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POVERTY WATCH KEY FINDINGS

Green Transition and Energy Poverty

Rising energy costs are jeopardizing universal access to affordable energy services. This is especially true for people living in poverty and in poorly insulated houses: they are often unable to afford to heat or cool their living space and to pay electricity bills in time. The COVID-19 lockdown increased the risk of over-consumption and left people living in poverty to make unacceptable choices between rent, electricity, gas, and food. Energy poverty is unlikely to decrease if energy services tariffs will not be affordable for all households. The EU and Member States are investing in energy-efficiency measures in response to the green transition and the climate targets of the Recovery and Resilience Facility. However, there are no clear mechanisms to prevent higher charges on household energy consumption nor equal access to tax incentives.

The green transition must be fair and inclusive to avoid a disproportionate impact on low-income households and people at risk of poverty and to ensure the right to energy for all

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