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Energy poverty and energy sufficiency policies in the MURE database

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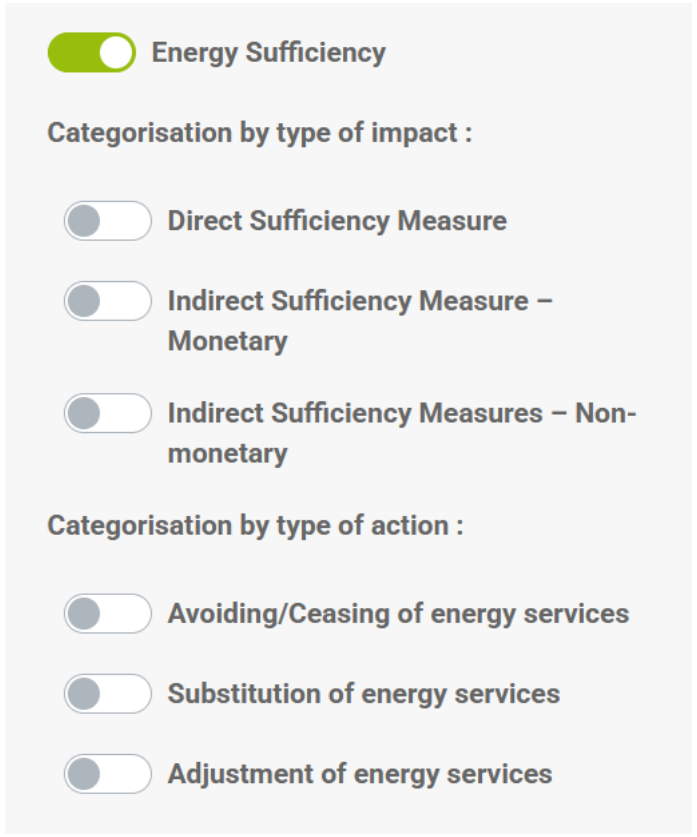
Energy poverty

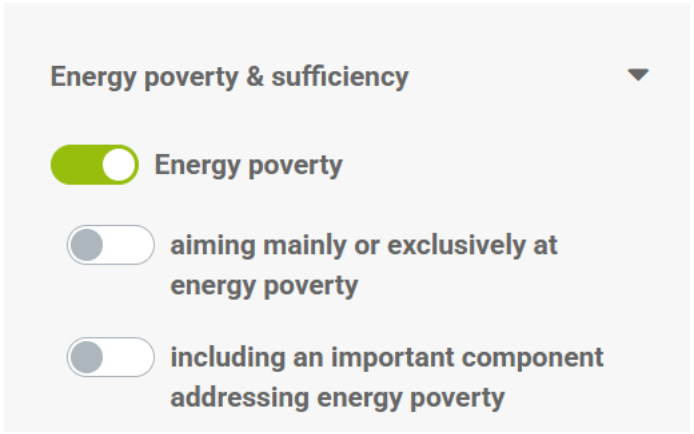
- A household's lack of access to essential energy services, where such services provide basic levels and decent standards of living and health
- Measures against energy poverty: may include dedicated energy assistance programs, subsidies for energy-efficient appliances for low-income households or vulnerable groups, higher grant rates for low-income households in general renovation programs.

