

Thinking Group Meeting

27-28 September 2017

Salzburg, Austria

Chaired by ANRE

Summary of discussions

Items discussed

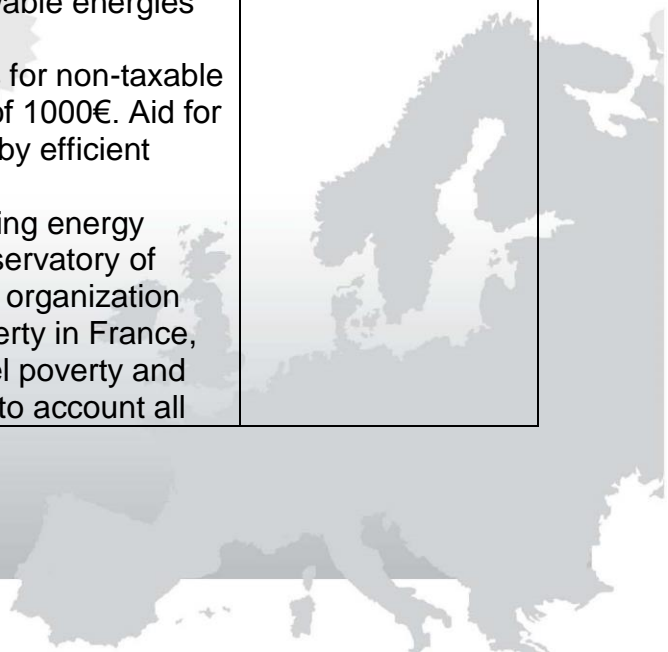
Item		Action owner & Timescale
	<p>The Thinking Group Meeting 2017 was held under the topic of energy poverty in EU and Member States, as focus topic chosen by the EnR Presidency 2017/18. The meeting served as a platform to follow-up on the discussions at both, the EnR Regular Meeting in June 2017 and the WG Chair & Troika Meeting, with the aim to consolidate the EnR Position Paper on energy poverty at EU and Member State level, elaborated by ANRE.</p>	
1.	<p><u>Opening Session</u></p> <p>The opening session included the presentation of the Salzburg Energy Strategy 2050 and the Climate and Energy Master Plan 2020 where the Salzburg State proposes a 30% reduction in greenhouse gases and the achievement of 50% of renewable energy by 2020, in order to become "carbon neutral" in 2050.</p> <p>The federal state of Salzburg has developed a series of partnerships through which their ideas and strategies are made known to their consumers, among them being the partnership with AEA in the program e5 - Programme for energy efficient municipalities.</p> <p>Regarding the measures to combat energy poverty, a counseling program was developed in Salzburg - Energy Consulting Salzburg, which is a collaboration between the utility company, Salzburg AG, and the Government of the Province of Salzburg, Land</p>	<p>Presentations available on EnR website/members area</p>



	<p>Salzburg, currently having 40 consultants. The program provides free counseling directly to the consumer's home and is complemented by "Caritas" program. The service is addressed to residential and non-residential buildings (except for company buildings) and a consulting session consists of an analysis of the power bill (electricity and heating), analysis of power consumption (household appliances, heating systems, and behavior), discussing strategies and in some cases replacement of household appliances (old fridges, freezers, dryers).</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Session 1: Energy Poverty in MS and Europe</u></p> <p>The session on energy poverty in MS and Europe included presentations by representatives of EnR member agencies from Austria, France, Italy and the United Kingdom, where the country-specific energy poverty situation was presented. Thus, less than one third of Member States explicitly recognize the concept of energy poverty and only four have introduced its definition into legislation (Great Britain, Ireland, France and Cyprus)</p> <p>In France, a series of measures on energy poverty are being implemented, reinforced by the launch of a new Climate Plan strengthening measures against fuel poverty introduces in September 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitution of tax credit for renovation by a « direct bonus » by 2019 • Increase of energy check amount from 150€ to 200€ by 2019 • Subsidies - from 50€ by 1300€ - dedicated to modest households for the substitution of old fuel boilers for efficient or using renewable energies boilers until march 2018 • Financial car scrappage schemes for non-taxable households up to 2000€ instead of 1000€. Aid for substitution of hold polluting cars by efficient vehicles by 2018. <p>Another important step towards addressing energy poverty is the launch of the National Observatory of Fuel Poverty Created in 2012, this is the organization that provides reference data on fuel poverty in France, with a view to improve knowledge on fuel poverty and monitor its evolution. Currently, taking into account all</p>	<p>Presentations available on EnR website/members area</p>



