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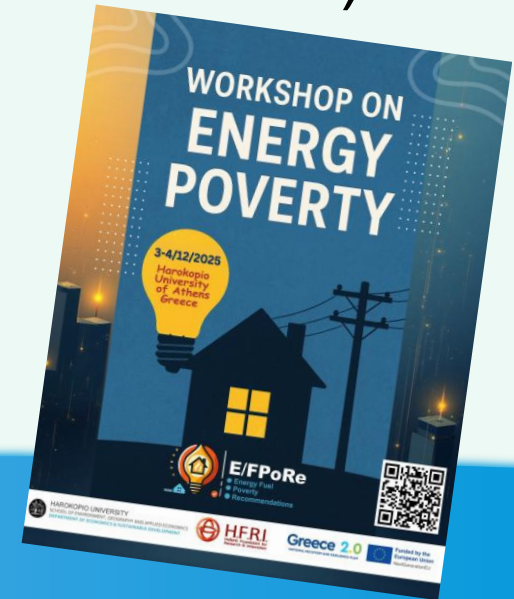
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Session I.A

Keynote Speaker

Daniel Zachary, Program Director, MS in Energy Policy and Climate Program, Johns Hopkins University, USA

Integrating Energy, Environment, and Equity through Optimization

Session I.B

EFPORE project's presentations

- **Ioannis Kostakis (Coordinator)**, Department of Economics and Sustainable Development, Harokopio University of Athens, Greece
- **Vivian Angeletopoulou**, Department of Economics and Sustainable Development, Harokopio University of Athens, Greece
- **Dimitra Papadaki**, University of Athens, Greece, & Johns Hopkins University, USA
- **Giacomo Di Foggia**, Department of Business and Law, Bicocca University, Milan, Italy
- **Pedro Palma**, NOVA University Lisbon, Portugal

Session II

Mado Baboula. Greek Antipoverty Network, Greece

Energy poverty as is: research results and experiences from the field

Alice Corovessi. Initializing Energy Balance Towards Zero (INZEB), Greece

Diagnosis of Energy Poverty at Local Level: Results of Technical Support to Local Authorities

George Pavlikakis. Consumers' Association "The Quality of Life" (EKPIZO), Greece

The Role of One-Stop Shops in the Energy Upgrading of Homes of Vulnerable Households



Session III

Sevastianos Mirasgedis. National Observatory of Athens, Greece

Energy Poverty in Greece: Measurement, Impacts, and Policy Responses

Dimitrios Damigos. National Technical University of Athens, Greece

Supporting energy-poor households via deep renovations: Lessons and recommendations from the REVERTER project

Christos Tourkolias, Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving, Greece

Revision of the Action Plan for Addressing Energy Poverty

Thursday
4/12/2025

Session IV

Paul Yohana (PhD. Cand., Nova, Portugal).

Multidimensional Energy Poverty in Nigeria: Pathways to Climate Resilience and Sustainable Development

Evandro Ferreira (PhD. Cand., Nova, Portugal).

Smart Meters and Surveys: A Combined Framework for Measuring and Addressing Energy Poverty

Frederico Marques (MSc student, NOVA, Portugal)

Evolution of energy poverty in Portugal: Historical analysis of the Energy Poverty Vulnerability Index”

Session V

Students workshop

EFPORE-SE primary goals

- Develop strategies to assess energy poverty levels,
- Identify vulnerable households in Southern Europe,
- Enhance public policies and approaches to address energy poverty issues.

Budget 133.800 euro
March 2024-
December 2025

The research team explores energy poverty in four Southern European countries:



EFPORE-SE specific objectives

1

Provide an overview of households' energy consumption in Greece, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

2

Identify specific indicators defining vulnerable population.
Highlight key differences among countries.

EFPORE-SE specific objectives

3

- Interactive website to publish all project outcomes
- Anonymous household questionnaire
- Data collected: socioeconomic, demographic, regional, and dwelling characteristics
- Platform assesses each household's energy poverty status
- Provides tailored recommendations

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Provide a comprehensive overview of how energy needs impact energy poverty.
Understand how societies respond to major economic and social disruptions while attempting to meet energy needs.

The research team

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
Organization	Harokopio University of Athens (host) and National Technical University of Athens	Biccoca University, Milan and Technical University of Crete	Nova University of Lisbon	Rovira i Virgili University, Reus	Panteion University, Athens
Group leader	Prof. Sardanou	Prof. Di Foggia	Prof. Gouveia	Prof. Arauzo-Carod	Prof. Bithas
Subject	Investigation in Greece	Investigation in Italy	Investigation in Portugal	Investigation in Spain	CBA (cost benefit analysis)

Basic considerations

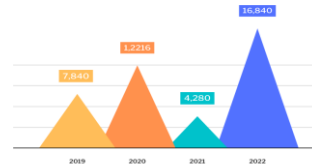
Area under investigation

- Southern European countries: Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain



Time period covered

- Annual observations between 2016-2024
- NUTS 1 NUTS 2



Data retrieval

- EUROSTAT macro-data
- National statistical authority of each partner country (EU-SILC)

An introduction to energy poverty

Worldwide numbers and global focus

International organizations concentrating

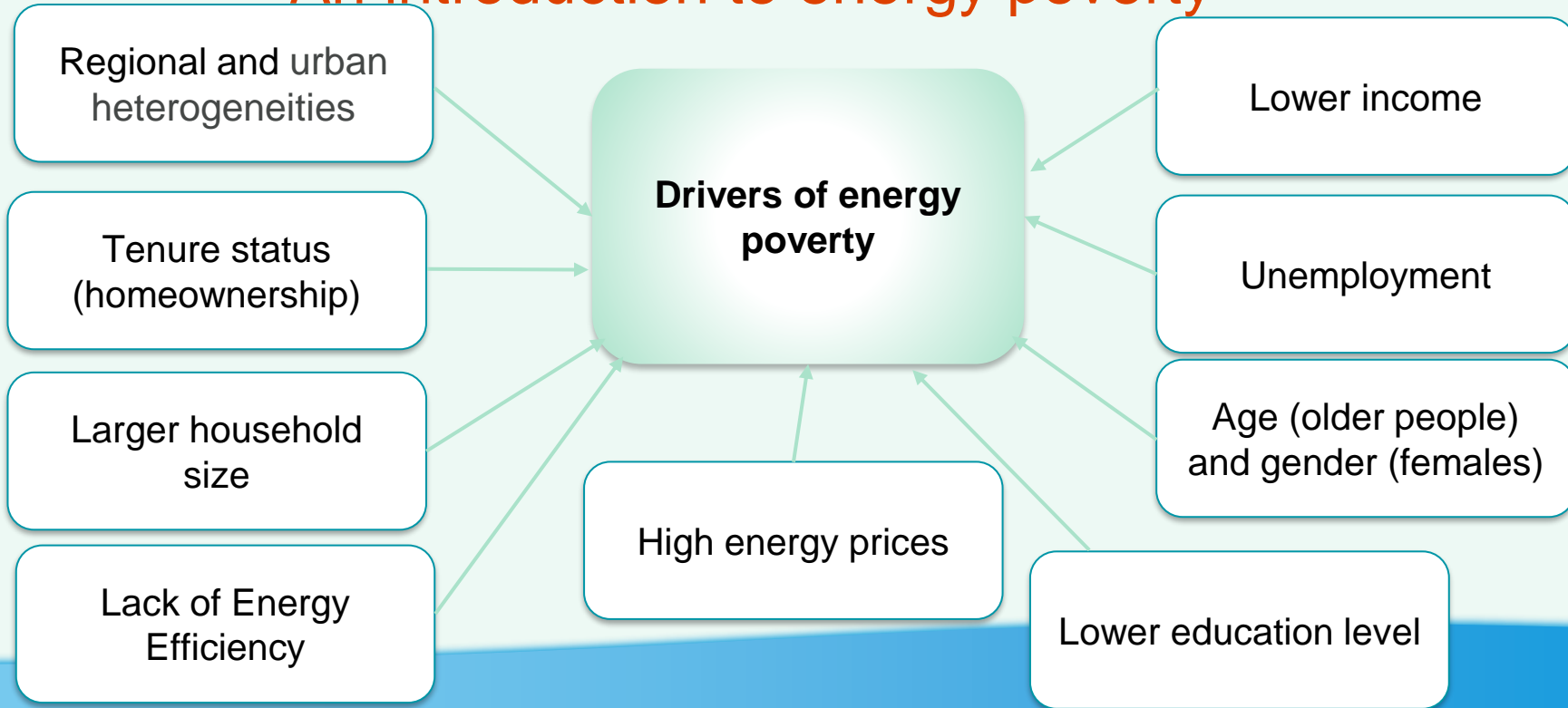
- the World Health Organization,
- the World Bank,
- the United Nations with the program "Sustainable Energy for All" in 2001,
- the 7th Sustainable Development Goal in 2015

Approximately 760M people worldwide are left without access to electricity

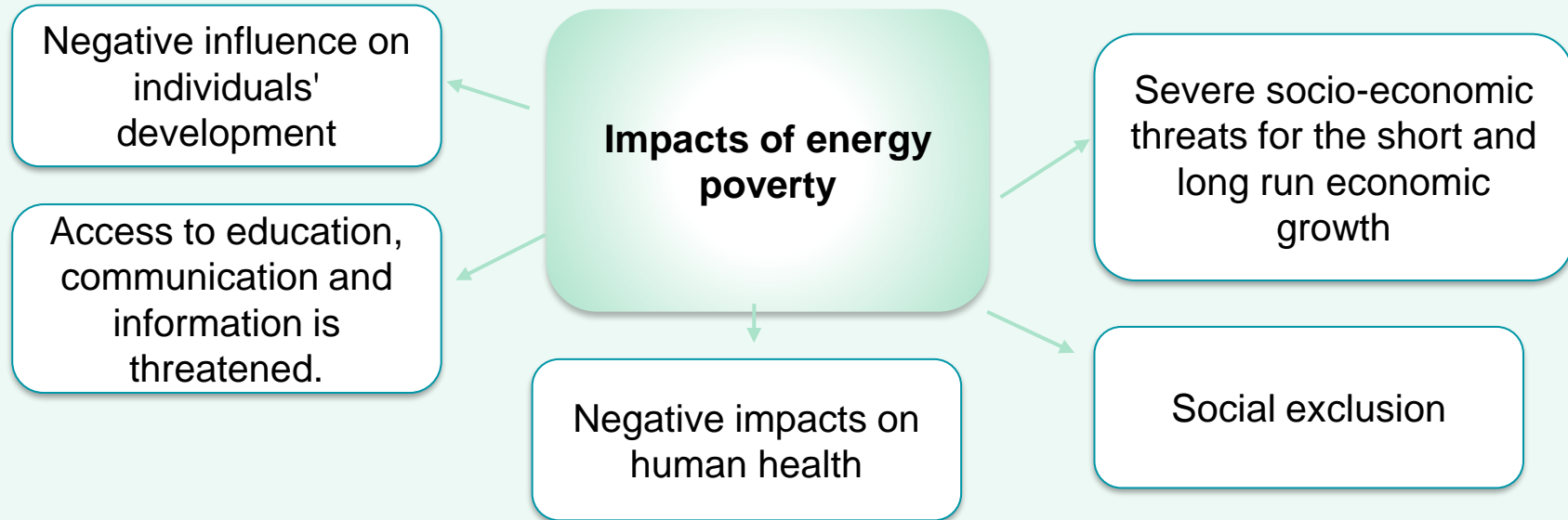
2.3B people depend on traditional fuels for cooking

Indoor air pollution, primarily from cooking smoke, is associated with approximately 3.7M premature deaths annually

