



Catalysing Inclusive Representative Equitable Energy ReNOvation WavE

Welcome to the first IRENE Newsletter, where you will discover the latest updates on our work to promote **energy-efficient renovations** and tackle energy poverty across Europe.

Since the project's launch in September 2025, the consortium has been actively engaging with **stakeholders** in the pilot cities of Vilvoorde, Leuven, Madrid, and Vilnius. Key activities have included establishing **Energy Justice Hubs**, conducting interviews to identify knowledge gaps, and participating in national and international events to raise awareness of the project.

Recently, IRENE attended the **LIFE CET Energy Poverty Contractors' Meeting** (19th-20th May 2026), where it was highlighted as a good practice in project communication. Keep reading to learn more about the project progress!

LATEST NEWS

Energy renovation subsidies can worsen social vulnerability if not reformed

An academic study warns that public subsidies for energy renovation can have adverse social effects if they are not properly coordinated with tax and social protection systems.



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IRENE meets in Vilvoorde to move forward with project implementation

IRENE held a consortium meeting on 11th and 12th March 2026 in Vilvoorde, Belgium.



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IRENE holds the first Informative Session of 2026 in Madrid's Puerto Chico Neighbourhood

IRENE held its fourth information session in Madrid's Puerto Chico neighbourhood on 22nd January, bringing together residents and experts.



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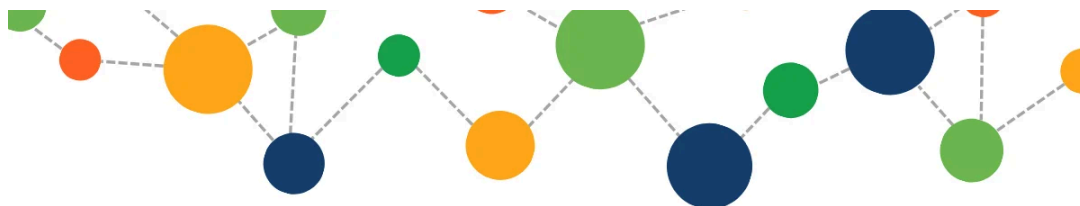
New LIFE Project launches to drive inclusive energy renovations across Europe

IRENE's kick-off meeting marks the start of a new LIFE initiative supporting vulnerable households in multi-apartment buildings.



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MULTI-ACTOR HUB



Invitation to Join IRENE's Multi-actor Hub

Catalysing Inclusive, Representative, Equitable Energy Renovation Wave

-  Promote your projects and activities to target groups. Share knowledge, best practices, and ideas.
-  Connect with stakeholders and identify synergies to increase impact, visibility, and replicability.
-  Stay updated on funding opportunities, news, and events.
-  Find, join and build new consortia and apply for funding opportunities in the Energy renovation area.
-  Share your views and ideas for a just Energy Transition in Europe.



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Empowering Member States to Combat
Energy Poverty



Deploying collective self retrofit practice
to lower cost of deep energy retrofit in
multifamily buildings

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS **#EULIFE2026**



The LIFE Programme has launched its 2026 Calls for proposals, offering €601.5 million to transformative projects in:

- ✓ Biodiversity restoration
- ✓ Circular economy innovations
- ✓ Climate resilience solutions
- ✓ Renewable energy initiatives

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LIFE Clean Energy Transition (LIFE-2026-CET) Call is now open

⚡ European households continue to spend a **high share of their income on energy**, leading to higher rates of energy poverty and negatively affecting living conditions, well-being and health.

🔧 Increasing the uptake of building renovation measures, including cooling solutions, can bring significant long-term benefits to **energy-poor households**, and lead to lower energy bills, improved living conditions and health, as well as

improving social inclusion. Efforts should focus on offering support to overcome barriers to the uptake of renovation measures in residential multi-apartment buildings requiring coordinated action amongst homeowners and tenants, as well as supporting relevant actors, including diverse public authorities, in designing longer-term strategies and coordination frameworks to mitigate energy poverty at different governance levels.

 Proposals under this topic should demonstrate how they will contribute to:

- **Scope A:** Policy and coordination support to public authorities and stakeholders
- **Scope B:** Facilitating residential multi-apartment building renovation

 **Deadline:** 16th September 2026

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