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the criteria defining energy poverty, about 10% of the French population is at risk of energy poverty. With regard to England, 5000 people die each year because of the cold, and about 11% of the population is in the category of energy poverty. Energy poverty is predominant in rural areas, and although progress is being made on energy efficiency measures, the cost-income ratio leads to a stagnation of progress in tackling this issue. Concerning Austria and Italy, the two countries do not yet have an official definition of energy poverty, but a number of studies have been carried out using a series of indicators meant to measure it. For example, in Italy, despite the presence of specific policy tools, energy poverty has not been addressed as a stand-alone issue. Nevertheless, different measures are in place, which directly or indirectly are connected to energy poverty: electricity bonus, gas bonus, on-going pilot projects that are producing interesting results which could inspire and shape future policies. The Italian government has recently announced the establishment of a working group with similar tasks as the EU Energy Poverty Observatory, which should also aim to reinforce and complement existing tools for fighting existing energy poverty. In Italy, the number of people in a state of absolute poverty has dramatically increased in recent years: from 1.8 million in 2007 to 4.5 million in 2015 and according to the measure adopted by Bank of Italy study (Faiella and Lavecchia), 8% of households out of total population are in energy poverty (corresponding to 2.1 million of households).

3. Session 2: EnR Focus Topic – Energy Poverty

In order to develop the focus topic chosen by the EnR Presidency for 2017 as well as to follow-up on the discussions at the EnR Regular Meeting in June 2017, the second session of the meeting was dedicated to the EnR Position Paper on energy poverty at EU and Member State level, elaborated by ANRE. In this regard, Ms. Mirela Plesca presented the draft document, highlighting EnR/ANRE's proposals, as follows:

- **official harmonized definition of energy**



	<p>poverty at EU level mentioned in the Clean Energy Package provisions and criteria to measure energy poverty and to monitor the number of households in energy poverty and to report on both the evolution of energy poverty and abatement measures every two years to the EU Energy Poverty Observatory;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• harmonized National Reports on Directives 72/2009 and 73/2009 - 31.07 current year - on data regarding vulnerable consumers and harmonized Progress Reports on meeting the national energy efficiency targets according to Directive 27/2012 - deadline 30.04 current year;• EU methodology for developing the National Action Plan for energy poverty as part of the Energy Union governance Regulation proposal in order to integrate the provisions of the EED proposal and the Directive proposal on common rules for the internal market in electricity to take energy poverty into account, <u>by requiring a share of energy efficiency measures to be implemented as a priority in households affected by energy poverty or in social housing;</u>• Prioritized Energy efficiency programs allocation at European and national level for drafting and updating the National Action Plan for energy poverty by addressing the energy performance of buildings and appliances and the awareness among energy consumers for energy efficiency (grants, state aids, structural funds, subsidies, etc.) <p>Following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revise TGM EnR member presentations and consolidation of the EnR Energy Poverty Position Paper (end of October - beginning of November 2017)• Publishing EnR Energy Poverty Position Paper on EnR website (November 2017) <p><u>Present the document to the European Commission during the Bucharest Sustainable Energy Investment Forum (beginning of December 2017).</u></p>	<p>ANRE will send the consolidated document to EnR members (Nov 2017)</p>
4.	<u>Session 3: Key priorities & next steps/ Internal reviews</u>	



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	<p>ANRE presented an update on EnR activities in last months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update of the EU Transparency Register (13/07/2017) <p>The next deadline for a complete annual update will be 13/07/2018 at the latest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter of support for the GREEAN_EU project proposal• EnR website update:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2017 EnR Factsheet- EnR Presidency Work Plan 2017-2018- Upload of M61 materials	
5.	<p><u>Study Visit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of Digibus (https://www.digibus.at/en/), one of the first autonomous public buses, that drives on public roads in mixed traffic by Mrs. Karl Rehrl, head of research group.• Presentation of smart grids activities in Austria and of Salzburg Netz GmbH, by Walter Schaffer, Salzburg Netz GmbH• Visit of smart grid project in Köstendorf	<p>Presentations available on EnR website/members area</p>