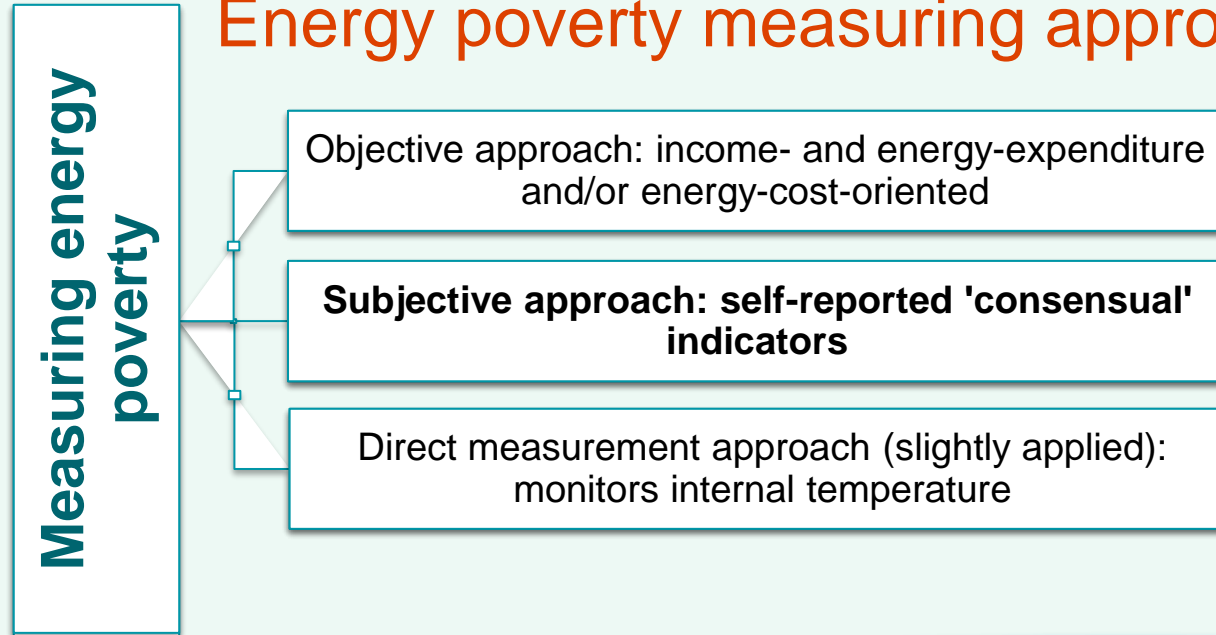
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Energy poverty measuring approaches



Energy poverty indicators: the challenges

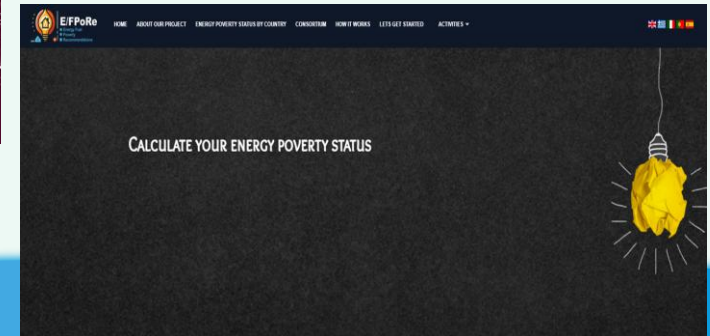
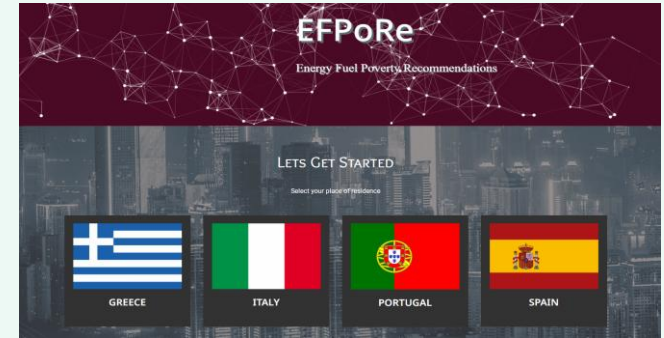
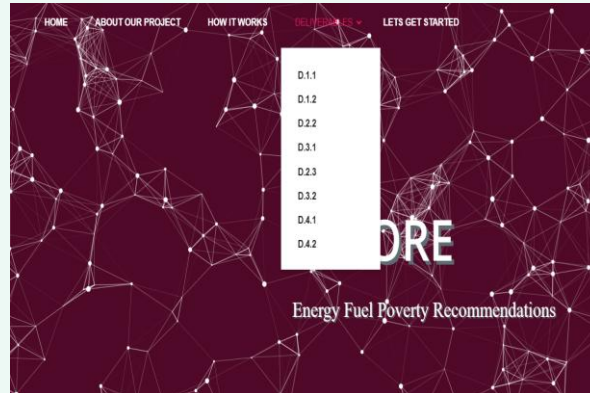
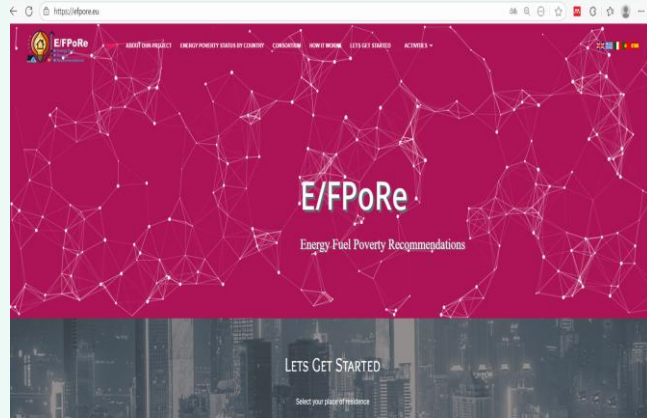
Indicators should be expanded and more inclusive.

Significant gaps between energy poverty indicators.

Disaggregated research could provide more reliable findings

Hidden energy poverty and persistent energy poverty need further treatment.

EFPORE-SE website <https://efpore.eu>



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Please answer the following questions

Demographic information

Which region of Greece do you live in? *
Choose one

What is the urbanization level of your area
Choose one

Gender of the person primarily responsible for making decisions regarding the household's energy use. *
Choose one

Marital status of the reference person *
Choose one

Number of household members: * Number of persons aged 0-14: *

Number of persons aged from 15-17: * Number of persons aged from 18-64: *

Number of persons aged higher than 64: * How many females live in your family? *

Are your family members Greek citizens? *

Παρακαλώ απαντήστε στις ακόλουθες ερωτήσεις

Δημογραφικές πληροφορίες

Σε ποια περιοχή της Ελλάδος διαμένετε αυτή την στιγμή; * Ποιο είναι το επίπεδο αστικοποίησης στην περιοχή αυτή / στην περιοχή σας; *

Ποιο είναι το φύλο του ατόμου, εκείνου του οποίου κατέχει την κύρια ευθύνη για την λήψη αποφάσεων σχετικά ενέργειας του νοικοκυριού. *

Ποια είναι η οικογενειακή κατάσταση του προσώπου αναφοράς; *

Αριθμός μελών του νοικοκυριού: * Αριθμός ατόμων ηλικίας 0-14 ετών: *

Αριθμός ατόμων ηλικίας 15-17 ετών: * Αριθμός ατόμων ηλικίας 18-64 ετών: *

Αριθμός ατόμων ηλικίας άνω των 64 ετών: * Πόσες γυναίκες ζουν στην οικογένειά σας; *

Τα μέλη της οικογένειάς σας είναι Έλληνες πολίτες; *



Si prega di rispondere alle seguenti domande

Informazioni demografiche

In quale zona della Grecia risiede attualmente? * Qual è il livello di urbanizzazione in questa zona / nella sua zona? *

Qual è il sesso della persona che ha la responsabilità principale delle decisioni relative al consumo energetico della famiglia? *

Qual è lo stato civile della persona di riferimento? *

Numero di membri della famiglia: * Numero di persone di età compresa tra 0 e 14 anni: *

Numero di persone di età compresa tra 15 e 17 anni: * Number of persons aged from 18-64: *


EFPORE-SE website – “Calculate your energy poverty status” page

Your household is considered energy poor based on :


Binary Indicators




We classify your household as energy poor because you are unable to keep your home adequately warm.



Your household is also classified as energy poor because you cannot keep your home cool during the summer.



We classify your household as energy poor because you have unpaid bills.



We classify you as energy poor because your home has a leaking roof or other structural issues.

Expenditure Indicator



Based on your response, we classify your household as energy poor because you spend more than 10% of your income on energy costs.



Your household is classified as energy poor based on your monthly income. According to your household composition, your income falls below the minimum social threshold.

EFPORE-SE website – “Calculate your energy poverty status” page

You have 4 out of 5 binary indicators and 2 out of 2 expenditure indicators.



See Recommendations

Final step

Risk of
poverty

Summer
energy
poverty

Material
deprivation

Results of descriptive and econometric analysis

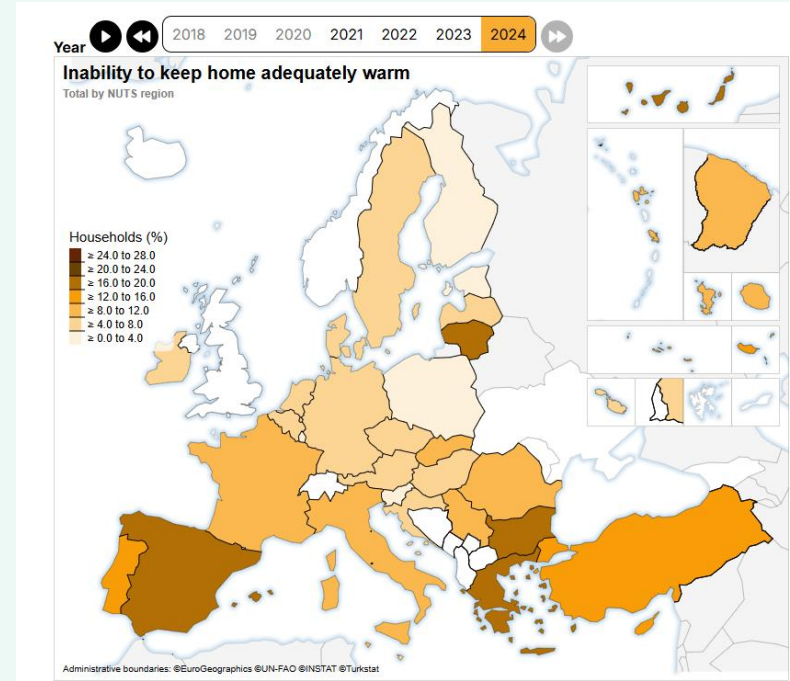
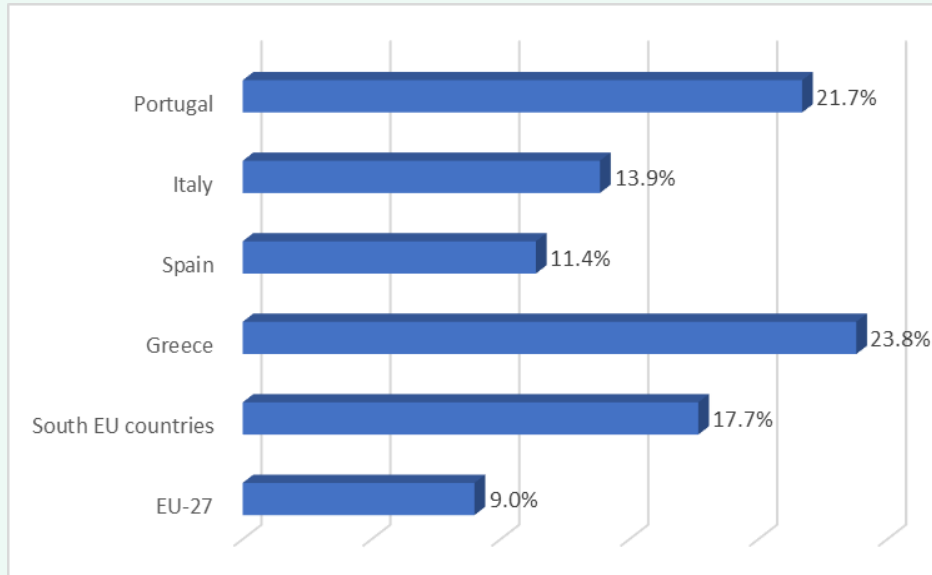
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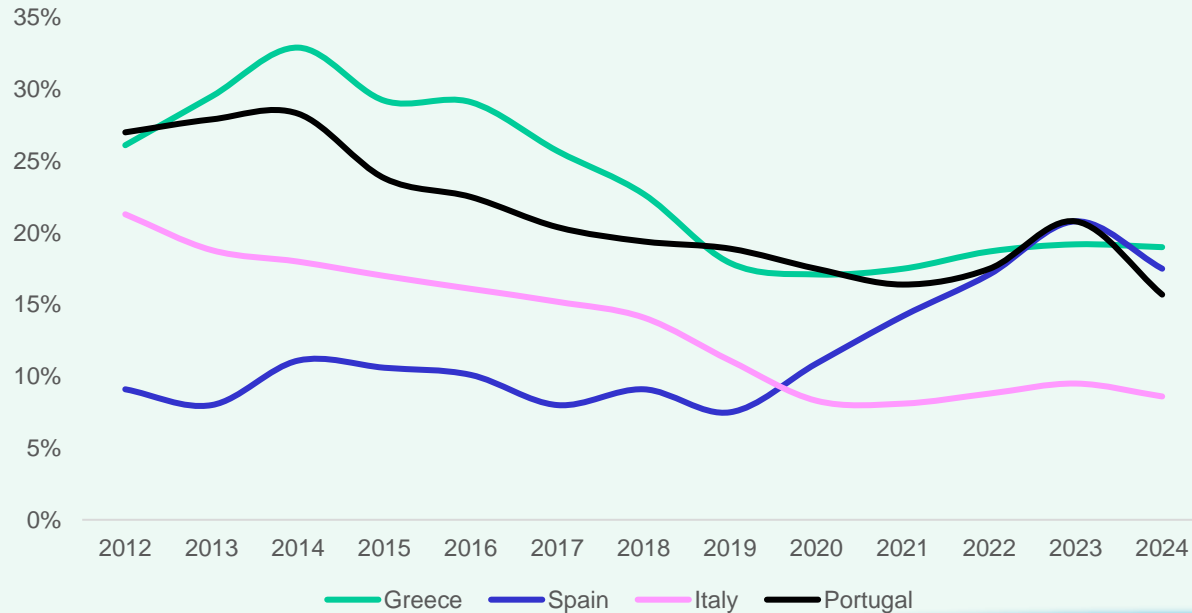
Arrears

