



# Slovenia's experience with targeting priority groups in financial incentives for energy efficiency in buildings

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Part 2: Targeting households at risk of energy poverty or other priority groups  
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# Current state

- According to the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia (SORS), **7.2% or 62000 households (4.9% or 102000 persons)** were living in energy poverty in 2022
- households (persons) that had an income below the **at-risk-of-poverty** threshold and met at least one of the following conditions:
  - financially **unable to provide adequately heated housing**;
  - due to financial hardship, **late payments of housing costs**, including energy services;
  - people living in dwellings where the roof was **leaking, there were damp walls/floors/foundations or rotten window frames/floors**.



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# Targets

## 1. Roof target for reducing EPOV

Reducing the share of households in energy poverty to a maximum value of between **3.8% and 4.6% by 2030** (currently 7.2%)

## 2. Number of EP households investing in measures

Implementation of investments in the field of EEF and use of RES in at least **8000 EP households**

## 3. Cumulative energy savings in line with Article 8 of the EED in EP households

Cumulative energy savings target for these households is estimated at **573 GWh between 2021 and 2030** (preliminary calculations); pending with NECP update

# Financing

- **24 million EUR** of funds (**Climate Change Fund**, October 2023) are intended for investments in:
  - EE measures and the use of RES in EP HH
  - Establishment of EPOV office at the Eco Fund and regional advisory points
  - Implementation of other planned activities from EPOV action plan
- > EUR 300 million of funds are foreseen for SI (2026–2032) for various purposes from the **Social Climate Fund** → Social Climate Plan by June 2025 at the latest
- EPOV **missing funds for the period of 2026-2030 cca. 85 mio EUR**

# Measures

- Slovenia is already implementing measures to reduce EPOV
- The **Eco Fund** is already granting grants to EP HH to **replace old solid fuel boilers with new wood biomass** and to implement joint measures in the **energy renovation of multi-dwelling buildings**
- **ZERO project**, within which the EP HH are entitled to **free energy advice** and a package of simple devices to reduce energy and water use
- All of these actions are financed from the **Climate Change Fund**

## Measures(2)

- **ZERO500 programme** was completed in 2023, where **cohesion funds** provided incentives for the energy poor (392; 3.52 mio EUR):
  - The most frequently implemented measures were **thermal insulation of the roof and envelope** and installation of **energy-efficient windows and/or entrance doors**
- Public call for financial incentives to reduce energy poverty was published in December 2023 by Eco Fund (**20 mio EUR**)
- **Granting 100% financial incentives to energy poor HH** for investments in energy efficiency measures



**100% subsidy; not more than EUR 18000 incl. VAT for measure/s A - G**

- A. thermal insulation of the roof or ceiling
  - B. thermal insulation of external walls
  - C. thermal insulation of the floor in the field or of the floor above the unheated room/basement and the outer walls of the heated rooms towards the ground,
  - D. installation of energy-efficient windows and/or external entrance doors,
  - E. installation of a system for the preparation of hot – sanitary water,
  - F. installation of local ventilation with heat recovery of exhaust air,
  - G. replacement of the old combustion plant with a new one on wood biomass.
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- H. Involvement of the coordinator to provide support in applying for this public call and implementing the project.

**EUR 12000 including VAT** for a billet, wood biomass or combination fuel boiler;  
**EUR 7500 including VAT** per pellet boiler;  
**EUR 5500 including VAT** for a one-room wood biomass combustion boiler with a water heat exchanger to be connected to central heating;  
**EUR 3000 including VAT** for all other one-bedroom combustion plants using wood biomass.

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# Expert support

- The experience of the programme shows that beneficiaries usually need **integrated support throughout the incentive process**, from preparation of the application to the implementation of actions
- An investment in an individual measure or combination of measures by the selected investor **constitutes a project**
- socially weak citizens are not familiar with the administrative process and implementing an investment → **energy expert**

# Conclusion

- Energy poverty has to be recognised as a **shared challenge**
- Emphasis on **solidarity, innovation and sustainability**
- Country has to have a **clear vision of reduced energy poverty**
- It is necessary to ensure **regular management, monitoring and evaluation** of the implemented measures and **amend/update strategies when needed**
- Recognised **importance of skilled professionals** → energy experts network → facilitation of success



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