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# How can we alleviate energy poverty among consumers?

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#### **ENERGY POVERTY: WHERE DO WE STAND?**

Energy crisis sparked a general cost-of-living crisis

Both linked to, but also distinct from this crisis, is that of energy poverty

Energy poverty is multi-faceted: covers energy, social, health & housing policy



#### WHAT CAN ENERGY LEGISLATION DO? 1



Maintain protections in the trilogues (autumn 2023)

Electricity Market Design



Bill deferrals and flexible payment plans, made available and communicated



Protect consumers regardless of how they heat their homes (gas, electricity, district heating...)



Promote energy sharing and ensure vulnerable consumers have access



#### WHAT CAN ENERGY LEGISLATION DO? 2

Energy Efficiency Dir.

Energy Performance of Buildings Dir.

- Simplify renovations through one stop shops, targeted EE schemes and share best practices\*
- Energy Performance of Buildings Directive: Maintain ambition in Minimum Energy Performance Standards and ensure consistent Energy Performance Certificates

<sup>\*</sup> E.g. tripartite contracts, as reported under the H2020 CLEAR-X project, see Eco Fund (Slovenia)



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