



Conference  
**Energy Poverty in the South-East Europe**

Hosted by MEP Davor Škrlec  
and  
[REACH](#) project partners

European Parliament  
Room: ASP A1G3  
June 1<sup>st</sup> 2016

Dear Sir/Madame,

We are hereby inviting you to **participate in the conference on the topic of energy poverty in the EU Parliament in Bruxelles (room ASP A1G3) to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2016 between 13:00 and 15:00.**

It is estimated that in the South East European countries more than 30 % of households struggle with energy poverty. Regional differences play a significant role in the prevalence and characteristics of energy poverty. In order to bring these specifics of the South East Europe into the EU-wide debate on energy poverty, we would like to invite you to take part in the conference '**Energy Poverty in the South East Europe**'. We would like this debate to be inclusive to all key stakeholders, gathering members of the EU Parliament, scientists and experts dealing with energy poverty issues, as well as representatives of civil society.

Participation in the conference is free. Please register to participate in the conference [here](#).

This event is organised as one of key activities undertaken within the project REACH ([www.reach-energy.eu](http://www.reach-energy.eu)), which is implemented in Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia. Main aim of project REACH is to contribute to energy poverty abatement at practical and structural level.

We hope you will recognise the importance of the topic and take part in this event in the European Parliament. For all the questions you may have, please contact [slavica.robic@door.hr](mailto:slavica.robic@door.hr).

Kind regards, on behalf of REACH project team,

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## Program of the event

Topic	Speaker	Time
Gathering and registration of participants		12:30 - 13:00
Introduction and moderation	Vladimir Cvijanović, economist, independent researcher and Alternate at the European Economic and Social Committee	13:00 – 13:05
Welcome speeches	Davor Škrlec, MEP Maja Božičević Vrhovčak, Executive Director, DOOR	13:05 - 13:15
<b>Energy poverty in the South-East Europe: the specificities of the region</b>		
Showing of video testimonials	Short videos filmed in Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia	13:20- 13:25
Project REACH	Results, findings and recommendations Lidija Živčić, Focus, Slovenia, REACH Project Manager	13:25- 13:45
<b>Panel debate: Reflections of different stakeholders on the proposed policy recommendations</b> What are key issues for defining energy poverty in SEE region? What are key specificities of the region? How to address them in the EU-wide policies and measures?		
Panelists:		13:50- 15:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Davor Škrlec, MEP - Croatia</li> <li>• Tanja Fajon, MEP* - Slovenia</li> <li>• Sergey Stanishev, MEP* - Bulgaria</li> <li>• Oscar Guinea, DG Energy</li> <li>• Stefan Bouzarovski, University of Manchester</li> <li>• Slavica Robić, DOOR</li> </ul>		

\* To be confirmed