

« Fighting energy poverty: Towards a European political framework as new driver for action? »

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from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

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Registration: Free, but compulsory. Please fill in the [online registration form](#)
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After visiting over 1700 fuel poor households across Europe, the Intelligent Energy Europe project "ACHIEVE" (2011-2014), hits the limits of individual approaches to fight fuel poverty. Steps must be taken on systemic level and this conference will address the fight against fuel poverty from a European perspective: what are the current findings and manifestations of fuel poverty in the member states? Could there be a common European definition of the phenomenon, and if so what should it include? What solutions should be promoted at the European level to tackle this growing issue?

PROGRAMME

Welcome reception from 8.30

9.00 Introduction *////*

By Mr. Stéphane Buffetaut, President of the TEN Section at the European Economic and Social Committee

*The conference will be moderated by
Clémentine Forissier,
Journalist and editor in chief at CONTEXTE*

9.05 Keynote speech *////*

Mr. Werner Neumann, Head of energy department, City of Frankfurt am Main and founder of the "Energiesparservice" [To be confirmed]

9.20 Insights into fuel poverty across EU *////*

> **Facts & figures**

Ute Dubois, ISG Business School, Paris

> **Towards an EU definition of fuel poverty?**

Christine Liddell, Professor of Psychology & Distinguished Community Fellow, University of Ulster
Harriet Thomson, PhD researcher in Social Policy, University of York. Founder of EU Fuel Poverty Network

> **Questions and comments from the audience**

10.20 Lesson and limits of the EU ACHIEVE project against fuel poverty *////*

Marie Moisan, CLER, Réseau pour la transition énergétique (co-ordinator of the ACHIEVE project)

10.50 Coffee break *////*

11.10 Addressing vulnerable consumers: results and lessons learnt from Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) projects *////*

Christophe Coudun, Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME, EC)

11.20 Solutions for fuel poverty at an EU level: existing demands of the EU legislation and their implementation *////*

> **Panel debate gathering representatives of EU fuel poverty stakeholders**

Mr. Eero Ailio, Deputy Head of Unit, "Internal Market: Retail Markets Coal and Oil" at the DG Energy
Mrs. Karima Delli, Member of European Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
Mr. Pierre-Jean Coulon, member of the European Economic and Social Committee
Mr. Eric Molinié, Deputy Vice President, "Sustainable Development Division" at EDF
Mrs. Heidi Ranscombe, Consumer Futures UK (member of BEUC) [To be confirmed]
European Anti Poverty Network [To be confirmed]

> **Questions and comments from the audience**

12.40 Closing speech *////*

Mr. Neven MIMICA, EU Commissioner for Consumers Affairs [To be confirmed]

13.00 Networking reception *////*