**Engaging Stakeholders to Overcome Energy Poverty**

**Project Description**

Energy poverty is a pressing global challenge that affects millions of households. It is commonly defined as a situation in which households cannot afford to meet their basic energy needs for cooking, heating, cooling, and lighting. Households that spend more than 10% of their income on energy are considered energy poor.

This issue is exacerbated by rising energy prices, shrinking disposable household income, and climate change. As energy prices continue to increase, more families are unable to afford to warm and cool their homes. Shrinking household disposable income further compounds this problem, leaving families with no money to pay their energy bills. Climate change also plays a role, as extreme weather conditions make it more difficult for energy-poor households to keep their homes warm in the winter and cool in the summer, with devastating consequences for their health, safety, and well-being.

In response to this serious social challenge, this project is being proposed as part of the **ERASMUS call for Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices**. The objective of the project is to reinforce the capacity of key stakeholders, including local governments, energy authorities, journalists, community organizations involved in social work, and households on how to address energy poverty. Furthermore, the project will facilitate the collaboration of stakeholders in the battle against energy poverty by establishing partnerships and building a network of individuals and organizations dedicated to addressing this critical social challenge.

In line with our goal and general objectives, this project intends to achieve the following specific objectives:

* To strengthen the capacity of energy authorities to formulate and implement effective policies and strategies to address energy poverty.
* To deliver training to local governments on the diagnosis of energy poverty and the implementation of effective interventions.
* To conduct introductory training on energy poverty and increase awareness among journalists about the issue.
* To build the capacity of social workers, enabling them to provide better support to households that are vulnerable to or experiencing energy poverty.
* To facilitate the sharing of knowledge and best practices on energy poverty among participants.

**Project Approach**

The project will consist of a series of trainings designed to provide participants with the knowledge and skills they need to combat energy poverty in their communities. These trainings will give attendees with a thorough grasp of the concept, and implications of energy poverty, as well as the tools and resources required to analyze and alleviate its effects.

**Project Timeline**

The project will be implemented over a period of two years.

**Project Budget**

The total budget for the project is 400.000 EURO. The budget will be allocated to cover the expenses associated with training, travel, and materials.

**Project target group**

households, Local governments, energy authorities, social workers, and journalists,

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| **Work packages** | **Budget** |
| **Work package 1: project management**  | **Brief description**  | **80,0000** |
| Task 1 Meeting 1 | Introduction and kick off meeting  |
| Task 2 Developing a project plan  | To develop a clear plan for the project team to follow, including work division and schedule. |
| Task 3 Developing a communication plan  | To establish communication channels to keep the project team well-informed.  |
| Task 4 & M&E , and risk plan preparation  | This task involves preparing a risk plan that outlines potential risks and their impact on the project, as well as strategies to mitigate or avoid them. |
| Task 5 collaboration of code of conduct  | to create a code of conduct that sets forth the behavioral and ethical expectations for team members during the project |
| Task 6 ethics, privacy, and data protection regulations  | involves ensuring compliance with ethics, privacy, and personal data protection regulations for the project.  |
| **Work package 2: discovering depth of energy poverty and training module design**  | **50,000** |
| Task 1 survey  | Identify the knowledge and skill levels of target participants on energy poverty, and environment they are living in.  |
| Task 2 Evaluation | Evaluation of the survey conducted among the participants of the project |
| Task 3 Report  | Reporting the evaluation outcome of the survey |
| Task 4 Training module design | To prepare training & workshop modules for different target groups based on their current condition and understanding of energy poverty.  |
| Task 5 Meeting 2 | Assessment of Work Package 2: Analysis of Strengths and Weaknesses |
| **Work package 3 website development and content creation**  | **80,000** |
| Task 1 web designing |  Designing the websites’ front and back-end infrastructure |
| Task 2 web development  | Building the website to bring the design to life and ensure that it functions properly |
| Task 3 Testing the website  | Testing the website to check that it works properly, is user-friendly, and satisfies the goals of the project. |
| Task 4 website deployment  | Operationalizing/Publishing the website to a live server and making it accessible to the public |
| Task 5 Content creation  | Creating training modules and notes.  |
| Task 6 Meeting 3 | Evaluation of Work Package 3: Analysis and Review |
| **Work package 4: series of Trainings**  | **100,000** |
| Task 1: Training for local governments, social workers, and media | To deliver conceptual training and workshops on energy poverty to key stakeholders |
| Task 2: Training for households | To offer training, workshops, and awareness about energy poverty to a sample of energy-poor households. |
| Task 3: Evaluation and assessment  | To assess the impact of the training series on the participants |
| Task 4 Meeting 4 |  Assessing the Effectiveness of the methods of instructions |
| **Work package 5: Integrated training and workshops**  | **40,000** |
| Task 1 facilitate trainings  | To facilitate training by bringing together all relevant stakeholders (energy poor households, local governments, social workers, and media)  |
| Task 2 exchange of ideas  | Facilitate exchange of ideas and knowledge transfer and best practices on energy poverty among participants. |
| Task 3 Meeting 5  | Assessing integrated training process and effectiveness of exchange ideas among the participants  |
| **Work package 6: Dissemination and Sustainability** | **50,000** |
| Task 1 disseminating deliverables (evaluation reports, curriculum, notes and training materials, videos, photos, press release, etc.)  | Publishing deliverables of WPS (wp1-wp5) |
| Task 2 disseminating milestones (completing all work packages)  | Publishing milestones of WPS (wp1-wp5) |
| Task 3 Final meeting 6: project evaluation and conclusion  | General assessment of the project and discussion for further collaborations  |