Leaks

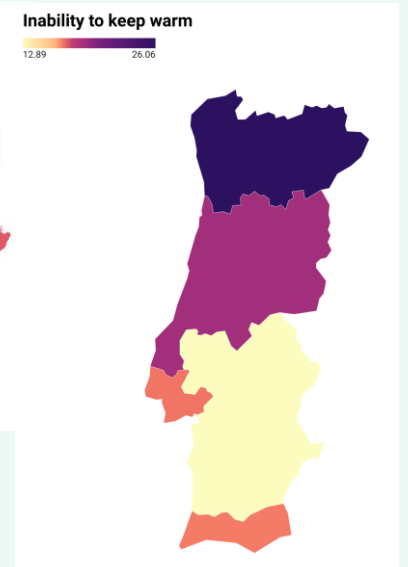
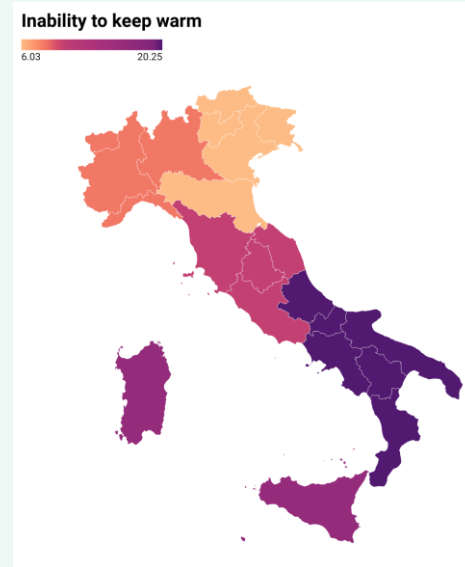
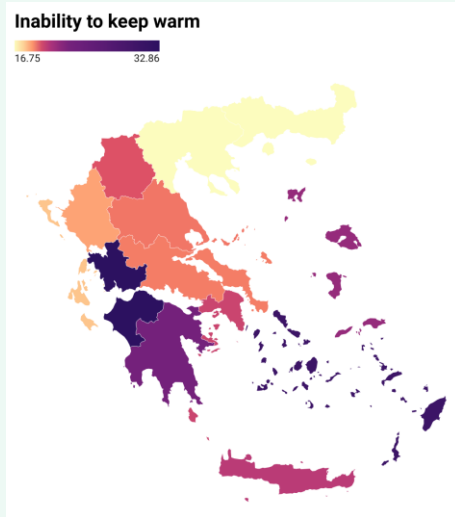
Inability to keep home adequately warm



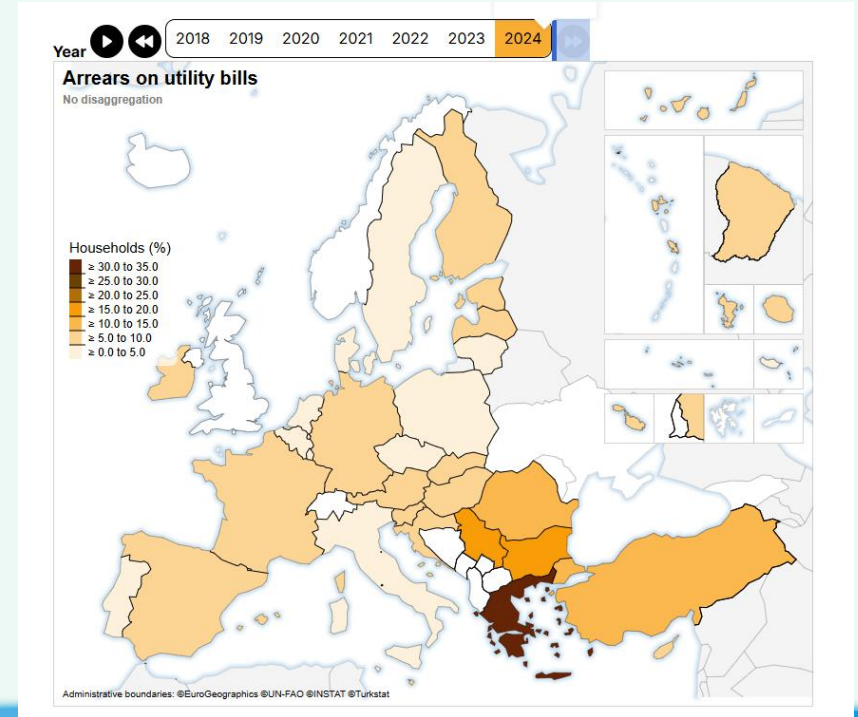
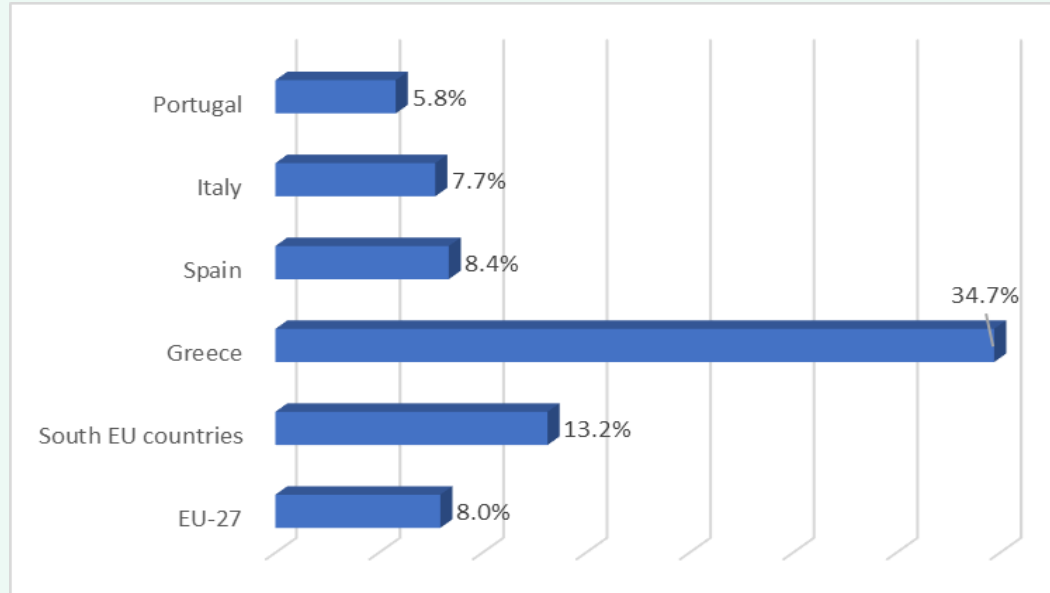
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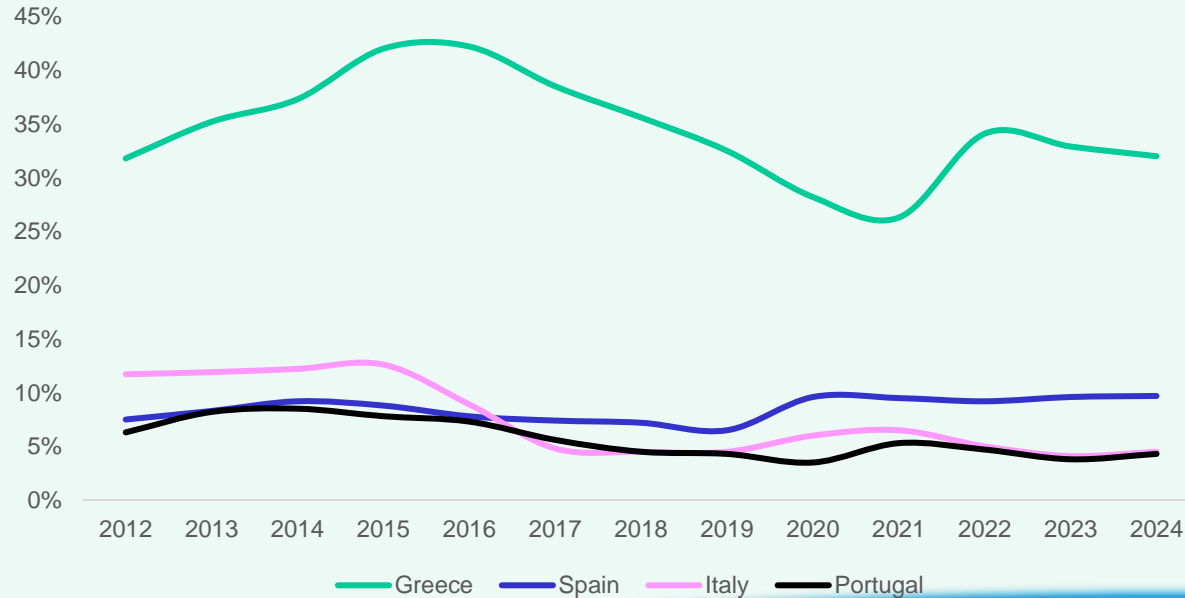
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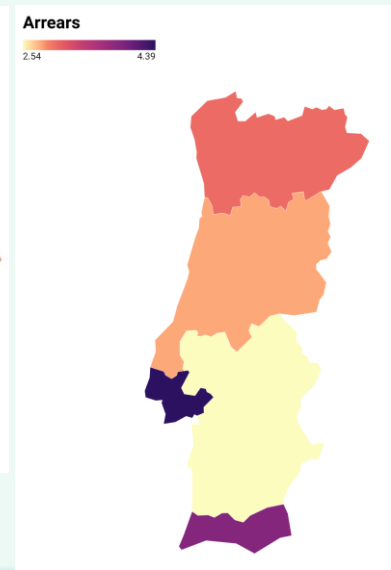
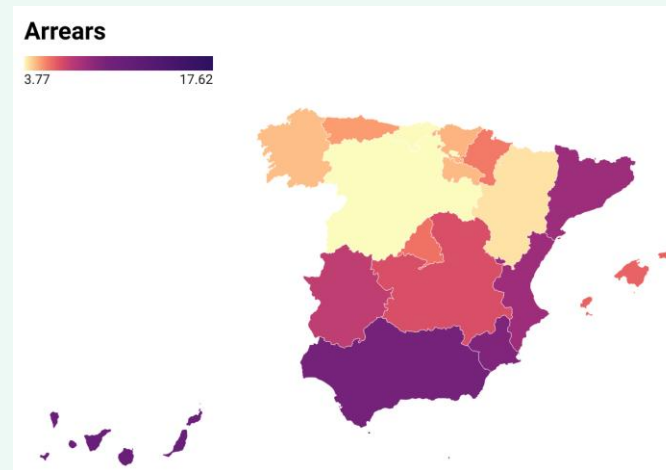
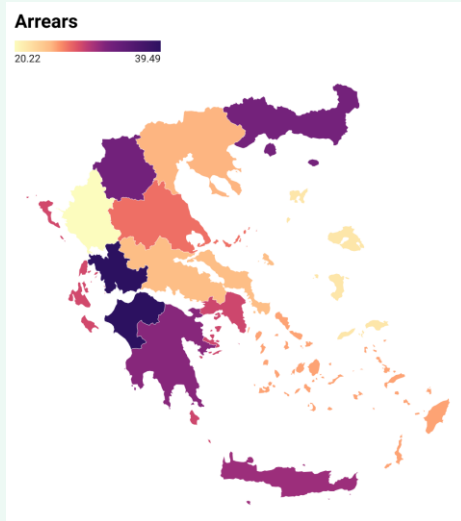
Arrears on utility bills



