficiency strategies

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EVENTS

[Learn, Plan, Act: Building Local Capacities to Deliver Integrated Energy and Climate Plans](#) (IN-PLAN and PLAN4CET final event) – February 10th, 2026, Brussels, Belgium, 8.30-14.30 CET | Register to know more on how integrated energy, climate and spatial plans drive local action in Europe.

[Training School – Decision Support in Providing Forest Ecosystem Services for Climate Resilience and Decarbonisation](#) (OptFor-EU) – April 19th – 24th, 2026, Brasov, Romania | Register the training school that will equip the participants with the knowledge and skills to apply Decision Support Systems in forest management under climate change. **Deadline for applications 20.01.2026.**

INDUSTRY, FINANCING AND BUSINESS MODELS

[Factsheets](#) (ENERGATE) – The factsheets capture market realities, financing challenges, digitalisation needs, and readiness levels within the energy-efficient building renovation ecosystem. They also highlight country-specific dynamics and opportunities for the future uptake of the ENERGATE platform.

[Blog](#) (InEEs) – Stronger, better, faster and smarter – exploring a modern and energy efficient system with InEEs: Empowering consumers and communities.

[Webinar recap and recording](#) (InEEs) – Strengthening Digital Capacity in the Energy Sector, a technical webinar on Verified Compute.

[Final report](#) (DEESME 2050) – Look back on the project's three year journey of Developing Energy Efficiency projects in SMEs for European 2050 targets.

[Blog](#) (RE-WITCH) – Highlights from the participation of RE-WITCH and the 2cool2waste cluster at Enlit Europe 2025.

BUILDINGS

[Article](#) (EBENTO) – 16 energy renovation professionals from the Valencia region were brought together for an online workshop test the EBENTO One-Stop-Shop platform in real time.

[Post-event Article](#) (DeCO2) – Eco-Breakfast at the Terrassenhaussiedlung: Exchange, Participation, and New Impulses.

[Interview](#) (OBSERVE) – How reliable is building data in shaping smart policies by Dimitris Athanasiou from IEECP.

[Report](#) (CoolLIFE) – Read the main report about lessons learnt and recommendations on policies for sustainable space cooling.

[Factsheet](#) (CoolLIFE) – Find at once the 19 good practices factsheets about lessons learnt and recommendations on policies for sustainable space cooling.

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[Policy Synergies: Aligning Project Results with EPBD and National Renovation Plans](#) (Citizen-led renovation) – December 15th, online, 10.00 – 11.30 CET. In this webinar speakers will share experiences

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[Neighbourhood-Level Renovation: Scaling Impact through Local Alliances](#) (ReLIFE, Citizen-led renovation) – December 17th, online, 10.00 - 11.30 CET. This webinar will showcase practical tools, governance models, and on-the-ground experiences from neighbourhood-scale approaches for renovation. [Register here](#).

ENERGY AND CONSUMERS

[Report](#) (Regio1st) – Building on practical experience, the report puts forward nine cross-cutting policy recommendations designed to be adaptable for diverse regional contexts and ten concrete actions for the Covenant of Mayors (CoM) to help seamlessly integrate the EE1st principle into the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) cycle.

[Report](#) (Regio1st) – Guidelines on EE1st and Multilevel Governance implementation in regional planning delivers a practical, step-by-step framework to help regions design and establish the most suitable Multilevel Governance (MLG) model for their specific context.

[Website](#) (UsersTCP) – The second phase of the Users TCP Task on Public Engagement for Energy Infrastructure kicks off, find out more about the approach it will take.

[Report](#) (ASSERT) – ‘The State of the Art on Energy Poverty and Disability and Relevant Indicators’- investigates how energy poverty and disabilities interact and provides recommendations to inform more inclusive policies.

[Report](#) (RENOVERTY) – Read the project’s final report and key achievements on Home Renovation Roadmaps to Address Energy Poverty In Vulnerable Rural Districts.

[Exploitation kit](#) (RENOVERTY) – This collection is a comprehensive, ready-to-use compilation of all the project’s successful results, tools, and recommendations aimed specifically at replicating solutions for accelerating rural energy renovation and mitigating energy poverty across Europe.

[Infographics](#) (Enefirst Plus) – Curious about what it could look like to integrate the Energy Efficiency First principle in heating and cooling plans? Check out the latest infographics from Enefirst Plus.

[Webinar materials](#) (Enefirst Plus) – Plugging Energy Efficiency First in Heating and Cooling Plans: Why and How?

[Tool and Guidance](#) (Enefirst Plus) – The Enefirst Plus consortium is releasing a new practitioner’s guidance and an accompanying CBA Excel Tool to help public authorities, regulators and analysts put the Energy Efficiency First (EE1st) principle into practice in Cost–Benefit Analysis (CBA).

[Article](#) (SEED MICAT) – The 2nd series of the national workshops was successfully held and presented recent developments of the MICAT tool, and the RES module integration, as well as National showcases presentation, including preliminary findings and results on the Multiple Impacts calculation for a series of measures employed in Czechia and Italy.

[Webinar materials](#) (ODYSSEE-MURE) – Recognising the need for analytical support to policy makers and other stakeholders, in this new context, the ODYSSEE-MURE webinar platform and the European Council for an Energy Efficiency Economy (ecee) launch the follow-up of a new webinar series called the “Energy Efficiency Academy 2025-2027”.

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[Energy Efficiency Trends in Industry in the EU](#) (ODYSSEE-MURE) – December 16th, online, 10.00 CET. This webinar will review the recent changes in the industry sector, in the context of high prices since 2022 and how this has affected energy consumption, and more specifically what has been the role of energy

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[Plugging Energy Efficiency First in CBA: Why and How](#) (Enefirst Plus) – December 17th, online, 14.00 CET. The objectives of this workshop are to present and discuss the new resources and pilot case developed in the ENEFIRST Plus project to implement the Energy Efficiency First (EE1st) principle in Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA).

[Dialogue Meeting #09: data centres](#) (streamSAVE+) – January 22nd, 2026, online, 11.00 CET. This ninth dialogue meeting of streamSAVE+ will present the new streamSAVE+ methodologies for calculating energy savings in data centres, including the latest assessment of the energy performance and sustainability of data centres in the EU.

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