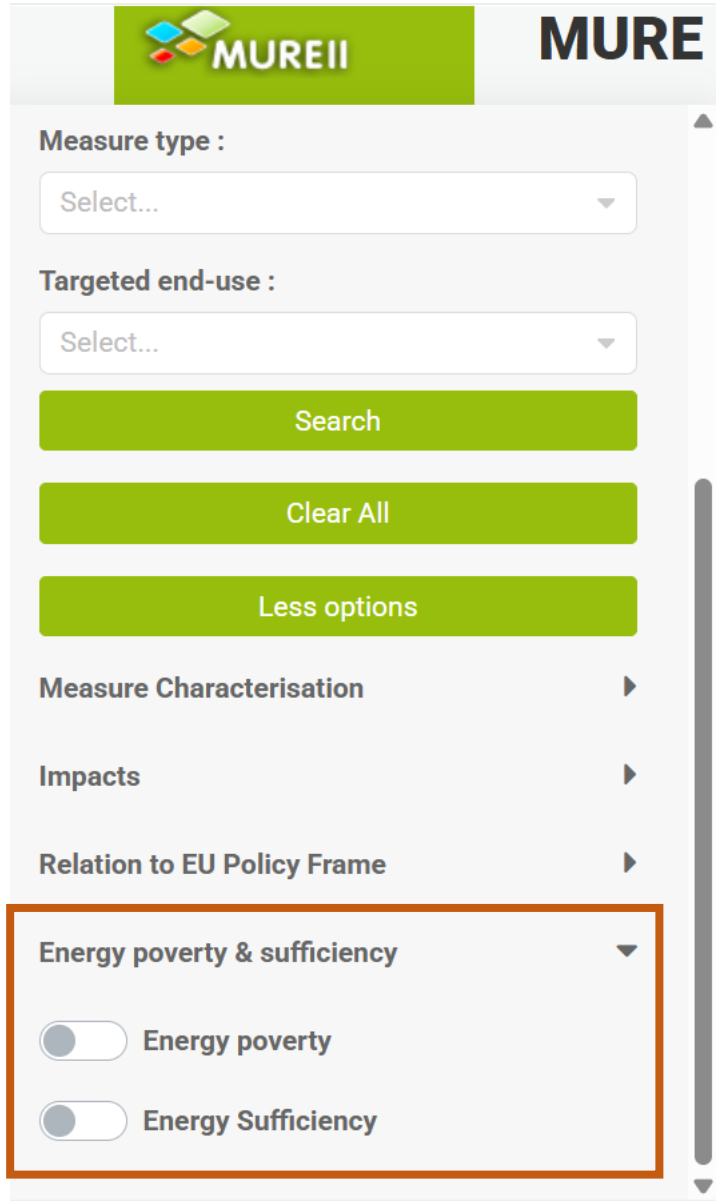
Energy sufficiency

- A state in which people's basic needs for energy services are met equitably and ecological limits are respected.
- Sufficiency actions: **reduce energy demand**, to take us towards the energy sufficiency state, whilst at the same time **changing the quantity or quality of the energy services demanded** in a sustainable way and not below people's basic needs.

