Our energy system isn’t working

50 million Europeans cannot afford to keep their homes warm in the winter
100 million Europeans cannot keep their homes cool in the summer
7 million Europeans receive disconnection notices every year

Our energy system is wasteful, polluting and unfair. Due to high costs, low incomes and low-quality housing, millions of Europeans cannot adequately heat or cool their homes. Energy poverty impacts the most vulnerable first: the elderly, children, people living with chronic disease, and single-parent households (80% of them headed by women).

On May 23-26, we will be electing new representatives in the EU Parliament, the voice of citizens in Brussels. We are calling on candidates to take action on energy poverty: to enforce the right to clean, affordable energy and decent housing for all, cut emissions, and create quality local jobs at the same time.

Access to clean, affordable energy is a human right. To enforce this right, disconnections must be banned: they are a harsh and extreme procedure that can be life-threatening.

With increases in energy prices, bills are a heavier burden for low-income households, who already pay proportionately more for energy. Financial support must be provided as an immediate solution.

Million of Europeans live in indecent homes, that waste energy, inflate energy bills, and contribute to climate change. Massive renovation programmes would provide decent housing for all, cut energy bills and emissions.

Local community energy projects alleviate energy poverty by enabling energy savings and through solidarity initiatives. Everyone should have the opportunity to take ownership of the energy transition.

Access to clean affordable energy is a human right. Let’s make it a reality!

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