



BULLETIN #02

www.getaproject.eu







UNIVERSITÀ POLITECNICA DELLE MARCHE







Co-funded by the European Union



About the Project

Project ID: 101091146

Project Duration: 01.01.2023.- 01.12.2024

The project addresses the research component through practical methods and education of rural young people vulnerable to energy poverty in their households, supporting the energy transition in rural areas located in Western Balkan. The project is foreseen to last 24 months, and it will involve 5 partners (3 (three) partners from Western Balkan (WB) and 2 (two) partners from EU).

The main goal of the Project GETA is to develop tools and new forms of training schemes to empower youth workers to become energy advisors and train rural youth to push for a smart energy transition in rural areas.

Research report on energy poverty in EU and WB

At the end of June 2023, project partners under the lead of UNIVPM, developed research report on energy poverty issues in European Union and Western Balkan countries. Read the Abstract of the Report:

"Energy poverty is an issue that considers aspects together several acting like households' income, energy costs, ability to keep the house warm, etc. This problem is gaining interest nowadays, especially due to the recent economic and geopolitical crises all over the World, Europe included. Different initiatives have been carried out so far to tackle energy poverty, but challenges that slow down the advancement of its evaluation in different countries remain. The European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) has provided in 2022 a common list of 21 indicators to assess the level of energy poverty in Europe. Nevertheless, there are still problems in its definition and measurement, especially in Western Balkans.

In this research report, a complete overview of the energy poverty issue is provided, focusing mainly on two European countries (e.g., Italy and Sweden) and two Western Balkans (e.g., Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina) that are partners of the GETA project. Starting from the definition of the 21 mostly used indicators of EPHA, some of them have been selected to measure and evaluate energy poverty in the mentioned previously Western Balkan countries according to both the characteristics and the available information coming from their remote and rural zones. Besides providing further details on energy poverty, the scope of this work is to build up the basis for the definition of the energy poverty tool and the GETA app to be developed during the project, providing reliable tools capable of assessing the energy poverty level in Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) properly, as well as a guideline on how addressing it as much as possible."

Read full Research Report <u>here</u>.



Co-funded by the European Union



News



On August 15th 2023, REIC had an opportunity to present the project GETA to the participants of the 18th Summer School, organized in Ethno Village Cardaci in Bosnia and Herzegovina, creating the great interest among the participants. The School on 'Advanced Planning of Affordable, Secure, and Sustainable Energy' gathered 18 young participants from Germany, Moldova, Turkey, Albania, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo, North Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The youth is invited to follow the project activities and potentially to join in the future events.

Events

We are ready for the International Training Course on energy poverty, that will take place in Ancona, Italy from August 27th to September 2nd 2023. UNIVPM will host 20 young professionals selected in all partners' countries: Sweden, Italy, Albania, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Read the words of one of our participants, Una Alagic from BiH:



"Due to the fact there is a constant growing need for sustainable energy solutions everywhere in the world, I believe it is crucial to acquire knowledge about the



energy transition and tools for assessing the energy poverty. This training is an ideal opportunity to get acquainted with the latest trends and innovations in this field, as well as to exchange ideas and experiences with other young advisors from different countries."