Energy poverty and sufficiency

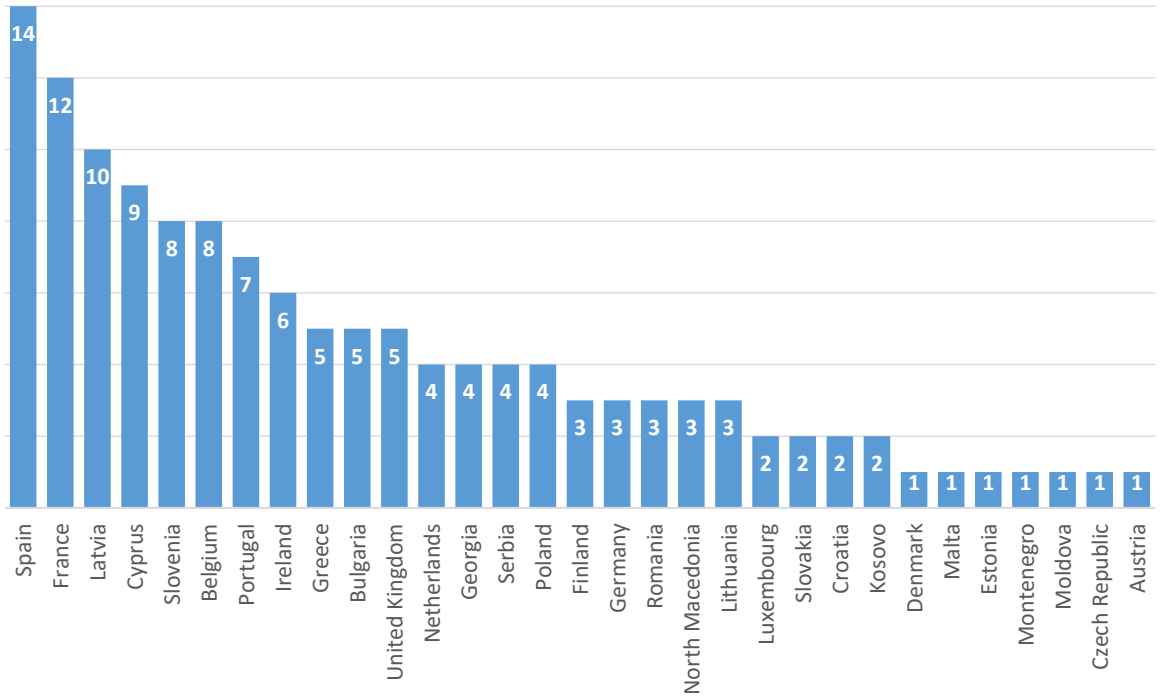






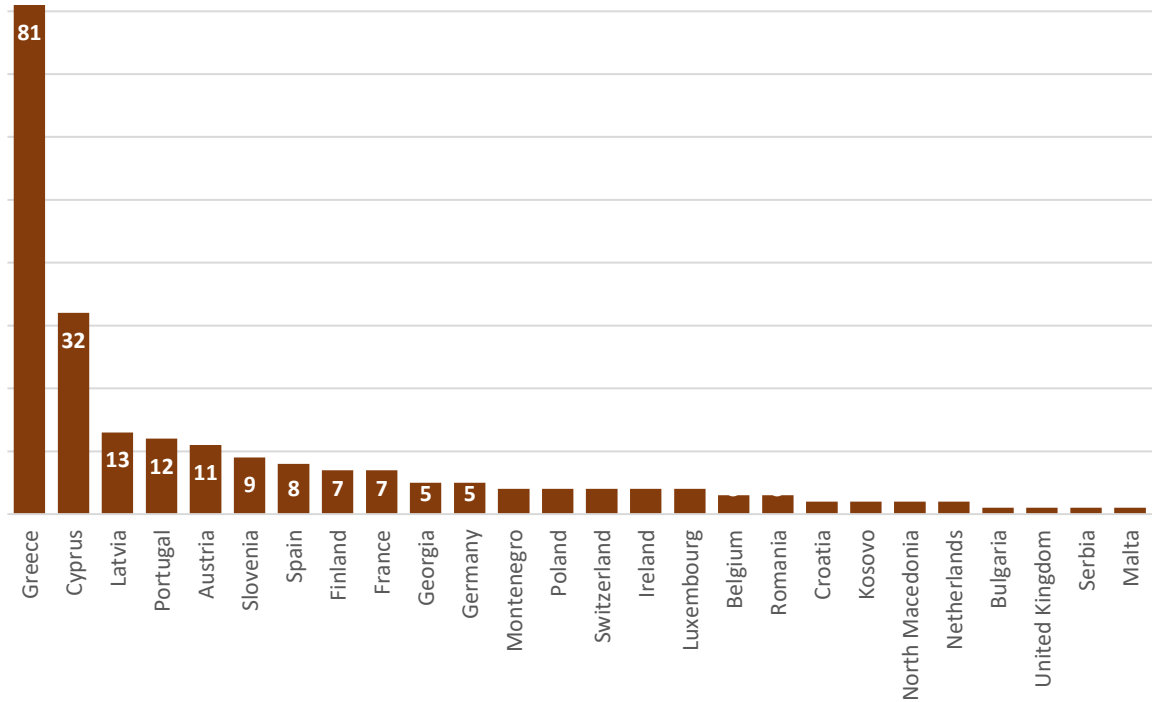
Reported measures

Energy poverty