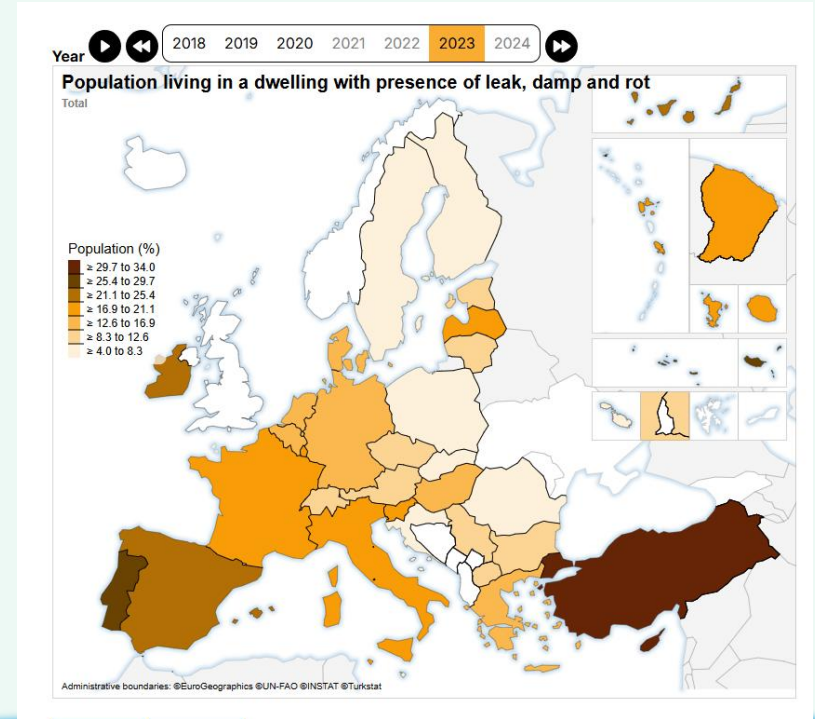
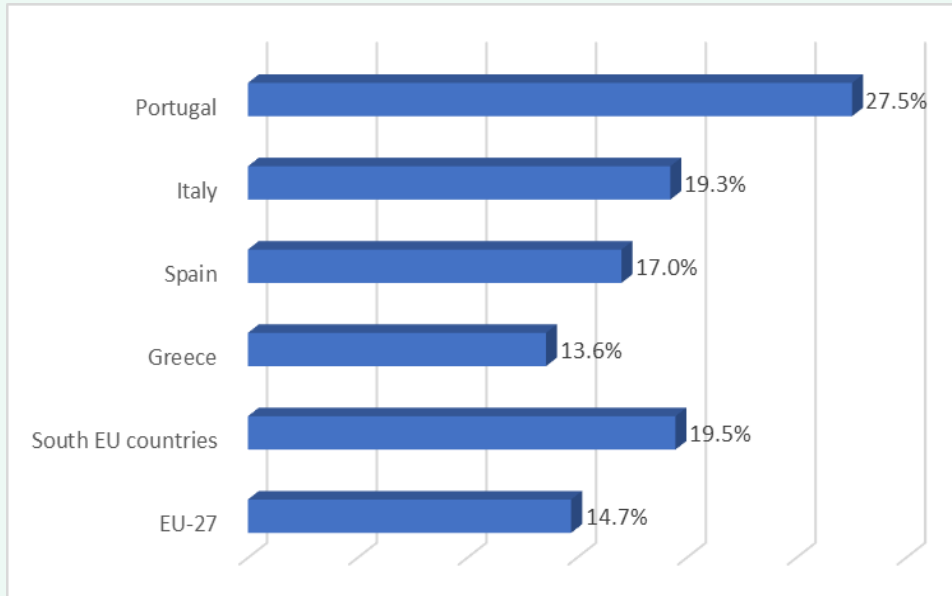
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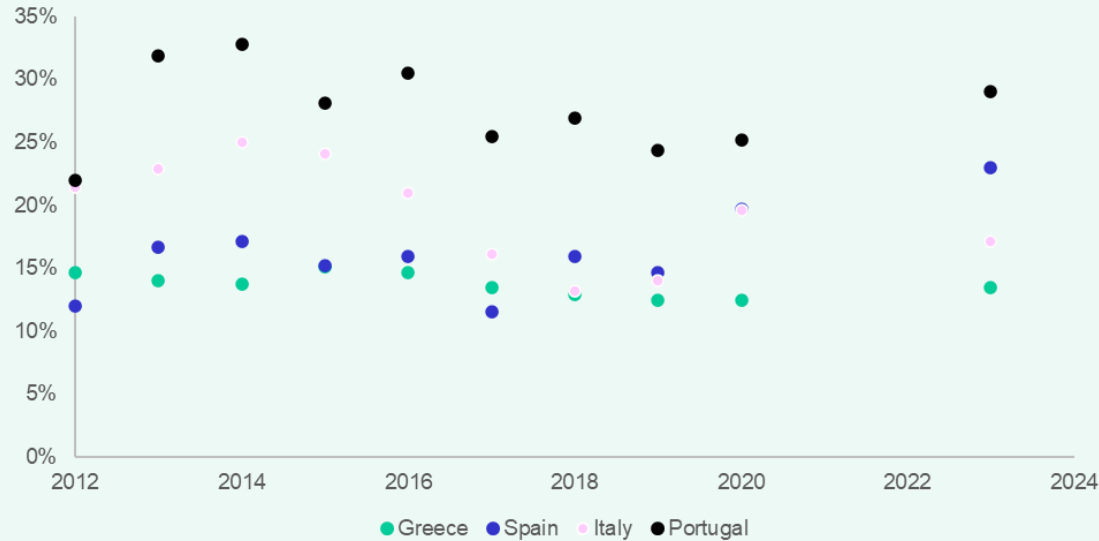
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Dwellings with leak, damp, or rot

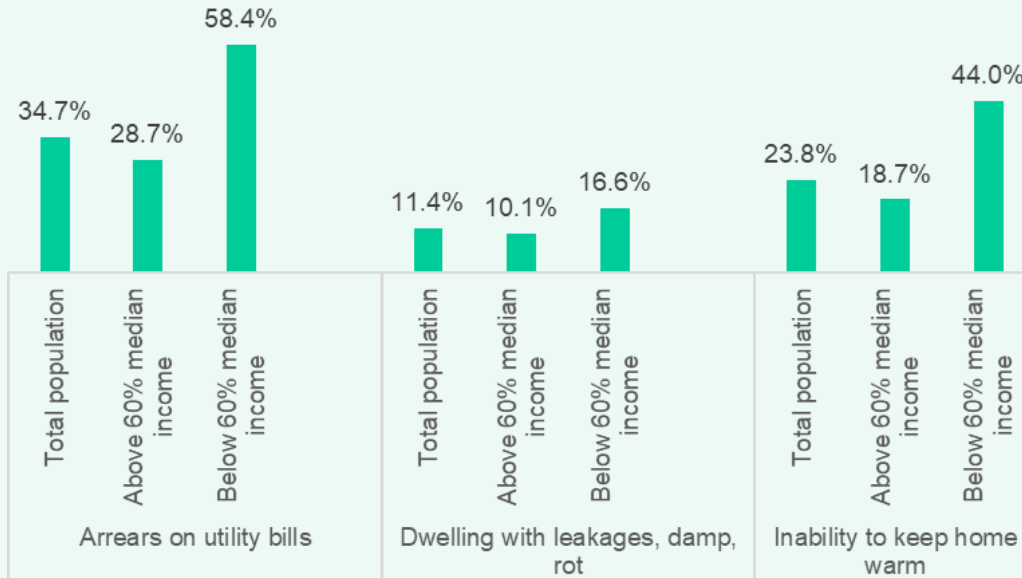


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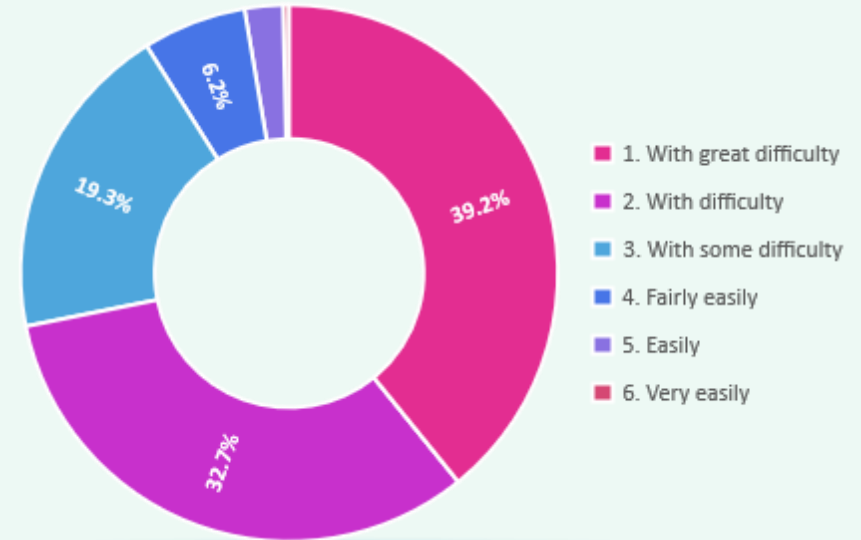


The Greek case study – descriptive analysis

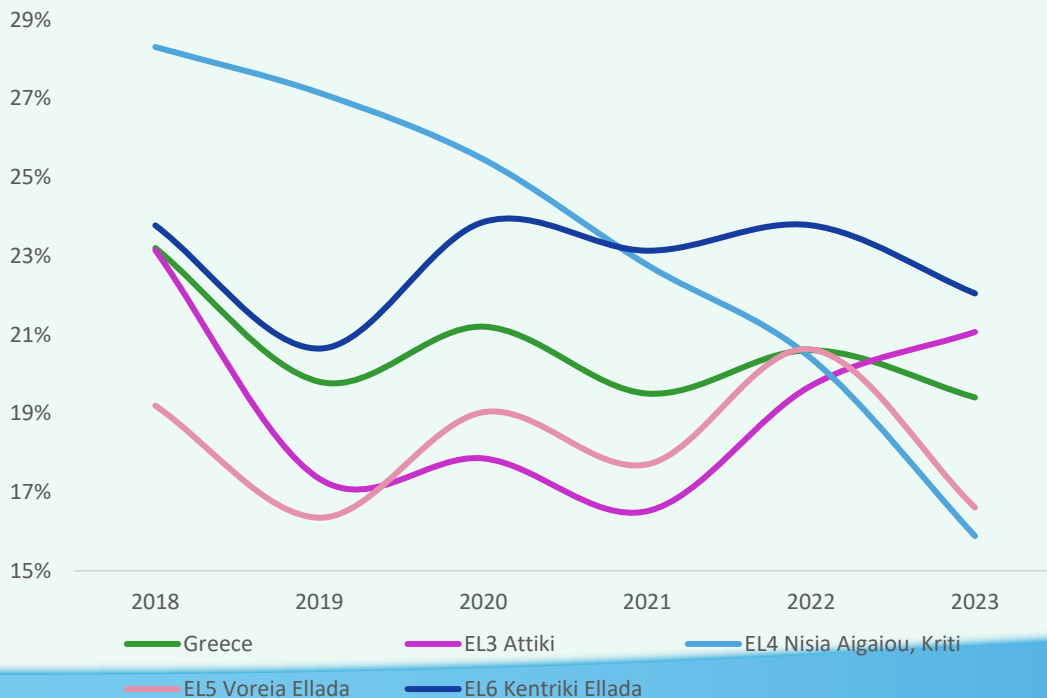
Average values of energy poverty EU-SILC indicators



