

AN ADVISORY TOOL TO ADDRESS ENERGY POVERTY THROUGH ENERGY COMMUNITIES

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STATISTICS AND LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

In 2022, 9.3% of the European population was unable to keep their homes adequately warm

Clean Energy for All Europeans Package introduces directives that address EP & EC

Directive	Energy Communities	Energy Poverty mitigation
Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)		✓
Energy Efficiency Directive (EED)		✓
Electricity Directive (ED)	✓	✓
Renewable Energy Directive (RED)	✓	✓
Governance Regulation	✓	✓

ENERGY POVERTY VULNERABILITY

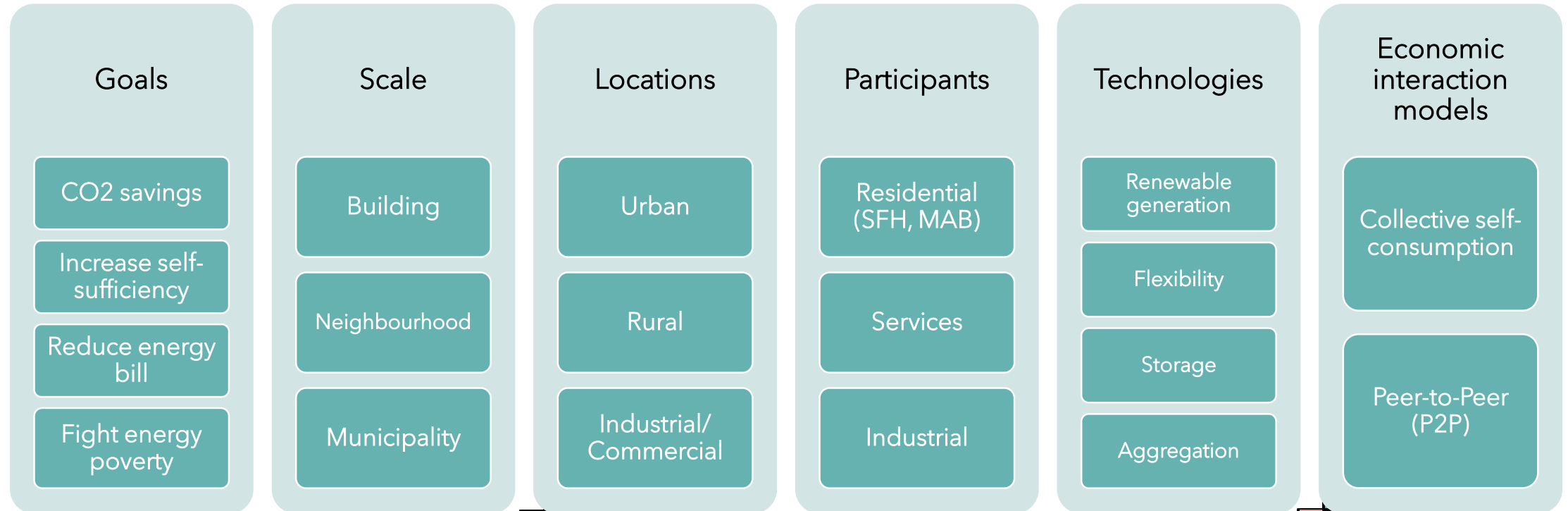
high energy
expenditure

low levels of
income

low energy
performance of
buildings and
appliances

- Global problem, but dependent on socio & geographical contexts, with major incidence among minorities
- Energy poverty vulnerability index
- Multiple studies yet based on static models