Appendix

- Agenda
- Participants List





Appendix a) – Agenda (for orientation)

Thinking Group Meeting

27 -28 September 2017

Chiemseehof (Stiege 1, Parterre rechts)

Seat of the Salzburg State Parliament

Salzburg, Austria

Agenda

-Day 1-

09:45 – 10:00 Registration of Participants

10:00 – 10:15 Opening by Host (AEA) and Welcome by EnR Presidency (ANRE)

10:15 - 10:45 *Presentations by Representatives of the State of Salzburg*

- *"Climate and Energy Strategy SALZBURG 2050", Wolfram Summerer*
- *"Measures to Tackle Energy Poverty in Salzburg", Alexandra Uhl*

Session 1: Energy Poverty in MS and Europe

10:45 – 11:05 "Energy Poverty in Austria", Shruti Athavale, AEA

11:05 – 11:30 "Energy Poverty in France", Nicolas Dyevre, ADEME

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 – 12:30 Presentation Anna Salama, ENEA

12:30 – 13:00 Presentation David Wheatherall, EST

13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch** offered by AEA

Session 2: EnR Focus Topic – Energy Poverty

14:00 – 15:30 EnR Draft Consultation/Position Paper on Energy Poverty in EU and MS (1)

Presentation - Mirela Plesca, ANRE

Discussions – concerns, questions, further input for finalizing the Paper



Session 3: Key priorities & next steps

15:30 – 16:00 EnR Consultation/ Position Paper on Energy Poverty in EU and MS (2)

16:00 – 16:30 Internal reviews/ M61 & Troika Chair Meeting

16:30 – 16:45 Coffee break & Official Photo

16:45 – 17:15 EnR Strategy - Energy poverty focus topic for the next presidency?

17:15 – 18:00 Summary and conclusions by the Presidency

18:00 Closing

Dinner offered by AEA

*See Additional information page 5

-Day 2- Study Visit

Meeting point at 9:00 at Salzburg Hauptbahnhof

Train from Salzburg Hbf at 9:18; arrival in **Köstendorf** at 9:58 (costs: €5,80 to be paid by each individual)

10:00 – 10:30 **salzburgresearch**

- Presentation of Digibus (<https://www.digibus.at/en/>), one of the first autonomous public buses, that drives on public roads in mixed traffic.

Karl Rehr, head of research group

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 14:00 **Salzburg Netz GmbH**
(https://www.salzburgnetz.at/content/website_salzburgnetz/de_at.html)

- Presentation of smart grids activities in Austria and of Salzburg Netz GmbH
- Visit of smart grid project in Köstendorf

Walter Schaffer, Salzburg Netz GmbH

14:00 – 15:00 Return Journey to Salzburg Main Train Station

Note: Trains run every hour from “Köstendorf Ortsmitte” to “Salzburg Hbf”. If the presentation by Salzburg Netz ends earlier than expected, we could also take the train leaving an hour earlier



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Appendix b) – List of Participants

No.	Name	Surname	Organisation	Obs
1.	Nicolas	<u>Dyevre</u>	ADEME	
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4.	Philip	<u>Sellwood</u>	EST	
5.	Tsvetomira	Kulevska	SEDA	
6.	Ognian	Markovski	SEDA	
7.	Pia	Dorfinger	DENA	
8.	Josephine	Bahr	STEM	
9.	Herbert	<u>Lechner</u>	AEA	
10.	Kerstin	<u>Schicher</u>	AEA	
11.	Shruti	Athavale	AEA	
12.	Roberta	<u>Boniotti</u>	ENEA	
13.	Anna	<u>Salama</u>	ENEA	
14.	Luis	Silva	ADENE	
15.	Rebecca	<u>van Leeuwen-Jones</u>	RVO	
16.	<u>Ramniceanu</u>	Mihai	ANRE	
17.	Mirela	<u>Plesca</u>	ANRE	
18.	Irina	Birlica	ANRE	



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