135 measures from 31 countries

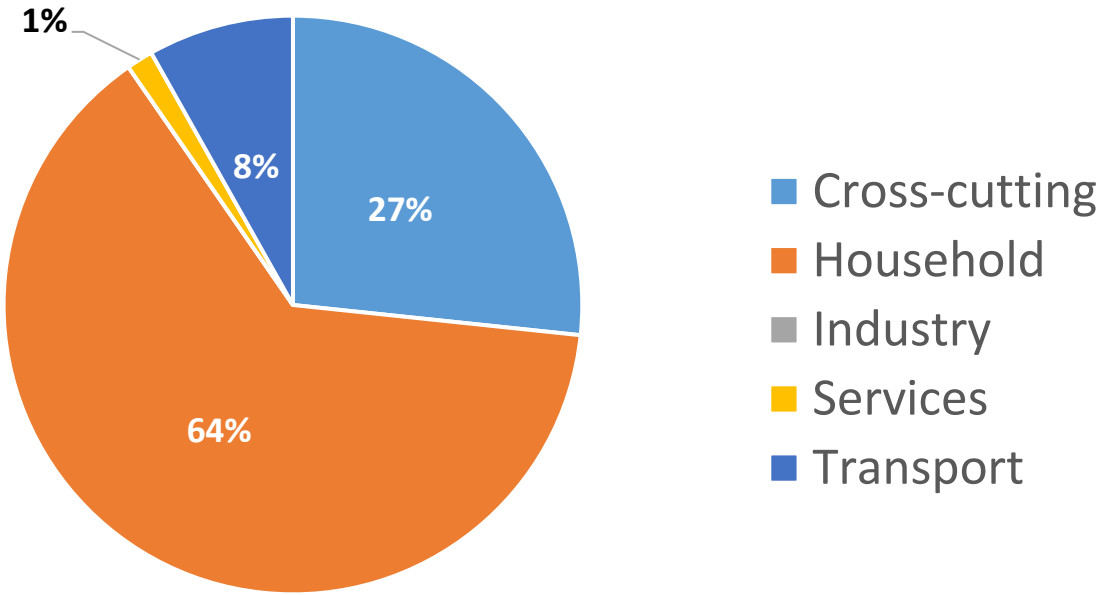
Energy sufficiency



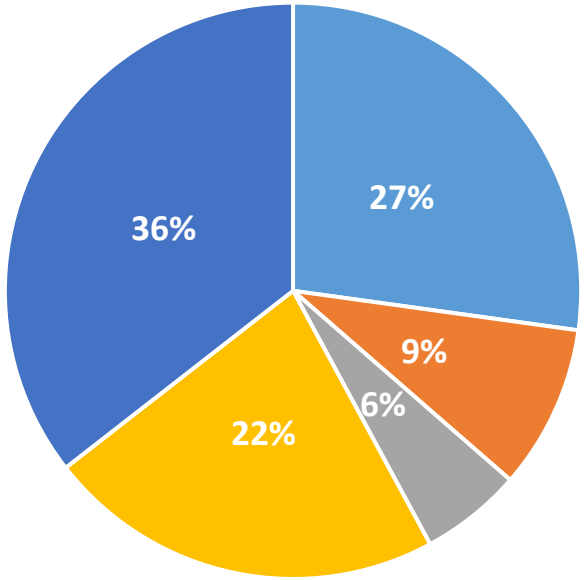
228 measures from 26 countries

