



# energy poverty at Portugal



OBSERVATORIO  
NACIONAL  
luta contra a pobreza



2016

# EUROPEAN DOMESTIC ENERGY POVERTY INDEX - EDEPI

Portugal was the fourth  
European country with lowest  
ranking (36.7)

64%

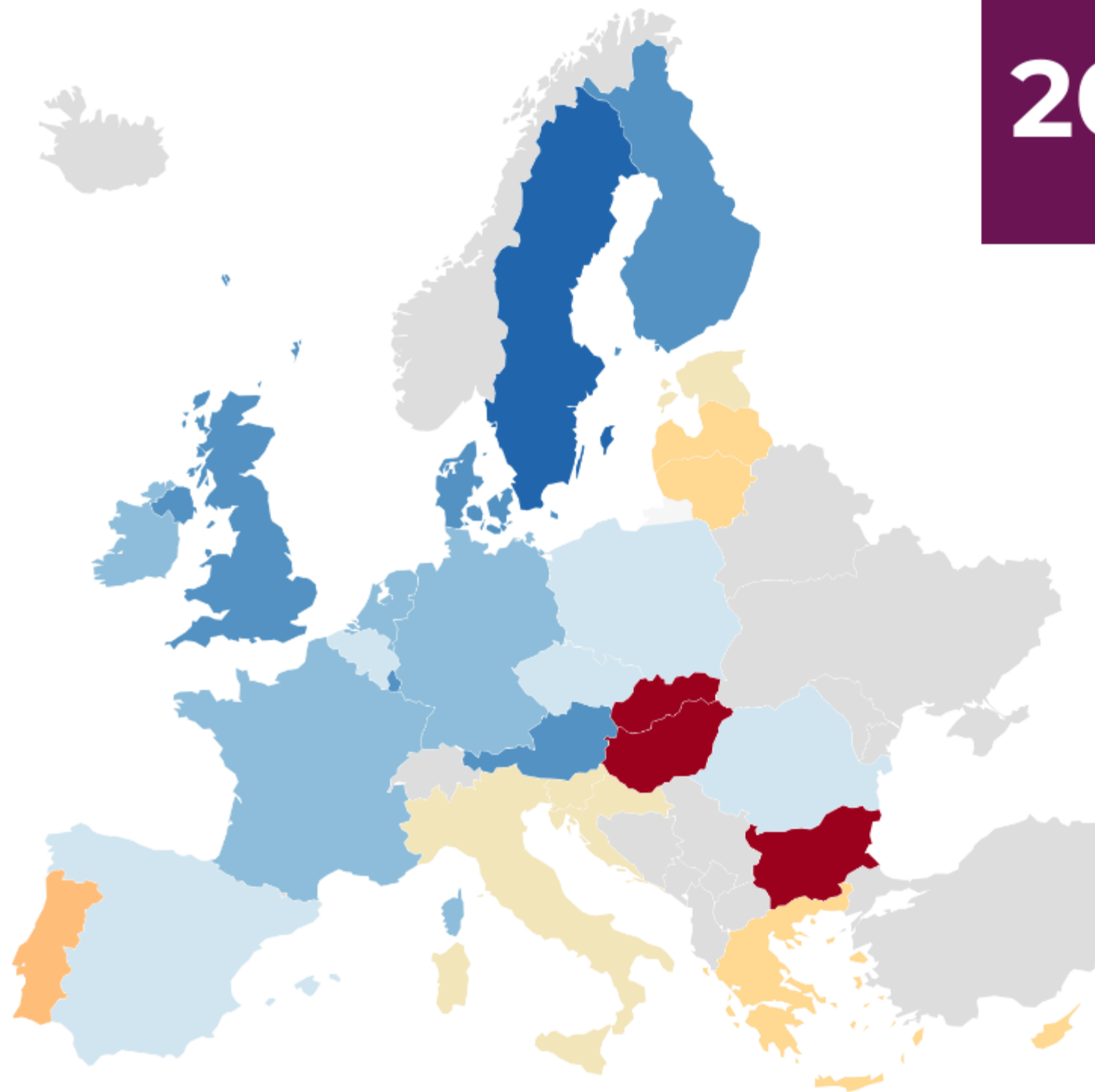
Share of 1st quintile population inable  
to keep their homes warm in winter

56%

Share of 1st quintile population living in  
homes not comfortably cool in summer