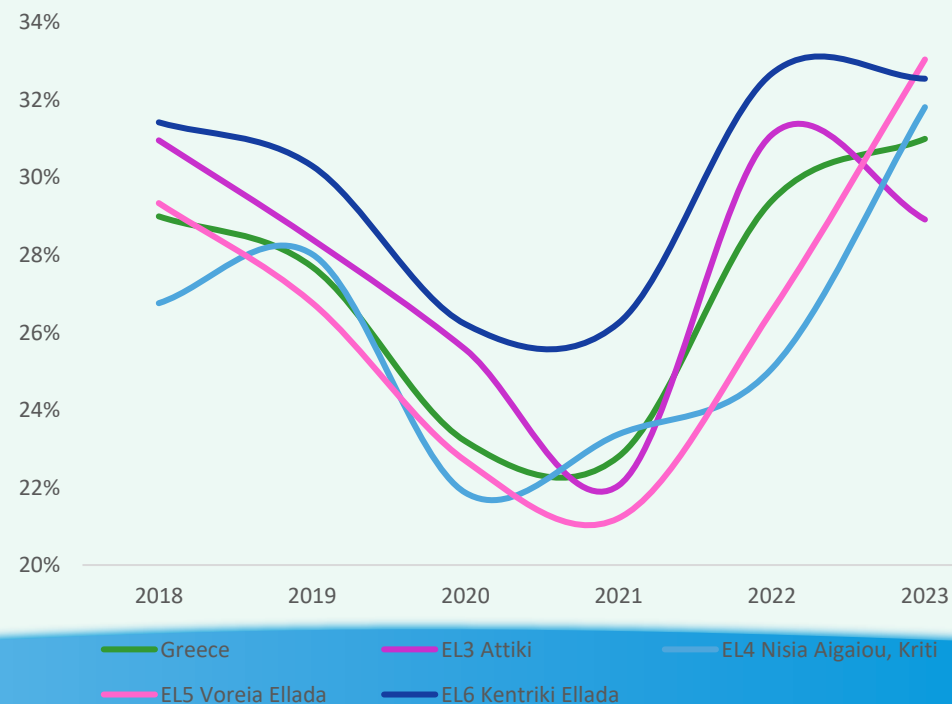
Ability to make ends meet, average values



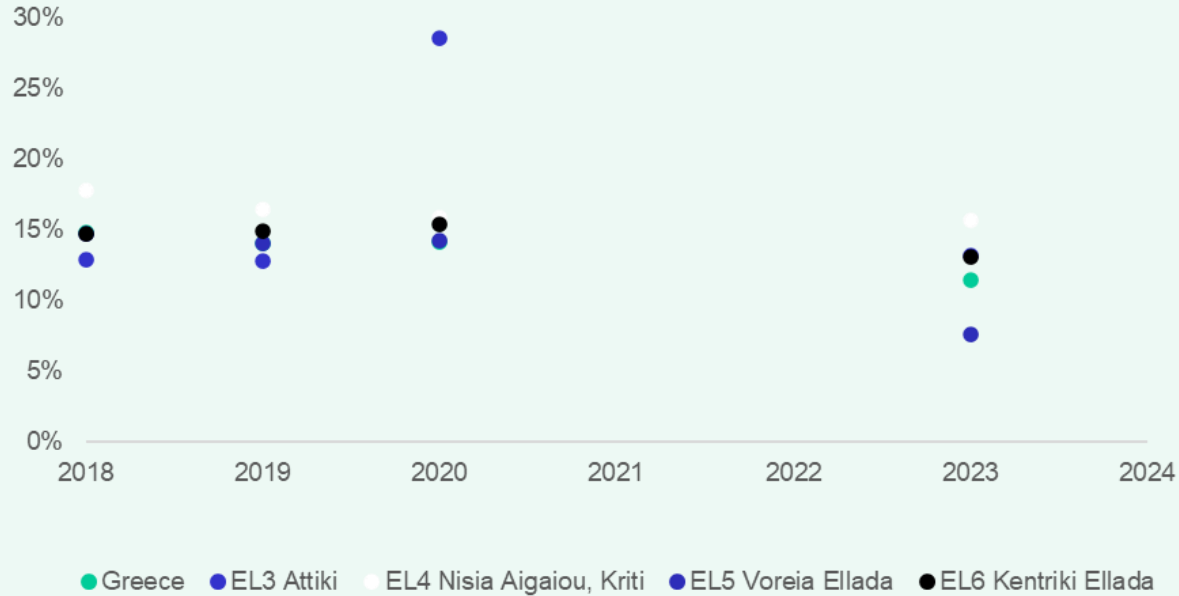
Inability to keep home adequately warm – NUTS1



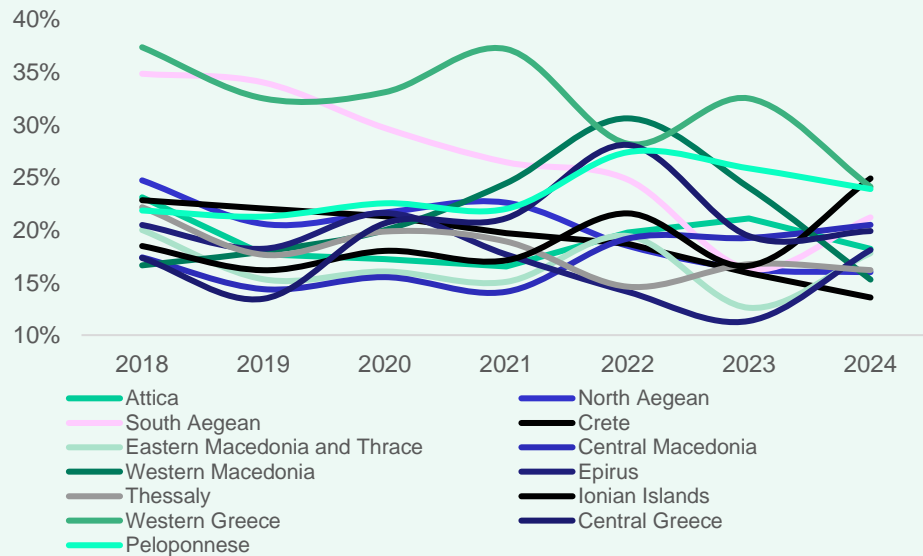
Arrears on utility bills – NUTS1



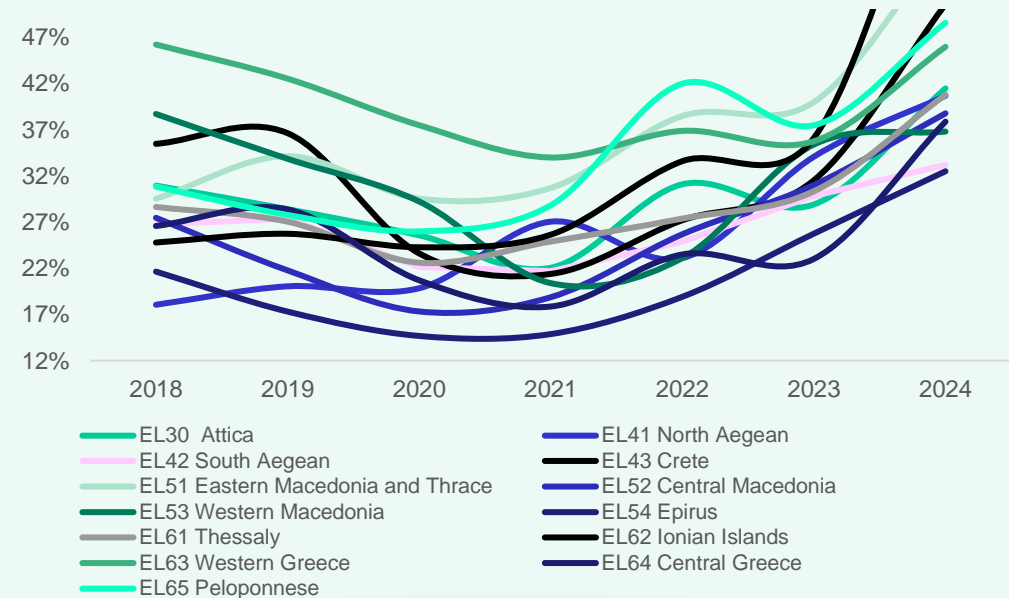
Dwelling with leak, damp, or rot – NUTS1



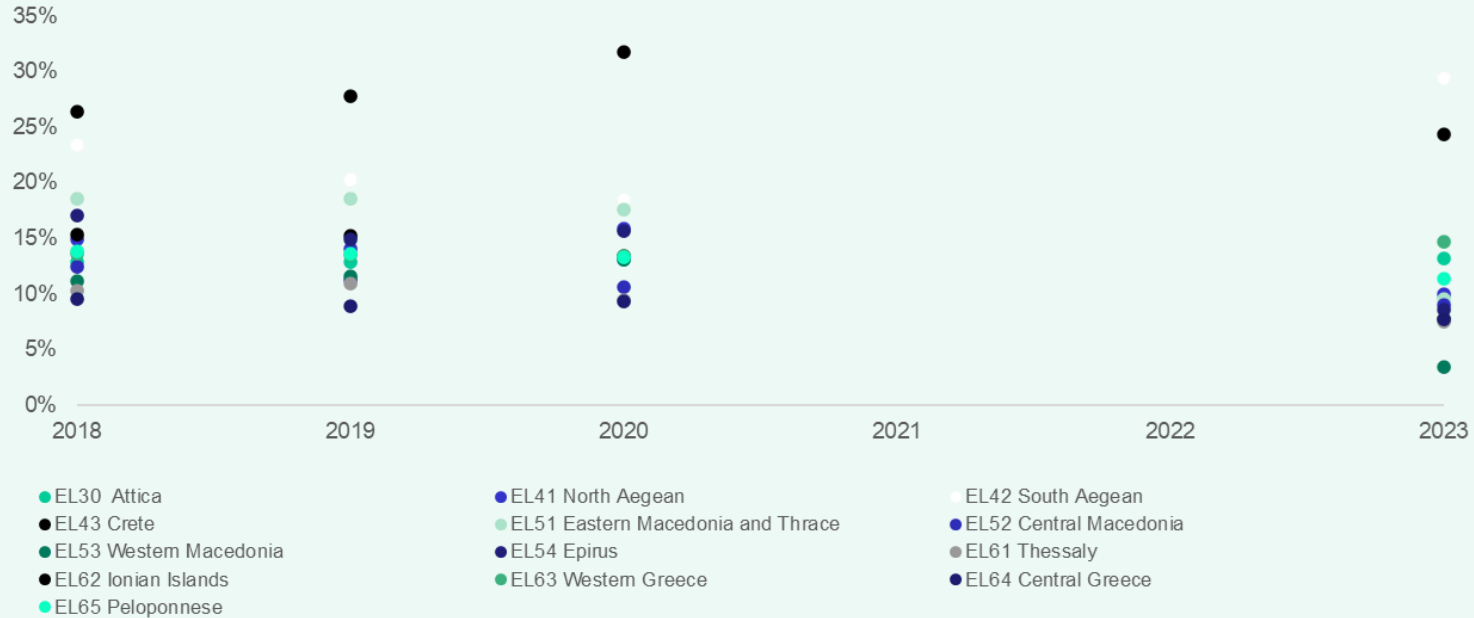
Inability to keep home adequately warm – NUTS2