Sectoral distribution

Energy poverty

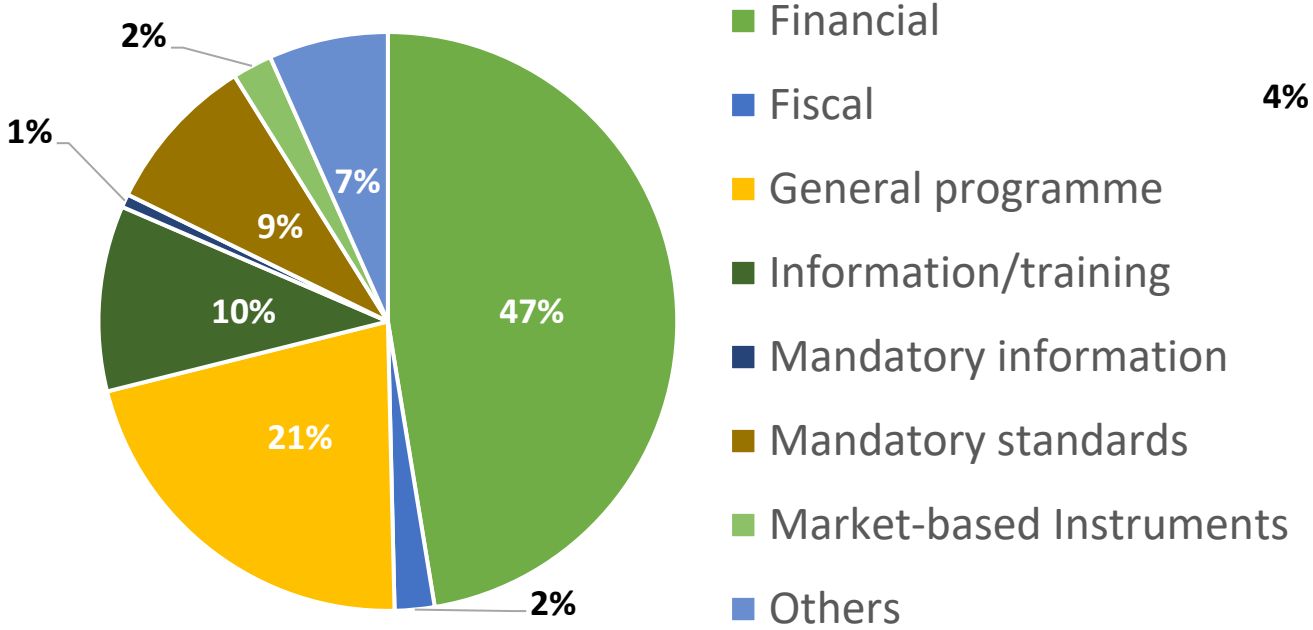


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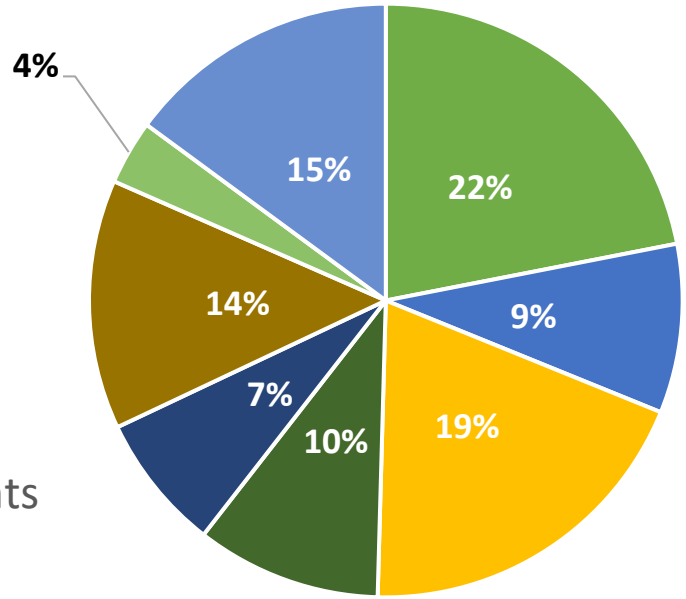


