

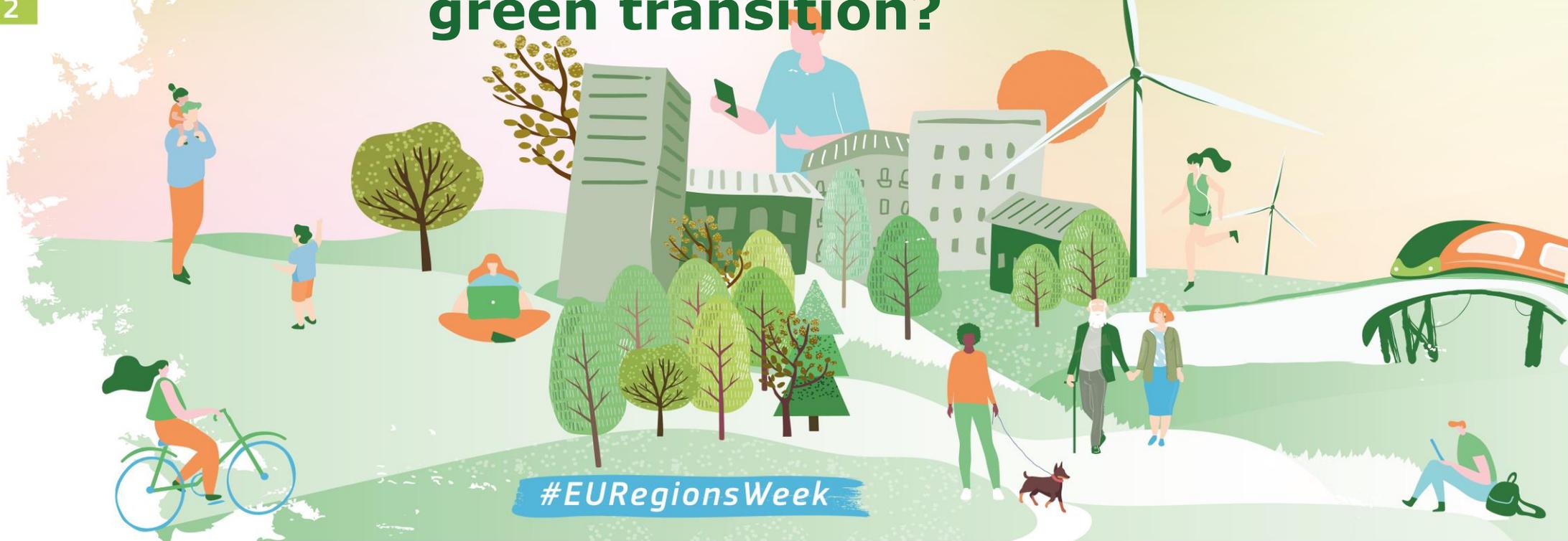


EUROPEAN WEEK OF
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

New Challenges for
Europe's Cohesion

European Anti-Poverty Network: can we assess social justice in the green transition?





EUROPEAN WEEK OF
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

New Challenges for Europe's Cohesion

Why does it matter?

- **Over 50 million Europeans were already living in energy poverty before the current crisis**
- **A combination of structural causes, such as income inequality, inadequate housing and unfair energy prices, results in:**
 - disproportionate expenditure of disposable income on energy and risk of indebtedness – to the detriment of other essential expenses;
 - drastic reduction of energy consumption to avoid high bills, which affects physical/mental health and full participation in society;
 - they are left out of the transition towards clean energy as they are currently locked into fossil gas infrastructure.

What is at stake?

- **Structural measures versus emergency plans**
- **Welfare state failing the vulnerable**
- **Intersectionality**
- **Accessibility to decent housing and affordable clean energy for all (e.g. residential heating and transport)**
- **Accessibility to quality green jobs for all**

#EURegionsWeek





EUROPEAN WEEK OF
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

**New Challenges for
Europe's Cohesion**

How we use data

- **Energy poverty is a multidimensional phenomenon, thus quantitative indicators must be complemented by qualitative data:**
 - **work intensity, AROPE, SMD, EU Labour Force Survey (EU-LFS) and EU SILC**
 - **educational disadvantage, access to essential services, gender mainstreaming (e.g. budgeting and policy) data gaps (e.g. racial justice), local context and specific needs / use of resources of target groups**



People's lived experiences, national data on barriers and promising practices through consultation processes (written questionnaire/focus group discussion) with the EU Inclusion Strategies Group and people experiencing poverty.

#EURegionsWeek





EUROPEAN WEEK OF
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

**New Challenges for
Europe's Cohesion**

An example: EAPN Poverty Watch

- **National Poverty Watches in the context of multi-dimensional crises: Terms of Reference and Template**
- **Disaggregation of data per country/thematic area/demands of people living in poverty and networks' actions and related impact**
- **Integration of the results of the preparatory work for the EU Pep meeting**
- **Key messages and Recommendations**
- **1710 Campaign at EU and national level**
- **Launch of the EU Poverty Watch report**
- **Solid basis for the European Semester and European Pillar of Social Rights' implementation process**

#EURegionsWeek





EUROPEAN WEEK OF
REGIONS & CITIES

2003 - 2022

**New Challenges for
Europe's Cohesion**

Availability of data is crucial but many challenges remain:

- **Purpose of indicators: monitoring (unmet needs, structural causes or drivers) / policy outcomes → benefits for the users**
- **Inconsistent collection and use of comparable disaggregated and equality data**
- **Distributional impact assessments are not systematic**
- **Replicability of local/national promising practices**
- **Measurable redistributive mechanisms receive little attention**
- **At EU level, the European Semester and the revised social scoreboard are supposed to monitor the achievements of poverty targets**
- **We cannot measure poverty only: inequality is a key determinant of poverty impact on target groups but it is not all about income inequality**

#EURegionsWeek





**If you wish to stay in touch:
Sabrina Iannazzone
*Policy and Advocacy Officer, EAPN EU***



**Email: sabrina.iannazzone@eapn.eu
Tel No: 0032 491 31 03 20**

Thank you!

**New Challenges for
Europe's Cohesion**

