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# **EC-LINC Energy Check for Low-Income Households**

## **Co-operation of environmental and social sectors**

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**„Since 1990 for sustainable energy production and use”**

Independent NGO

„THINK and DO” model

Topics:

energy efficiency, education, renewables, climate issues

Areas:

Research, communication, education



- Berliner Energie Agentur (Ge)
- Charitas Berlin (Ge)
- Changeworks (Sco)
- Komosie (Bg)
- E7 (Au)
- ENU (Au)
- Energiaklub (Hu)





- Funded by the IEE
- From April 2011 – February 2014
- Consultation of low income households on the rational use of energy and water

(Qualification of long-term unemployed people to energy savings advisors)

Household visits

Advice and compilation of material for follow-up projects

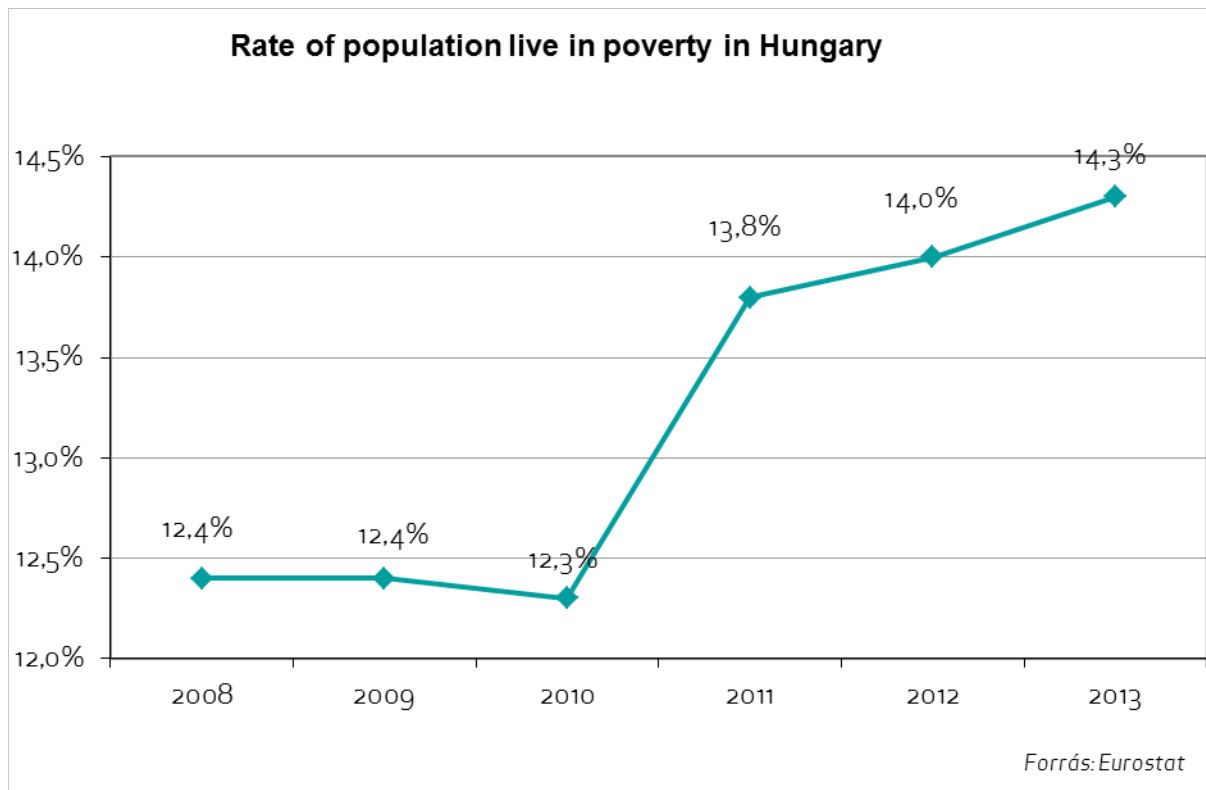


- Voluntary and free of cost on-site consultation at eye level
- Qualification and mentoring of long-term unemployed people
- Guidance on rational use of energy. Focus on behaviour + low-cost measures.
- Free installation of small energy saving devices during 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> visit
- Collection and evaluation of data on accomplished energy and water savings and further savings potential



Source: KOMOSIE vzw







- **Definition of fuel poverty is under negotiation**
- **10-21% of population (by different methodologies)**