Type of measures

Energy poverty

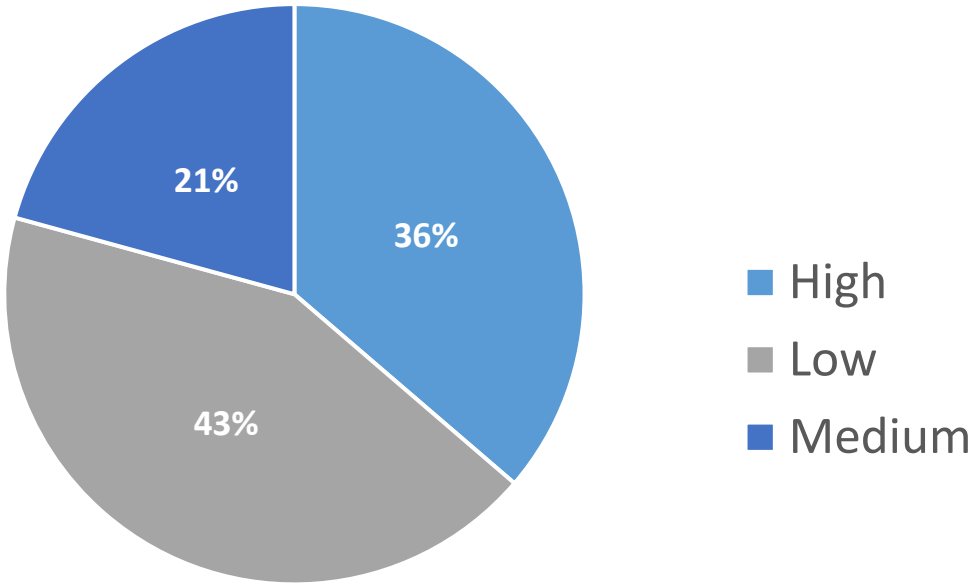


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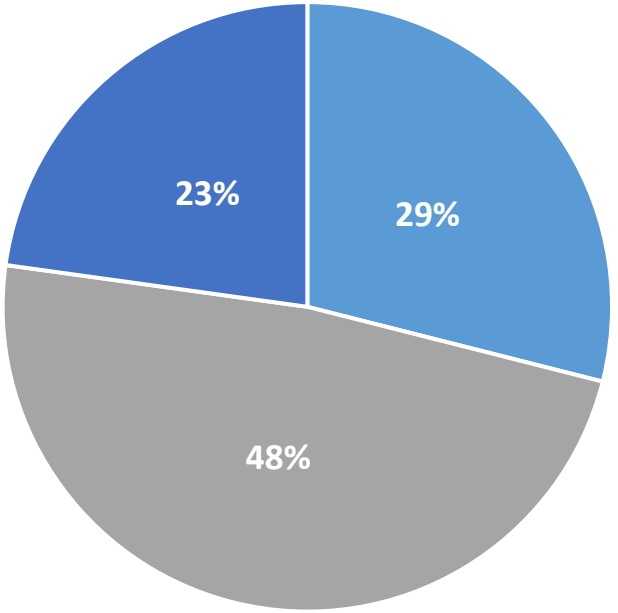