Arrears on utility bills – NUTS2



Dwelling with leak, damp, or rot – NUTS2



The Greek case study- Econometric analysis

Model 1 - Inability to keep home warm	2018	2020	2022
Ln(income)	-0.061***	-0.080***	-0.082***
Education	-0.066***	-0.069***	-0.071***
Age	0.002**	0.005***	0.004***
Age2	-0.00002***	-4.03e-05***	-3.90e-05***
Unemployed	0.083***	0.084***	0.071***
Persons-per-rooms	0.040***	0.0361**	0.054***
Health	0.031***	0.029***	0.035***
Gender	0.031***	0.021***	0.038***
Ability to make ends meet	0.134***	0.097***	0.084***
Observations	22,912	14,182	7,806

Model 2 – Arrears on utility bills	2018	2020	2022
Ln(income)	-0.058***	-0.058***	-0.034***
Education	-0.059***	-0.073***	-0.101***
Age	0.012***	0.013***	0.017***
Age2	-0.0001***	-0.0001***	-0.0002***
Unemployed	0.080***	0.134***	0.091***
Persons-per-rooms	0.083***	0.088***	0.086***
Health	0.028***	0.032***	0.043***
Gender	0.016**	0.011	0.0001
Ability to make ends meet	0.148***	0.11***	0.109***
Observations	22,900	14,162	7,806

Model 3 - Dwelling with a leaking roof, damp walls/floors/foundation, or rot	2018	2020	2023
Ln(income)	-0.026***	-0.040***	-0.042***
Education	-0.012*	-0.021**	-0.024***
Age	-0.001	-0.0003	0.002
Age2	1.33e-05*	2.40E-06	-0.00002*
Unemployed	0.025***	0.030***	-0.006
Persons-per-rooms	0.052***	0.057***	0.073***
Health	0.041***	0.032***	0.014***
Gender	0.021***	0.026***	-0.011
Ability to make ends meet	0.017***	0.022***	0.008*
Observations	22,912	14,182	8,459

Model 4 AROE	2018					2020					2022				
	Coefficient	Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Coefficient	Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Coefficient	Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4
Ln(income)	-2.672***	0.326***	-0.214***	-0.084***	-0.003***	-3.265***	0.356***	-0.217***	-0.107***	-0.031***	-2.850***	0.334***	-0.189***	-0.114***	-0.031***
Education	-0.387***	0.047***	-0.031***	-0.012***	-0.004***	-0.336***	0.037***	-0.022***	-0.011***	-0.003***	-0.388***	0.045***	-0.026***	-0.015***	-0.004***
Age	0.099***	-0.012***	0.008***	0.003***	0.001***	0.107***	-0.012***	0.007***	0.004***	0.001***	0.104***	-0.012***	0.007***	0.004***	0.001***
Age2	-0.001***	0.0001***	-0.00009***	-0.00004***	-0.00001***	-0.0012***	0.0001***	-0.00008***	-0.00004***	0.00001***	-0.001***	0.0001***	-0.00007***	-0.00004***	-0.00004***
Unemployed	1.442***	-0.176***	0.116***	0.045***	0.015***	1.550***	-0.169***	0.103***	0.051***	0.015***	1.461***	-0.171***	0.097***	0.058***	0.016***
Persons-per-rooms	1.162***	-0.142***	0.093***	0.037***	0.012***	1.665***	-0.181***	0.110***	0.055***	0.016***	1.547***	-0.181***	0.103***	0.062***	0.017***
Health	0.230***	-0.028***	0.018***	0.007***	0.002***	0.314***	-0.034***	0.021***	0.010***	0.0030***	0.325***	-0.038***	0.022***	0.013***	0.004***
Gender	0.121***	-0.015***	0.010***	0.004***	0.001***	0.0875*	-0.010*	0.006*	0.003*	0.0008	0.174***	0.020***	0.011***	0.007***	0.002***
Ability to make ends meet	0.754***	-0.092***	0.060***	0.024***	0.008***	0.670***	-0.073***	0.045***	0.022***	0.006***	0.686***	-0.080***	0.045***	0.027***	0.008***
Observations	22,912					14,182					7,806				

Model 1 - Inability to keep home adequately warm, for NUTS1 regions of Greece (2018, 2020, 2022)

	2018	2020	2022
EL5	-0.073***	-0.0373**	-0.054***
Voreia Ellada	(0.007)	(0.008)	(0.010)
EL6	-0.030***	0.009	-0.009
Kentriki Ellada	(0.007)	(0.009)	(0.012)
EL4 Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	0.014*	0.025**	-0.030**
	(0.008)	(0.010)	(0.013)
<i>Observations</i>	22,912	14,182	7,806

Model 2 - Arrears on utility bills, for NUTS1 regions of Greece (2018, 2020, 2022)

	2018	2020	2022
EL5	-0.058***	-0.109***	-0.091***
Voreia Ellada	(0.009)	(0.011)	(0.014)
EL6	-0.020**	-0.044***	-0.027*
Kentriki Ellada	(0.009)	(0.011)	(0.0149)
EL4 Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	-0.074***	-0.080***	-0.084***
	(0.009)	(0.012)	(0.017)
<i>Observations</i>	22,900	14,162	7,806

Model 3 - Dwelling with leak, damp, or rot, for NUTS1 regions of Greece (2018, 2020, 2023)

	2018	2020	2023
EL5	-0.004	-0.021***	-0.055***
Voreia Ellada	(0.006)	(0.008)	(0.009)
EL6	0.003	-0.007	-0.024**
Kentriki Ellada	(0.006)	(0.008)	(0.010)
EL4 Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti	0.035***	0.009	-0.014
	(0.007)	(0.009)	(0.012)
<i>Observations</i>	22,912	14,182	8,459

Model 4 – Being at risk of poverty or social exclusion for Greek NUTS1 regions (2018, 2020, 2022).

	2018					2020					2022					
	Coefficient	Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Coefficient	Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Coefficient	Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	
EL5	-0.170***	0.020***	-0.013***	-0.005***	-0.002***	-0.122*	0.013*	-0.008*	-0.004*	0.001*	-0.279***	0.032***	-0.018***	-0.011***	-0.003***	
Voreia Ellada	(0.051)	(0.006)	(0.004)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.071)	(0.008)	(0.005)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.0812)	(0.009)	(0.005)	(0.003)	(0.001)	
EL6 Kentriki	0.049	-0.006***	0.004***	0.002***	0.0005	0.141**	-0.016**	0.009**	0.005**	0.001**	-0.006	0.0007	0.0004	0.0002	0.00007	
Ellada	(0.051)	(0.006)	(0.004)	(0.002)	*** (0.000)	(0.072)	(0.008)	(0.005)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.083)	*** (0.010)	*** (0.005)	*** (0.004)	*** (0.001)	
EL4 Nisia	0.007	-0.0009	0.0006	0.0002	0.00008	0.025	-0.003	0.002	0.0008	0.0002	-0.204**	0.024***	-0.013***	-0.008***	-0.002***	
Aigaiou, Kriti	(0.054)	*** (0.007)	*** (0.004)	*** (0.002)	*** (0.000)	(0.078)	(0.008)	(0.005)	(0.003)	(0.000)	(0.103)	(0.012)	(0.007)	(0.004)	(0.001)	
<i>Observations</i>		22,912					14,182					7,806				

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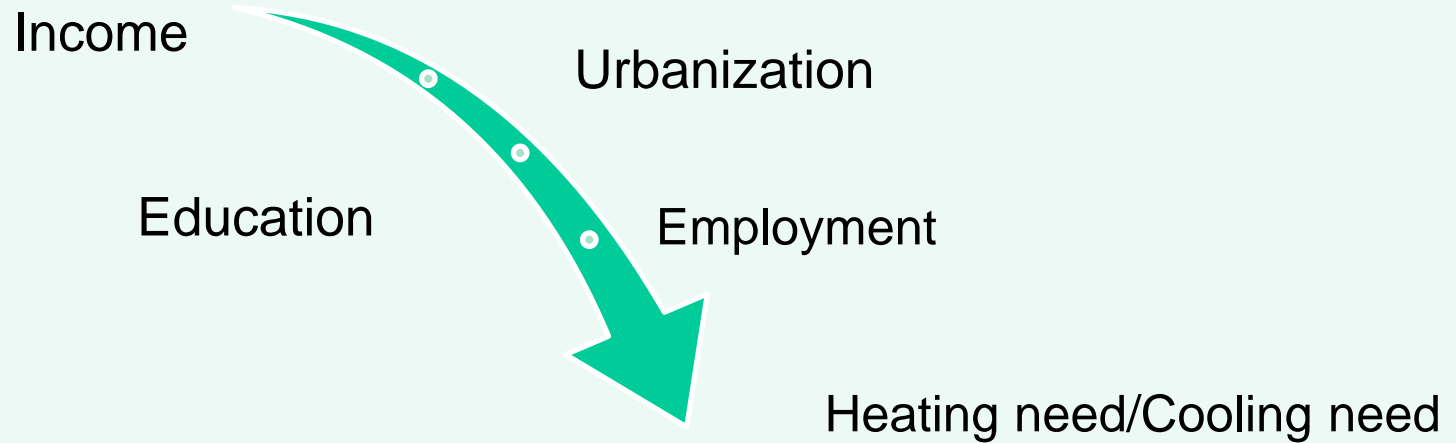
Inability to keep home adequately warm									
Models	LPM			Fraction Logit			Group binomial GLM		
Income	-0.138***	-0.165***	-0.115***	-0.949***	-1.081***	-0.882***	-0.796***	-1.105***	-0.876***
Household size	0.03	0.021	-0.011	0.32	0.353	0.059	0.172	0.108	-0.022
Urbanization	-0.116*	-0.096	-0.025	-0.513	0.084	0.175	-0.834*	-1.216**	-0.666
Detached house	-0.065	0.111	0.092	-0.252	0.751	0.558	-0.548	0.704	0.567
Employment	-0.040*	-0.041	-0.061	-0.216	-0.116	-0.14	-0.198	-0.758	-0.682
Tertiary ratio	-0.206***	-0.162**	-0.138*	-1.171***	-0.971*	-0.811	-1.370***	-1.186**	-0.976*
HDD/CDD	-0.164***	-0.101**	-0.300***	-0.901**	-0.302	-1.500***	-0.876**	-1.016***	-2.333***
Constant	1.244***	1.186***	1.165***	5.036***	3.949***	4.701***	4.759***	5.658***	6.154***
Cohort effects (NUTS 1)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Time effects	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Observations	392	392	392	392	392	392	392	392	392

Arrears on utility bills									
Models	LPM			Fraction Logit			Group binomial GLM		
Income	-0.181***	-0.287***	-0.238***	-0.982***	-1.355***	-1.317***	-0.877***	-1.439***	-1.277***
Household size	0.129**	0.081	0.12	0.771***	0.38	0.697*	0.636***	0.437	0.425
Urbanization	-0.125	-0.12	0.078	-0.354	-0.523	0.199	-0.808**	-0.709	0.07
Detached house	-0.071	0.042	0.062	-0.144	0.046	0.288	-0.512	0.047	0.077
Employment	-0.095***	0.011	0.078	-0.416***	0.196	0.54	-0.418***	-0.455	-0.097
Tertiary ratio	-0.059	-0.073	-0.052	-0.113	-0.2	-0.069	-0.486*	-0.578	-0.204
HDD/CDD	-0.138*	-0.350***	-0.165	-0.844**	-2.400***	0.093	-0.6	-1.643***	-1.760***
Constant	1.454***	2.148***	1.485***	4.987***	8.445***	4.842***	4.894***	8.345***	7.365***
Cohort effects (NUTS 1)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Time effects	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Observations	392	392	392	392	392	392	392	392	392