## Fuel poverty by building types



75-80%



10-11%



9-13%



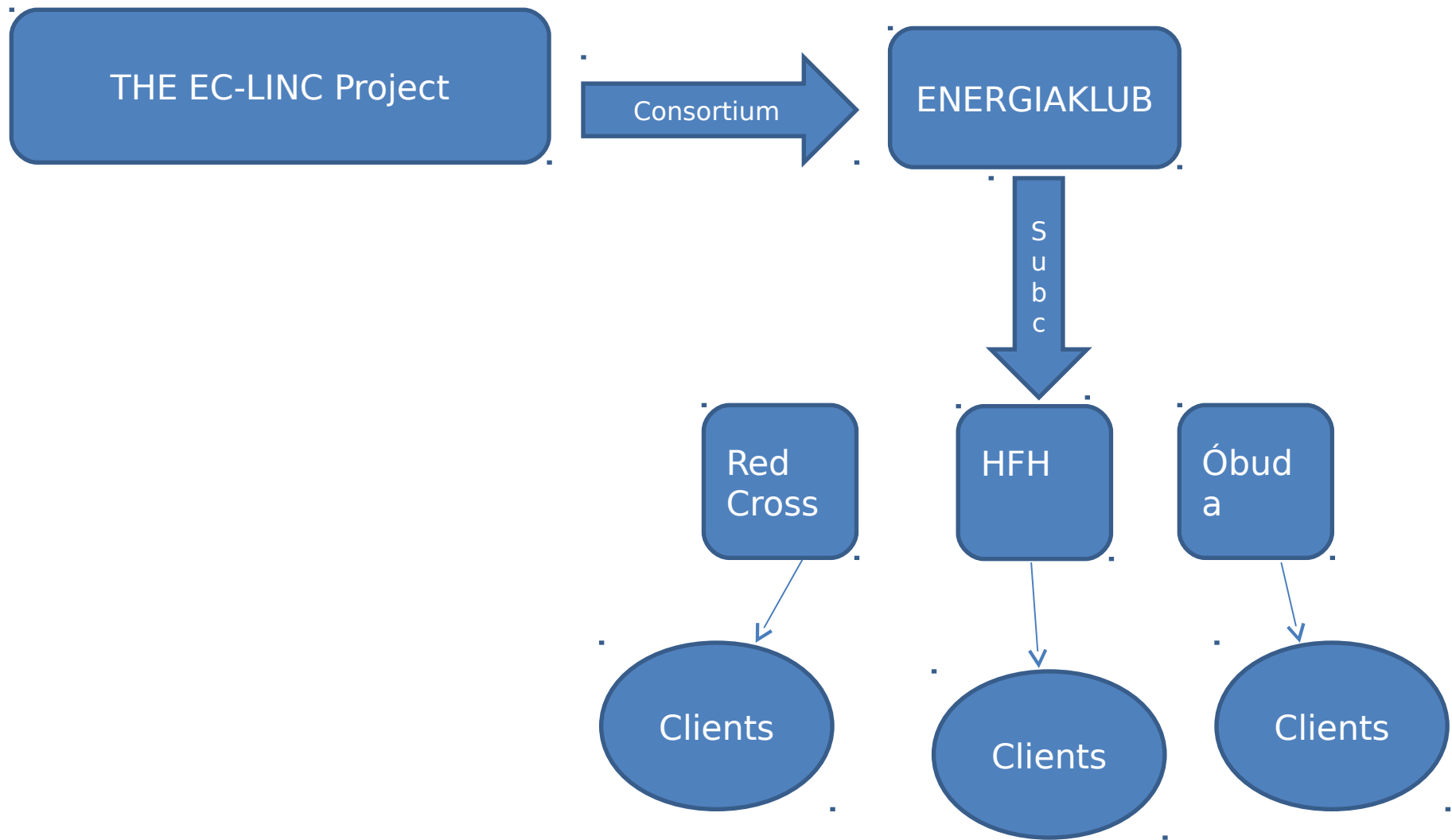


# Csekkcsökkentő

Lead partner: Energiaklub

Subcontracted partners:

- Red Cross Hungary
- Habitat for Humanity
- Municipality of Óbuda





## Who can be an energy advisor?

- Social workers
- Technical experts with high experiences with LiH

### Recruited by the subcontractor

#### Expectations:

- Taking part on the training (8/7)
- Communication skills
- Motivated to learn new knowledge





## How we started?

### Training

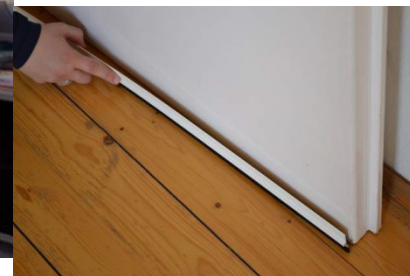
- 5 days
- Training material
- Presentations
- Discussions
- Interactive games
- Energy consultancy in practice
- Common agreement on „clients profile”





# Home energy checks

- 7 advisors trained
- Contacting and reaching the target group
- 265 households visited
- 1 visit/household submitted
- Energy saving package: radiator foil, CFL, insulation strip ...
- Database of the households





- New knowledge for social workers
- New service in social sector
- New and open target group of the energy related sector
- Active local network, easy way to reach the target group
- Realized energy savings in households
- Satisfied clients





## Satisfied clients





- „Clients were grateful and open to the information”
- „Everybody was very happy with the saving gadgets”
- „The targeted households are sensitive on energy savings, the motivation is really clear”
- „We were able to show something new about energy saving to the most conscious clients too”





- Cooperation is the main succes factor
- Involving social workers (local networks) for reaching the clients
- It fits to the social services
- Multiplier factor of the service
- Our methodology suits for low (middle-low) income households but not for people in deep poverty
- A pre-selection of the suitable target group helps the efficient project work and real savings
- Two home visits provides possibility of taiolred service



- Further specific trainings for the 7 advisors
- Encourage further inter-sectoral partnerships
- Inspiration for follow up projects
- Involving new stakeholders
- Policy recommendations
- Definition of fuel poverty in Hungary



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