



Member State Report Slovakia

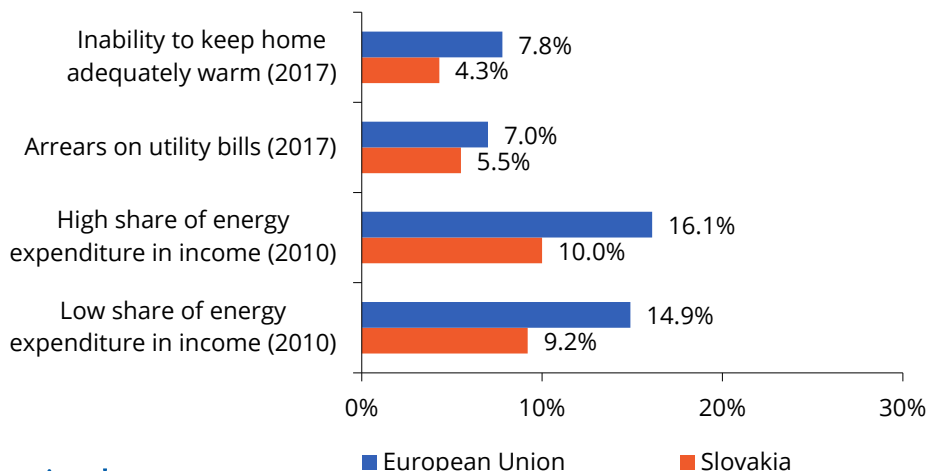
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This Member State Report of the EU Energy Poverty Observatory (EPOV) provides an overview of the energy poverty situation in Slovakia at a glance. With key indicators, policies, and publications, it offers an understanding of the key aspects of energy poverty in Slovakia.

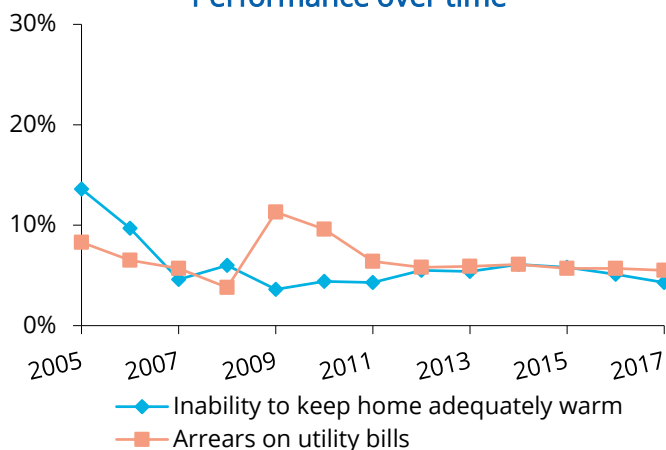
Slovakia performs better than the EU average on the household-reported indicators. 4.3% of households were unable to keep the home adequately warm in 2017, and 5.5% were in arrears on utility bills.

Slovakia is also better than the EU average for the expenditure-based indicators. 10.0% of households spend more than twice the median on energy, and 9.2% spend less than half the median.

Performance relative to EU average*



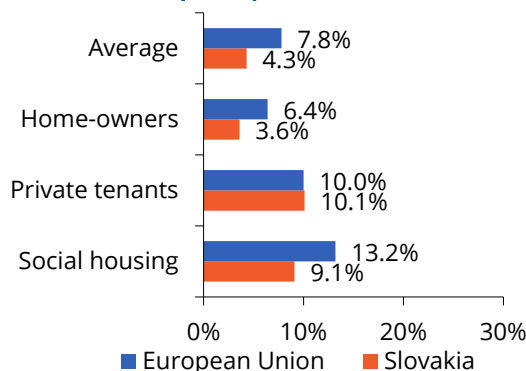
Performance over time*



In Slovakia, the percentage of households unable to keep the home adequately warm decreased from 14% in 2005 to 4% in 2009 and has been quite stable since. The number of households in arrears on utility bills has also been relatively stable with the exception of a drastic increase in 2009, which may be due to the inclusion of an additional answer category in the survey.

Disaggregated data of the household-reported indicators suggest that energy poverty in Slovakia is a larger problem for those that rent their dwellings. In addition, data points to semi-detached housing as being the most susceptible dwelling type.

Inability to keep home adequately warm (2017)*

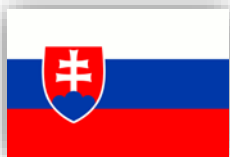


About the EU Energy Poverty Observatory

The EU Energy Poverty Observatory (EPOV) is an initiative by the European Commission to help Member States in their efforts to combat energy poverty. It exists to improve the measuring, monitoring and sharing of knowledge and best practice on energy poverty. EPOV has been developed by a consortium of 13 organisations. This report was authored by Navigant.

*Household-reported indicators taken from Eurostat [here](#) and [here](#) on April 16, 2019. Expenditure-based indicators calculated by EPOV based on HBS data. Disaggregated data of household-reported indicators calculated by EPOV based on Eurostat provided data.

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In Slovakia, a tradition of research on energy poverty is not yet established. Publications that study topics related to energy poverty are mainly regional analyses.

The approach to reduce energy poverty in Slovakia is mainly through social support measures. The *Assistance in case of material distress* program provides general income support to low-income households to cover living expenses such as energy and heating costs.

In addition, there are multiple programs that could potentially assist energy poor households, even though they do not specifically target these groups. Large-scale renovation efforts to improve the energy efficiency of apartment buildings include the *MunSEFF* and *SlovSEFF* programs. The *Operational Programme Environment* provides financial assistance for a broad spectrum of measures, including energy efficiency and renewable heat. The *Green for households* measure provides financial assistance to households to install small renewable energy installations.

Finally, some policies facilitate households in the improvement of their energy situation. The *Live Energy* measure provides households with free advice on energy efficiency and renewable energy, and the *Price Calculator* allows households to compare the electricity and gas prices of different suppliers, facilitating the switch to a more affordable supplier.

Selected measures	Type of measure	Organisation	Target groups
MunSEFF	Building insulation, Heating system, Renewable energy	National government, Regional government, Local government	Apartment buildings
SlovSEFF	Building insulation, Heating system, Renewable energy	National government	Apartment buildings
Operational Programme Environment	Building insulation, Heating system, Renewable energy	National government	No specific target group
Green for households	Heating system, Renewable energy	National government	No specific target group
Price calculator	Information and awareness	Regulator	No specific target group
Live Energy	Information and awareness	National government	No specific target group
Assistance in case of material distress	Social support	National government	Low-income households

Selected Publications

- Gray, D. (1995) [Reforming the Energy Sector in Transition Economies: Selected Experience and Lessons](#)
- Fankhauser, S. and Tepic, S. (2007) [Can poor consumers pay for energy and water? An affordability analysis for transition countries](#)

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