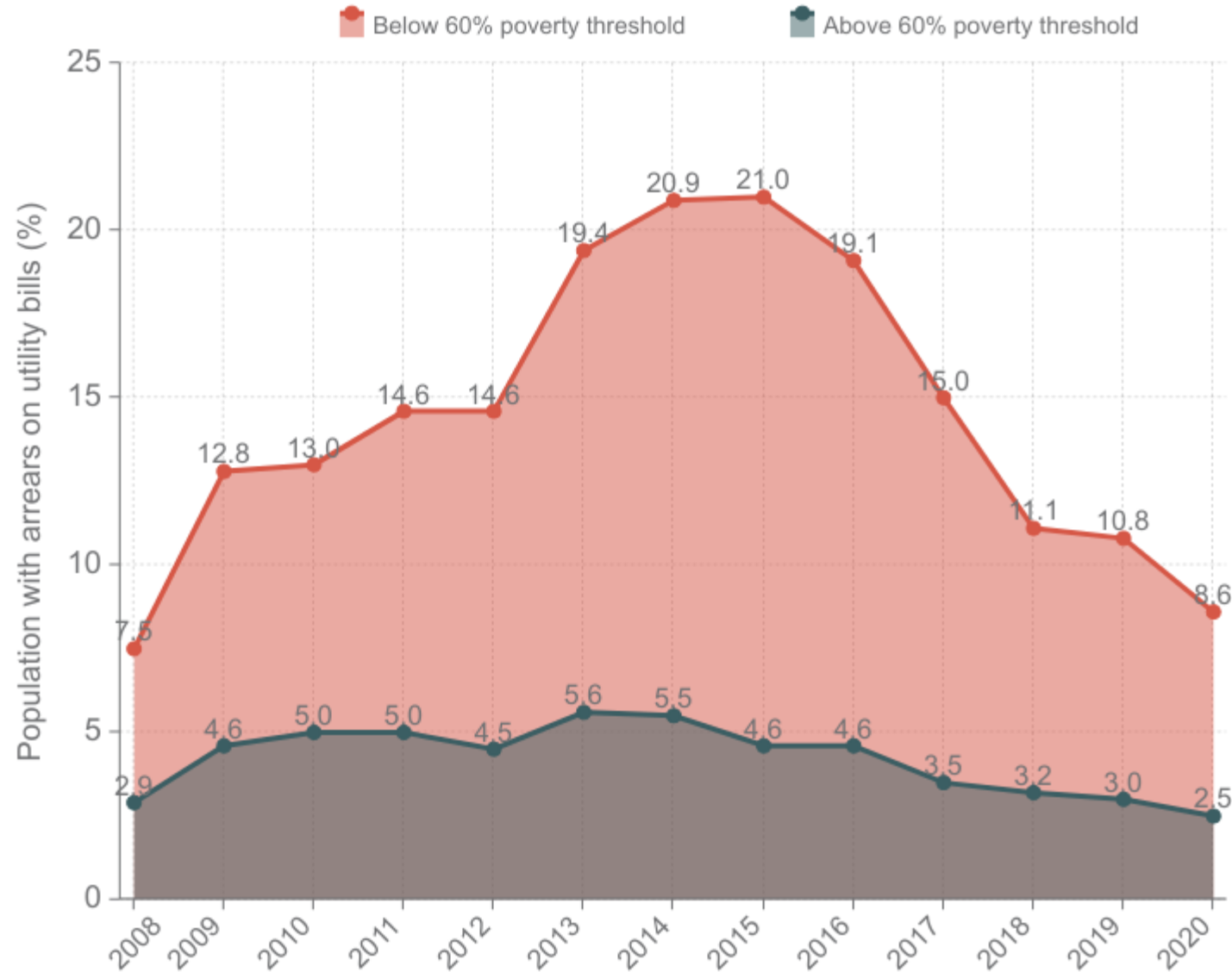
84%

Share of 1st income quintile population  
living in leaking homes





# Arrears on utility bills



**There is a "normalization" of cold. People would rather dress with layers than turning the heating on**

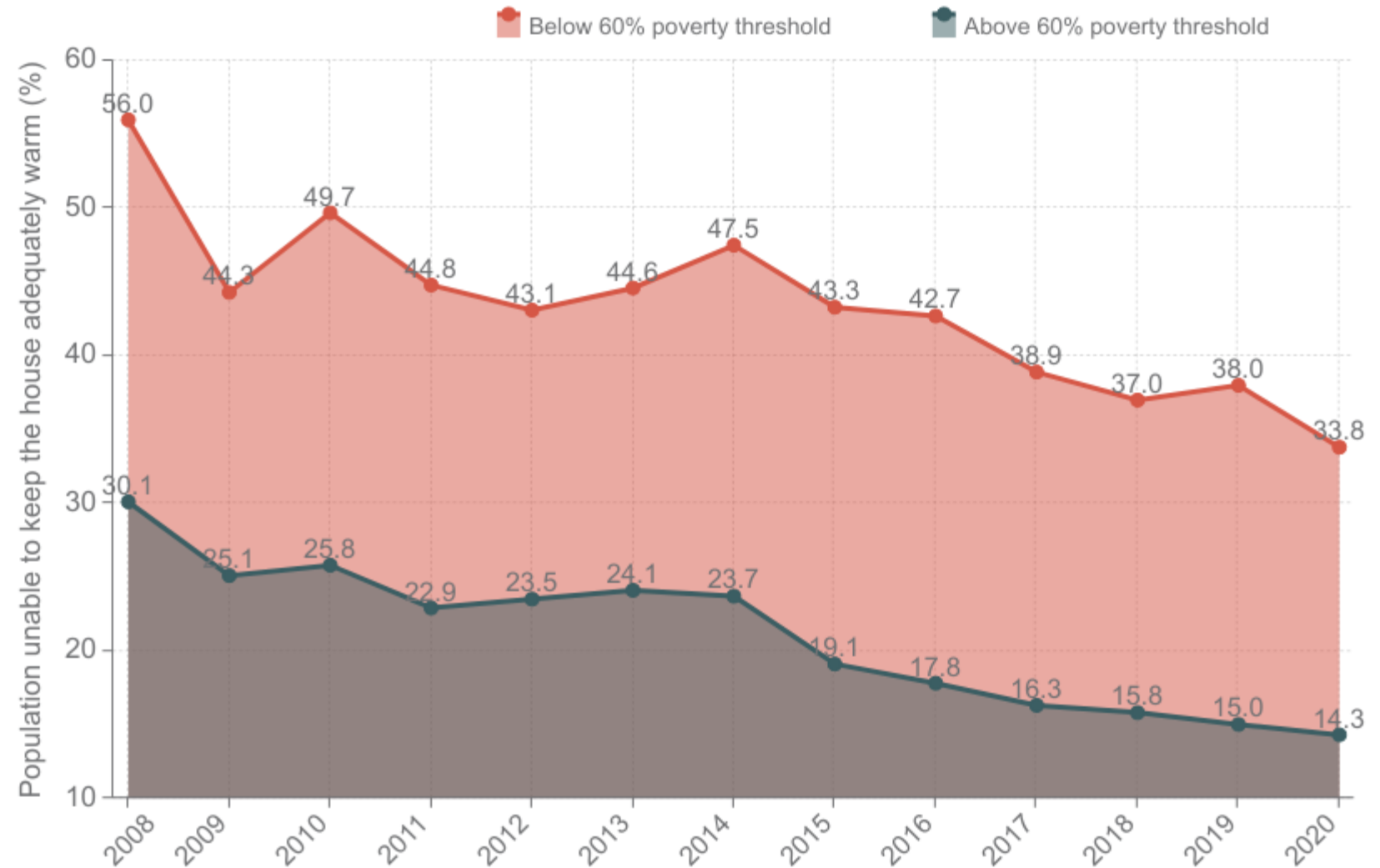
# Population unable to keep house adequately warm



Elderly population below poverty  
threshold at higher risk:

- 50,9 % single adult
- 38,7% two adults

- About 69,5% houses in Portugal have low energetic efficiency ( C - F rank )





## The National Long-Term Strategy to end energy poverty (2021-2050)

*Framed within the RRP*

*Is a good document and provides a good picture and diagnosis of the situation of energy poverty and of energy efficiency of the housing stock in the country.*

### Program "Vale Eficiência"

*Aims to "deliver 100,000 "efficiency vouchers" to economically vulnerable families by 2025, worth €1,300 plus VAT each, so that they can invest in improving the thermal comfort of their home.*

*It does not fully address the problem...*

*At the present phase, it aims to deliver 20,000 vouchers (out of 8 000 applications, 1 000 vouchers have been already delivered).*



**National  
policy on  
energy  
poverty**



# How EAPN Portugal is tackling energy poverty

## EAPN Portugal "Ecology and Poverty" working group:

EAPN Portugal together with this group responded to the public consultation on the National Strategy to fight energy poverty.

## EAPN Portugal is currently working with DECO in order to organize sessions for vulnerable people that aim to:

- inform and help consumers to improve energy efficiency at their homes;
- manage their energy consumption;
- understand how the energy market works;
- to support mechanisms in situations of energy poverty;





# Thank you for your attention!

Contact for further questions:

Cátia Santos - [catia.santos@eapn.pt](mailto:catia.santos@eapn.pt)