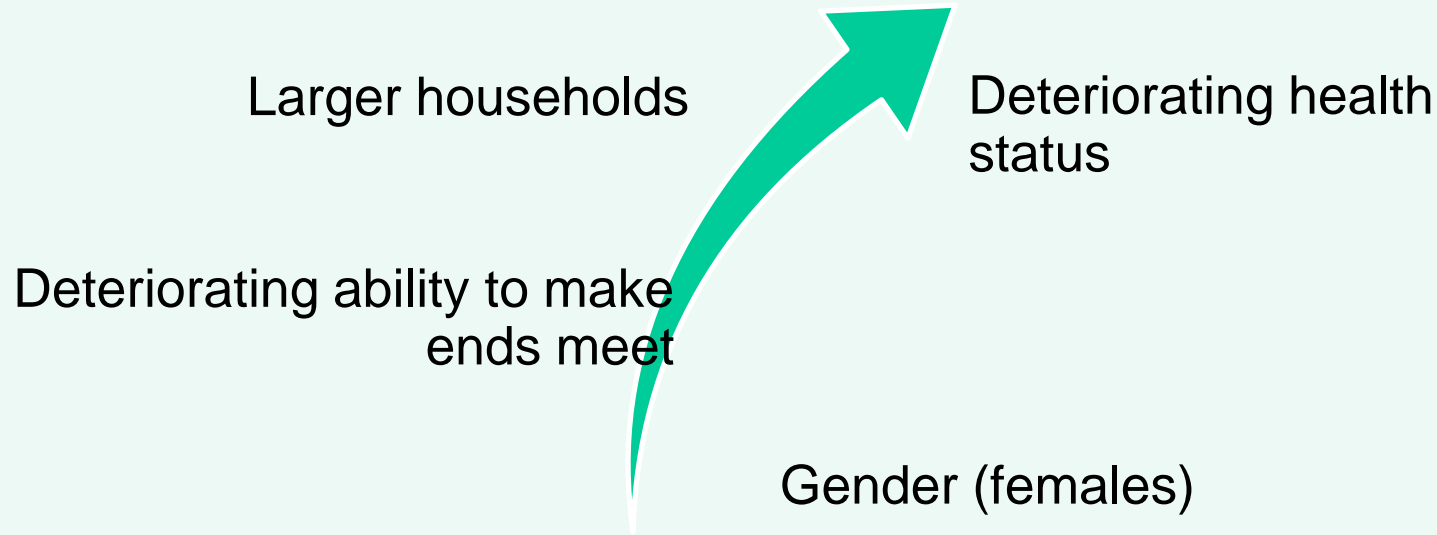
Leaking roof, damp walls/floors/foundation, or rot in window frames or floor									
Models	LPM			Fraction Logit			Group binomial GLM		
Income	-0.032	0.001	0.06	-0.657***	-0.553	-0.323	-0.016	0.386	0.775
Household size	-0.017	-0.036	-0.168**	0.411	0.59	-0.294	-0.396	-1.032*	-1.885***
Urbanization	-0.04	-0.037	-0.139*	-0.298	0.159	-0.721	-0.516	-0.614	-1.436*
Detached house	-0.023	-0.049	-0.141	-0.091	-0.347	-1.098*	-0.343	-0.877	-1.589*
Employment	-0.01	-0.007	-0.05	0.164	0.499	0.127	-0.279*	-0.158	-0.498
Tertiary ratio	-0.067	-0.124	-0.083	-0.534	-0.311	-0.128	-0.728	-1.142	-0.828
HDD/CDD	-0.069**	0.146	-0.138*	-0.917***	2.616***	0.52	-0.37	1.47	-1.415*
Constant	0.443***	0.07	0.346	2.427**	-1.94	0.825	-0.241	-2.975	-0.191
Cohort effects (NUTS 1)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Time effects	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Observations	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224

	Inability to keep home adequately warm (NUTS 2)			Arrears on utility bills (NUTS 2)			Leaking roof, damp walls/floors/foundation, or rot in window frames or floor (NUTS 2)		
	LPM	Fraction Logit	Group binomial GLM	LPM	Fraction Logit	Group binomial GLM	LPM	Fraction Logit	Group binomial GLM
Disposable income	-0.154*** (0.029)	-0.149*** (0.034)	-0.132*** (0.033)	-0.172*** (0.031)	-0.218*** (0.049)	-0.210*** (0.044)	-0.039** (0.018)	-0.008 (0.028)	0.014 (0.033)
Household size	0.060 (0.037)	0.057 (0.038)	0.055 (0.037)	0.128*** (0.037)	0.143*** (0.049)	0.201*** (0.052)	-0.005 (0.021)	-0.011 (0.040)	-0.076* (0.041)
Urban area	-0.053* (0.031)	-0.073 (0.050)	-0.029 (0.050)	-0.063 (0.042)	-0.081 (0.070)	0.015 (0.073)	0.050** (0.022)	-0.072 (0.057)	-0.112* (0.058)
Detached house	-0.009 (0.029)	-0.001 (0.044)	0.001 (0.044)	-0.014 (0.040)	-0.102* (0.058)	-0.069 (0.058)	0.040 (0.024)	0.001 (0.051)	-0.035 (0.052)
Employment status	-0.011 (0.019)	0.084 (0.055)	0.084 (0.053)	-0.094*** (0.021)	0.043 (0.073)	0.077 (0.078)	-0.003 (0.016)	0.008 (0.048)	-0.018 (0.047)
Tertiary ratio	-0.174*** (0.038)	-0.087 (0.055)	-0.082 (0.054)	-0.104** (0.045)	-0.116* (0.063)	-0.103* (0.061)	-0.093** (0.039)	-0.104* (0.061)	-0.093 (0.062)
HDD/CDD	-0.035*** (0.007)	-0.025*** (0.008)	-0.033** (0.014)	-0.026*** (0.010)	-0.061*** (0.017)	0.030 (0.023)	-0.037*** (0.005)	0.018 (0.013)	-0.017 (0.012)
Constant	1.048*** (0.136)	0.949*** (0.179)	0.846*** (0.173)	1.212*** (0.140)	1.458*** (0.264)	1.186*** (0.243)	0.337*** (0.080)	0.223* (0.134)	0.259* (0.156)
Cohort effects (NUTS 2)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Time effects	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Observations	1273	1273	1273	1273	1273	1273	728	728	728