Semi-quantitative impact

Energy poverty

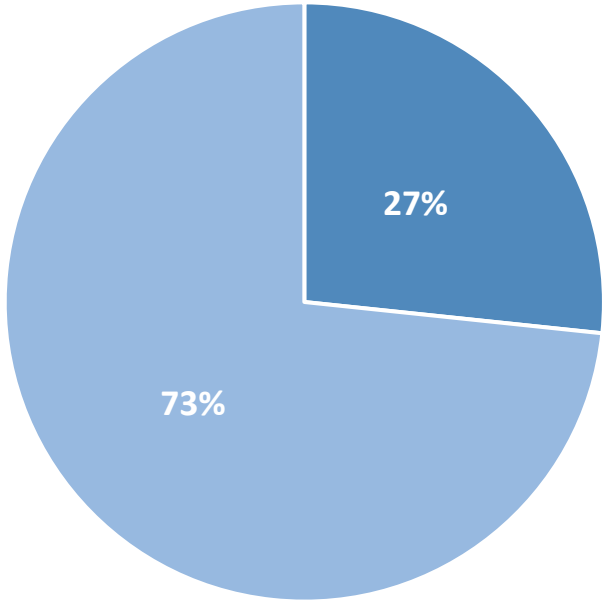


Energy sufficiency



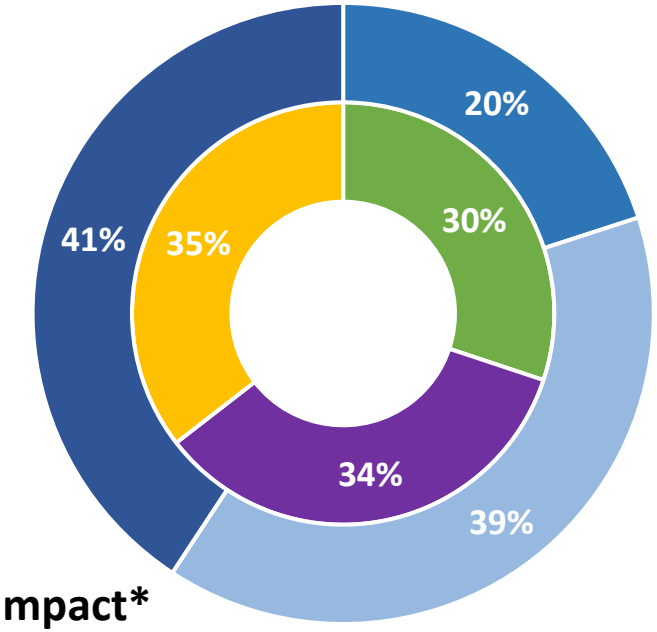
Sub-categories

Energy poverty



- Aiming mainly or exclusively at energy poverty
- Including an important component addressing energy poverty