ENERGY COMMUNITIES



RESEARCH GAP



Energy Poverty (EP) is a multidimensional problem



Energy communities (EC) are tool for energy transition

Missing connection of how EC can support EP mitigation

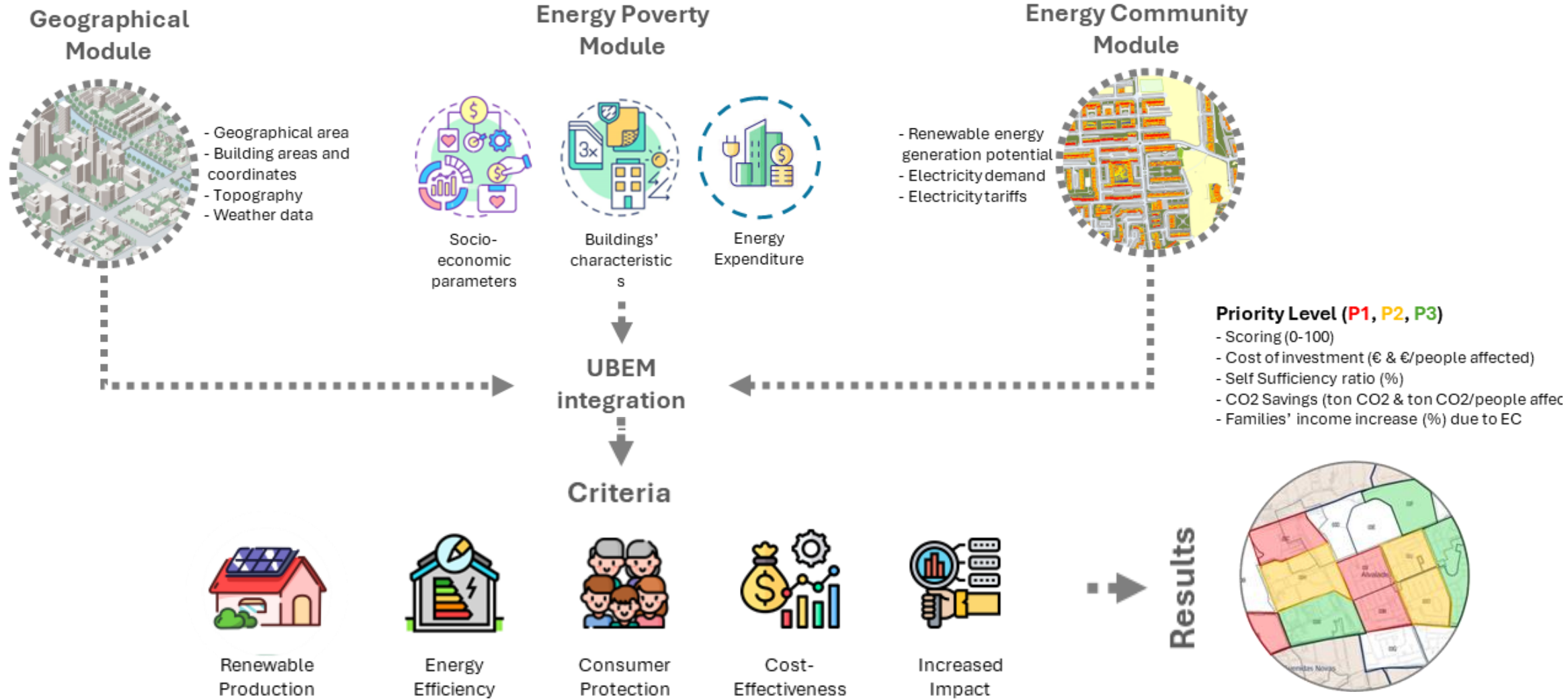
Development of a modelling tool capable of advising policymakers on prioritising EC deployment considering EP vulnerability, using Urban Buildings Energy Modelling

URBAN BUILDING ENERGY MODELLING (UBEM)

- Provides quantitative data on energy demand and efficiency in buildings
- Optimize energy consumption patterns in cities
- Offer data-driven insights for urban planning and decarbonization strategies, as retrofitting measures

1. Create a **physics-based engineering baseline** for building energy dynamics
2. **Address the energy gap** between static and dynamic models

ADVISORY TOOL FRAMEWORK



ADVISORY TOOL FRAMEWORK:

1) GEOGRAPHICAL MODULE

Geographical Module



- Delimitation of the **geographical frame** for analysis: information about the buildings (geometries & typologies)
- Definition of **EC scale**: building, block, etc
- **Weather data**: climate data regarding PV or wind production, or building needs (cooling and heating demand)

ADVISORY TOOL FRAMEWORK:

2) ENERGY POVERTY MODULE

Energy Poverty Module



Socio-economic parameters



Buildings' characteristics



Energy Expenditure

Type of data retrieved:

- Socio-economic parameters
- Geographical parameters
- Buildings' parameters
- Energy performance parameters

ADVISORY TOOL FRAMEWORK:

3) ENERGY COMMUNITY MODULE

Energy Community
Module



- Renewable energy generation potential – rooftop solar PV generation potential
- Energy demand – Energy demand modelled through UBEM according to each building archetype
- **Economic interaction:** Assumed to be collective self-consumption, with proportional sharing coefficients; tariffs of energy shared/traded are defined according to national regulations

ADVISORY TOOL FRAMEWORK: INTEGRATION ON UBEM

Define Criteria



Optimization



Results



Renewable
Production



Energy
Efficiency



Consumer
Protection



Cost-
Effectiveness



Increased
Impact

Using multi-criteria decision analysis (MCDA)

- Scoring EC locations according to priority Level (map)
 - **Economical** - cost of investment: total and per people affected; Payback
 - **Environmental** - Self-sufficiency ratio Energy production/energy consumption, and CO2 savings
 - **Socio-economic**: Available income per household (from energy bill reduction after EC).

