

## ONLINE DISCUSSION

**ENERGY POVERTY and ENERGY COMMUNITIES**  
**TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022 – 17.30 (Duration of Discussion 90')**  
**Link of attendance: [https://bit.ly/INZEB\\_120722](https://bit.ly/INZEB_120722)**

The phenomenon of energy poverty has been worsening in recent years even in the economically robust countries of Europe, while in Greece it is becoming a chronic social challenge. The pandemic, but also the energy crisis, has highlighted access to energy as a prerequisite for ensuring a minimum level of decent living, while at the same time the assumption of additional roles by citizens is strongly promoted in the context of the energy transition. **The active participation of citizens, local authorities and small and medium-sized enterprises in energy saving and energy production is a basic prerequisite for the energy transition - aiming at climate neutrality - to take place in terms of social justice and with society playing an active role.**

In this context and with a view to informing citizens, **INZEB** and the **Sparta Institute** organise the online event/discussion "**Energy Poverty and Energy Communities**" on **Tuesday 12 July 2022 at 17.30** with the support of the **POWERPOOR** and **CONGREGATE** projects.

Specifically, the topics that will be presented and discussed at the event are:

- Energy poverty and its negative impact on the health and well-being of citizens and the environment. Presentation of the findings of the nationwide survey on citizens' awareness of the phenomenon.
- The [POWERPOOR](#) project and citizen support tools to tackle energy poverty.
- Energy Communities as a tool for citizen engagement in the energy sector.
- The [GONGREGATE](#) project. Presentation of examples of partnerships between Local Authorities and citizens for the creation of Energy Communities.

Participating in the event with presentations and statements are, **Alice Corovessi**, Managing Director, INZEB, **Anastasia Kanellopoulou**, President of the Board of Directors, Institute of Sparta, **Eleftheria Touloupaki**, Architect Engineer, PhD Candidate AUTH, Scientific Associate, INZEB, **Eleni Kanellou**, Economist, PhD Candidate NTUA, **Dr. George Kostakos**, Executive Director FOGGS and Member, Institute of Sparta, **Babis Panagakis**, Member, Institute of Sparta.

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