Energy sufficiency



Type of action*

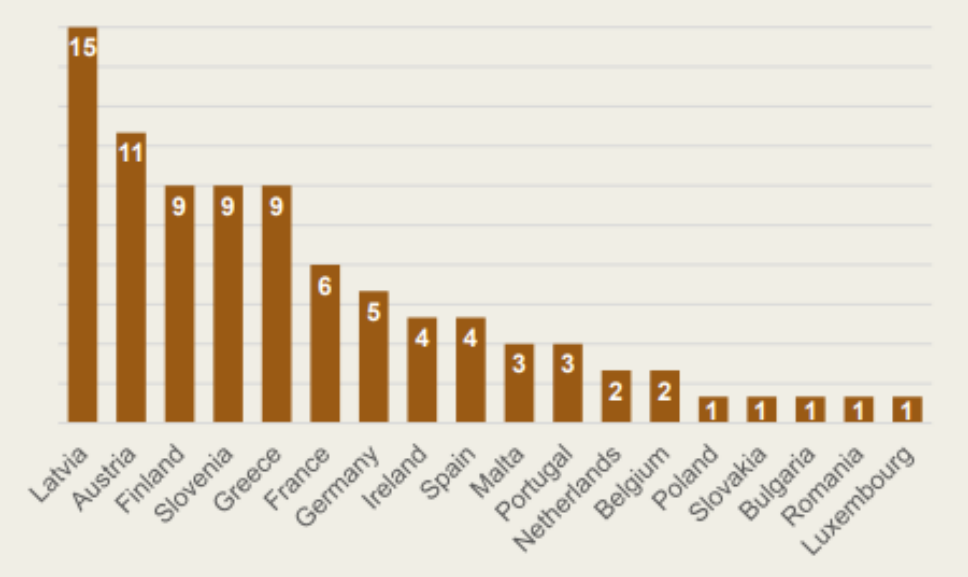
- Avoid
- Adjust
- Substitute

Type of impact*

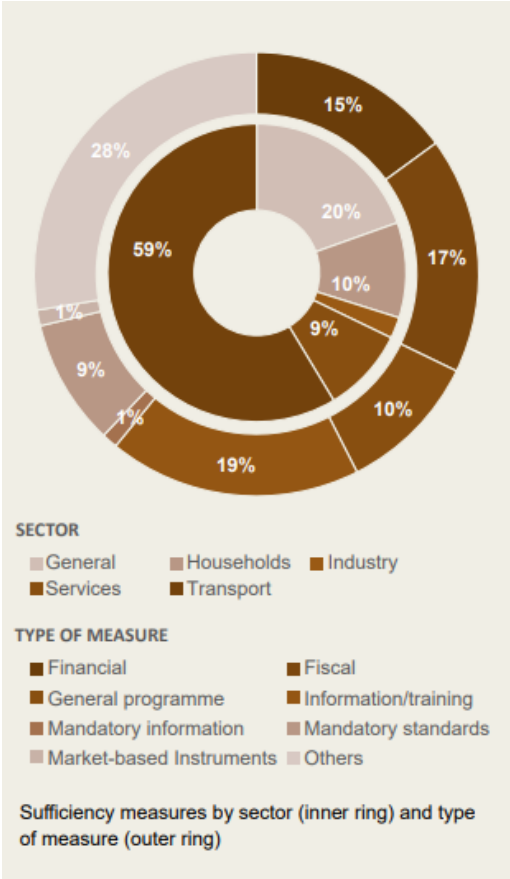
- Direct Sufficiency Measure
- Indirect Sufficiency Measure – Monetary
- Indirect Sufficiency Measure – Non-monetary

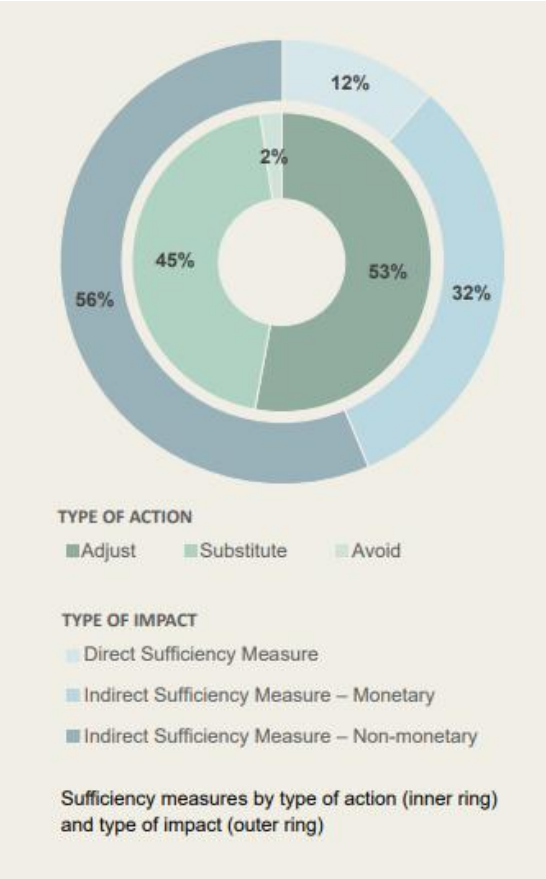
*Not available for all measures

Quality control: sufficiency measures



Reported measures: 148* → After corrections: 87





*Only EU countries

More about sufficiency measures

	Subcategories	Examples
Type of action	Avoid	Working from home and avoiding the trip to work
	Substitute	Modal shift
	Adjust	Reducing room temperature
Type of impact	Direct impact	Regulated use of space per capita
	Indirect impact – monetary	Progressive block tariffs
	Indirect impact – nonmonetary	Expansion of public transportation systems

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