

Special Issue

Tackling Energy Poverty and Vulnerability Through Energy Efficiency

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Energy poverty affects numerous households and micro-enterprises across Europe, characterized by the inability to afford adequate domestic energy services. Such conditions are especially exacerbated in countries with lower median incomes and higher unemployment rates, which, coupled with inadequate housing conditions, further worsen the vulnerability of affected populations. To effectively tackle energy poverty and improve energy efficiency, this Special Issue addresses good practices in energy efficiency for alleviating energy poverty and compares them with income-support-related practices, while monitoring their respective dimensions. This issue, therefore, expands our understanding of poverty from a strict social issue to a broader economic and energy-related one. This Special Issue will contribute to the policy discussion in the EU and beyond on how structural solutions (such as energy efficiency) can be the key in reducing energy poverty impacts, in addition to the short-term solutions that were implemented during the energy price crisis.

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