ADVISORY TOOL FRAMEWORK: SUPPORTING POLICYMAKERS

- Test multiple criteria regarding each stakeholder's priorities on energy poverty mitigation
- Understand where to prioritize Energy Communities' deployment
- Access public funding and other financial instruments (such as the EU Just Transition Fund) available to mitigate the energy poverty regarding Invested Euro versus effectiveness on EP reduction

NOVELTY OF THE FRAMEWORK

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Using UBEM to model energy communities and integrating Energy poverty indicators through:

- Using dynamic building performance models according to weather data to deliver energy demand data
- preview local renewable electricity generation according to **georeferenced data**
- Integrate with **socioeconomic data** of the population

CHALLENGES & NEXT STEPS

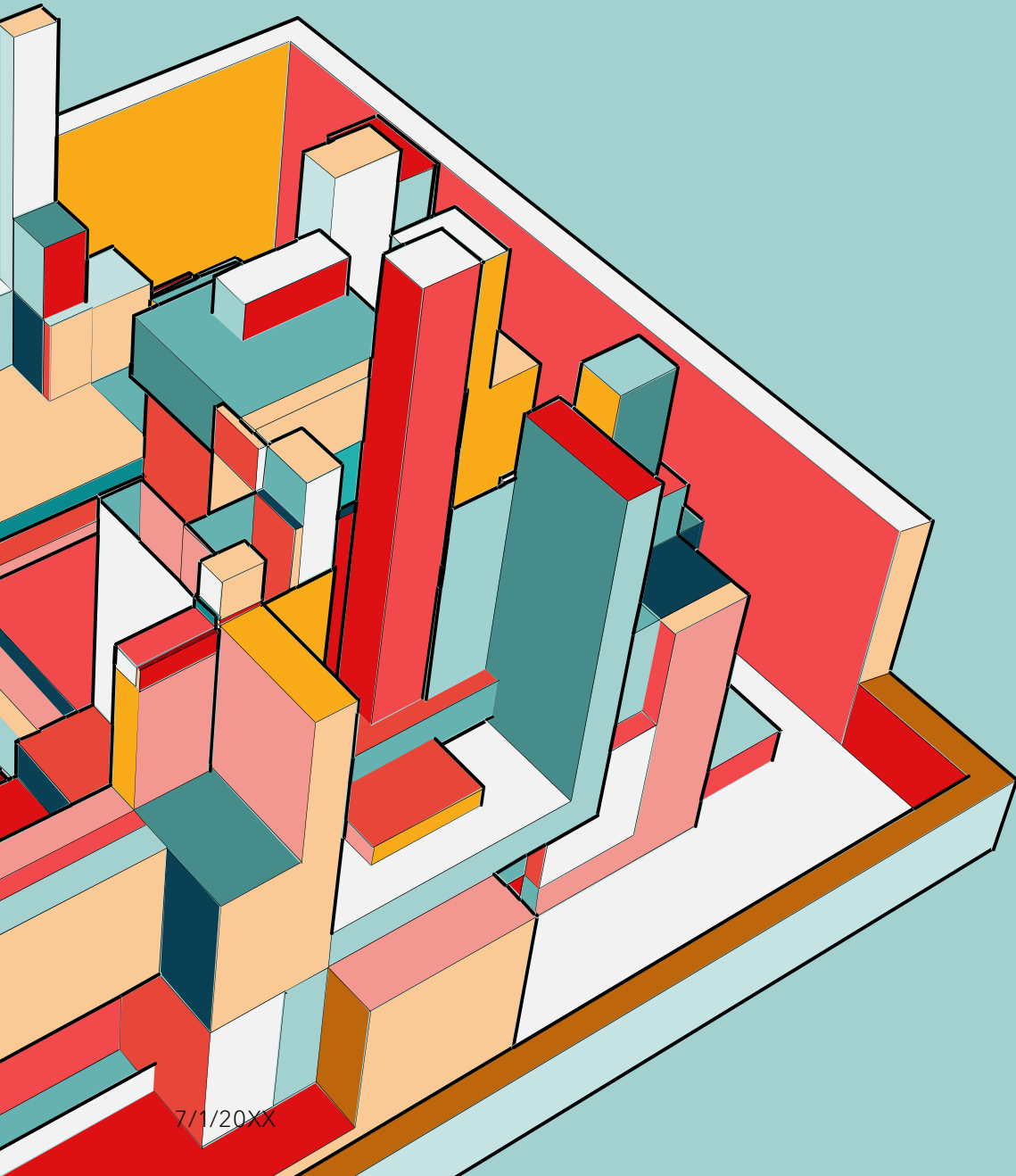


→ Challenges

- Data availability: disaggregated data at a geographical scale
- Engaging vulnerable users and sharing related data
- Energy poverty mitigation will depend on the business model implemented

→ Next Steps

- Implement 3 different case studies across Europe testing different data granularity and energy community designs



THANK YOU

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