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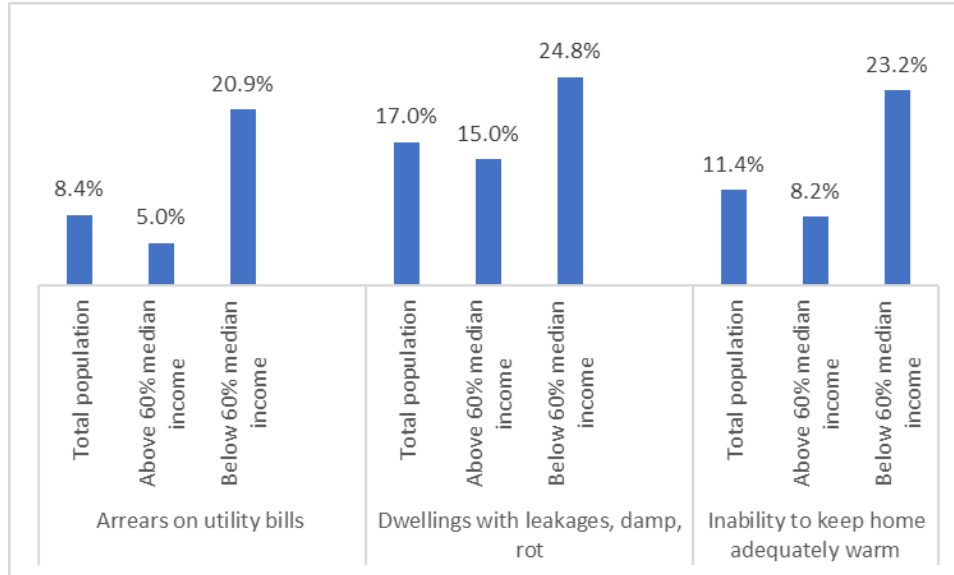
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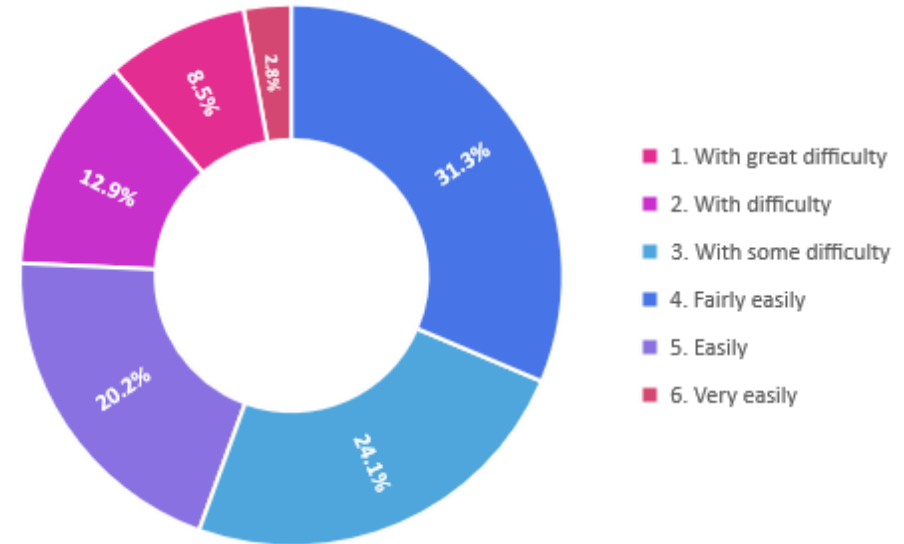
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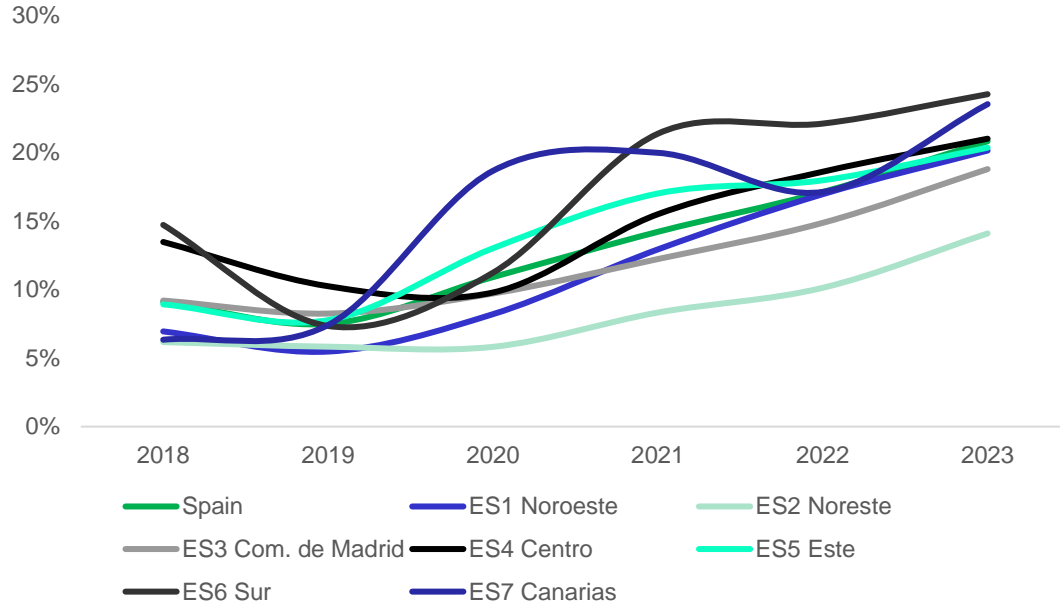
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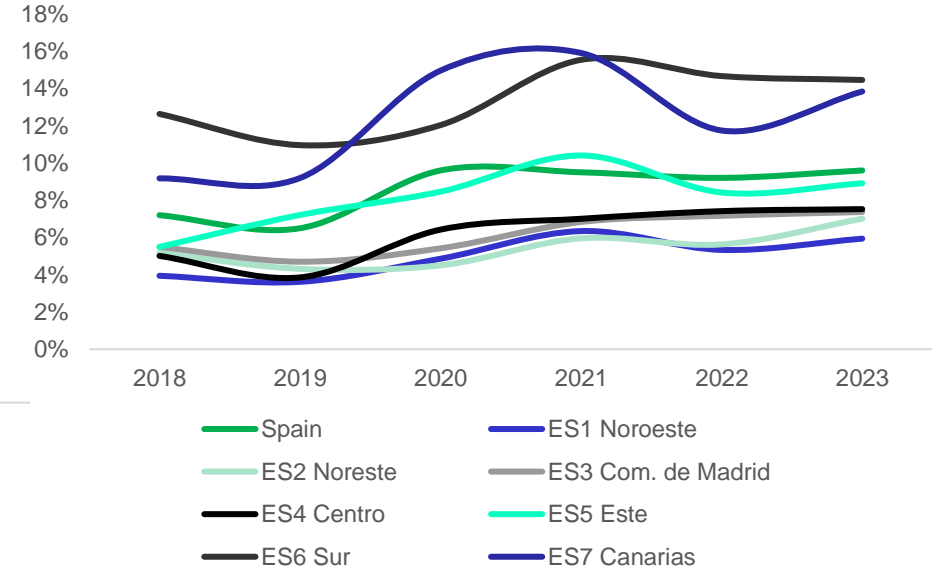
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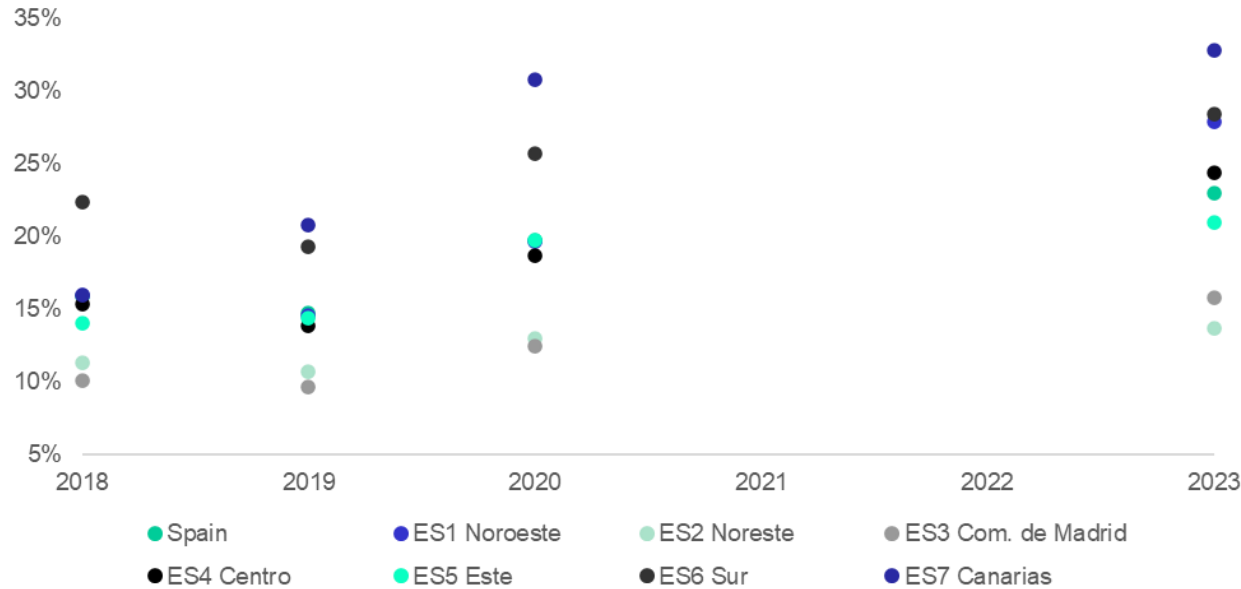
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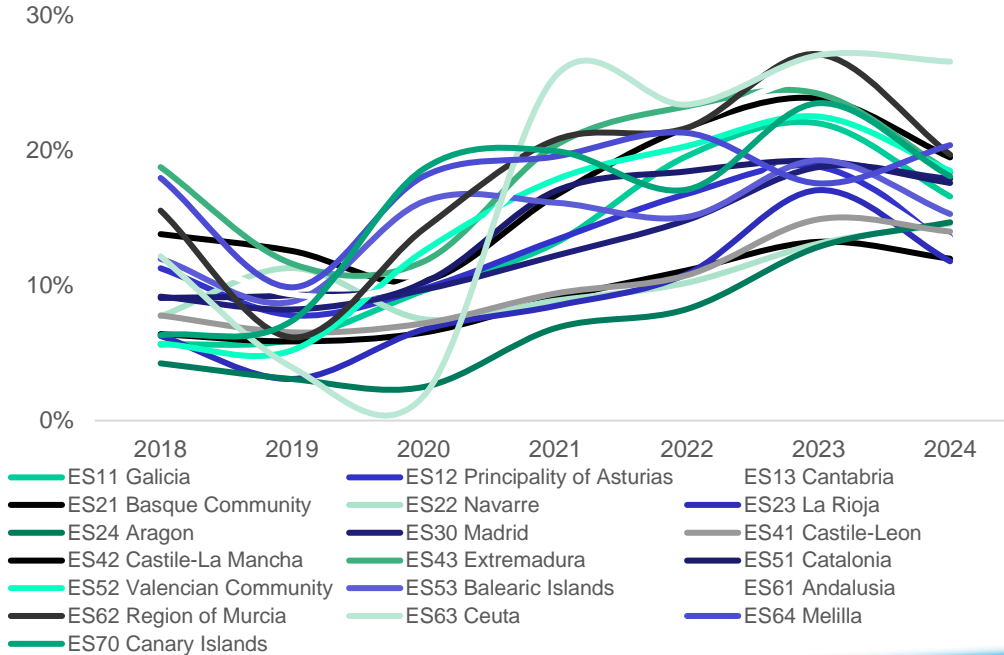
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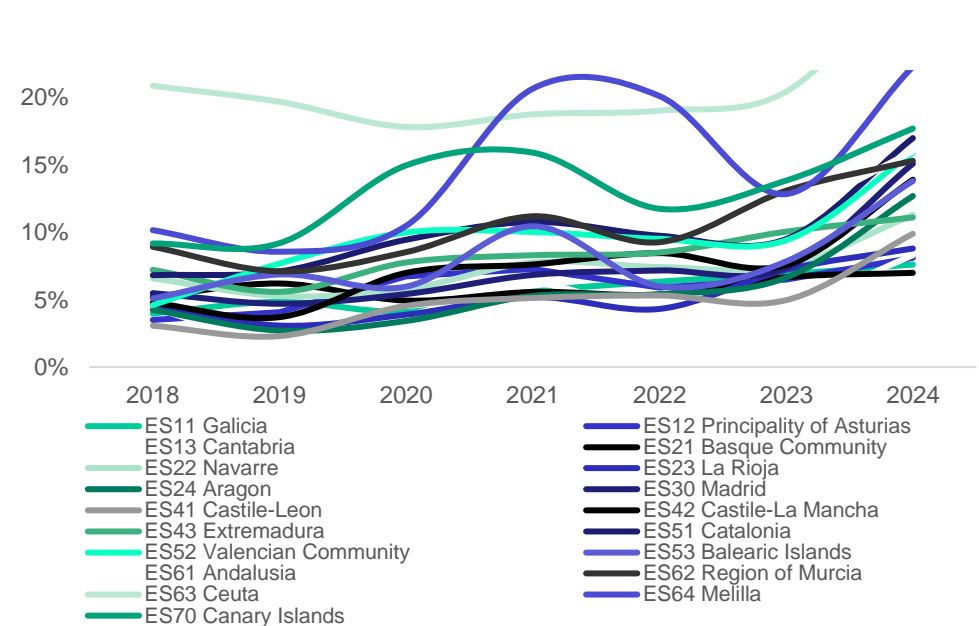
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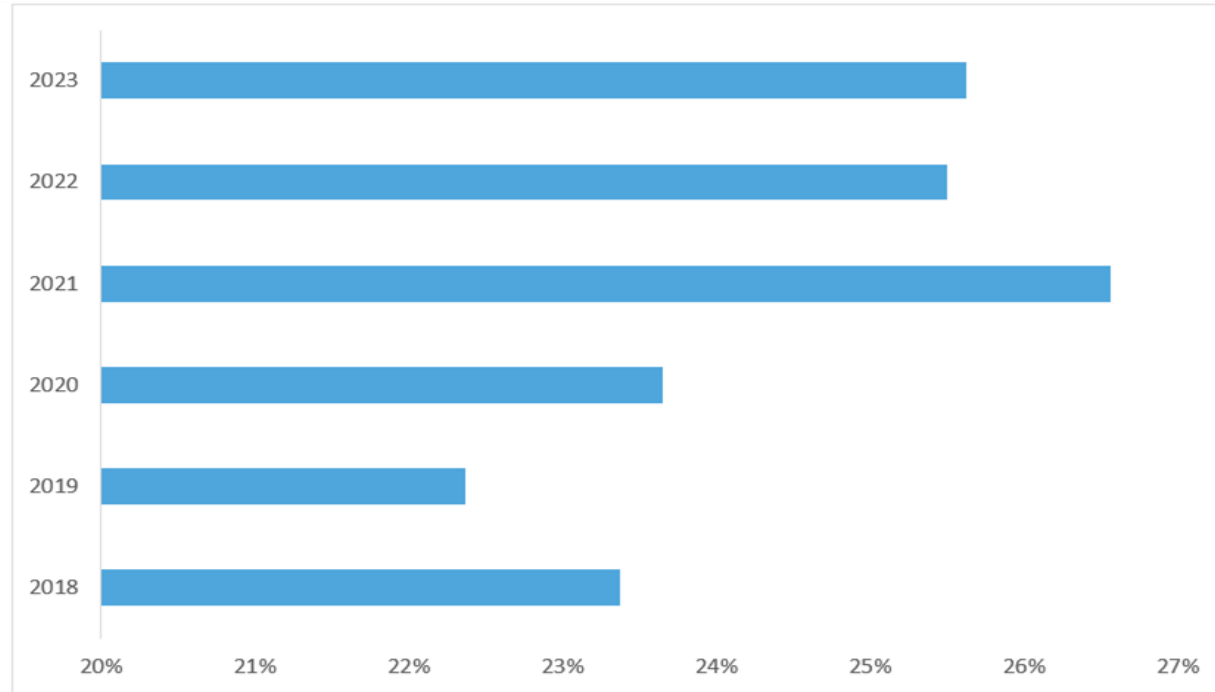
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Dwelling with leak, damp, or rot – NUTS2



People at risk of poverty or social exclusion – NUTS1



The Spanish case study - Econometric analysis

Model 1 - Inability to keep home warm	2018	2020	2022
Ln(income)	-0.011***	-0.013***	-0.031***
Education	-0.019***	-0.021***	-0.026***
Age	0.0005	0.001*	0.002**
Age2	-3.47E-06	-1.15e-05*	-1.95e-05**
Unemployed	0.015***	0.008*	0.020***
Persons-per-rooms	0.001	0.010**	0.012**
Health	0.008***	0.014***	0.028***
Gender	0.006**	0.008**	0.010***
Ability to make ends meet	0.042***	0.041***	0.081***
Observations	13,228	14,865	23,798

Model 2 – Arrears on utility bills	2018	2020	2022
Ln(income)	-0.005***	-0.007***	-0.008***
Education	-0.007***	-0.011***	-0.008***
Age	0.001***	0.0003	0.0009**
Age2	-1.59e-05***	-1.01e-05***	-1.74e-05***
Unemployed	0.006***	0.004**	0.009***
Persons-per-rooms	0.011***	0.017***	0.019***
Health	0.004***	0.007***	0.004***
Gender	0.002	-0.001	0.002
Ability to make ends meet	0.018***	0.022***	0.027***
Observations	13,151	14,807	23,667

Model 3 - Dwelling with a leaking roof, damp walls/floors/foundation, or rot	2018	2020	2023
Ln(income)	-0.011***	-0.021***	-0.011***
Education	-0.004	-0.002	0.006
Age	-0.004***	-0.009***	-0.004***
Age2	2.95e-05***	6.66e-05***	1.48E-05
Unemployed	0.006	0.020**	0.017**
Persons-per-rooms	0.050***	0.047***	0.035***
Health	0.026***	0.033***	0.050***
Gender	0.0127**	0.012*	0.024***
Ability to make ends meet	0.030***	0.037***	0.046***
Observations	13,229	14,870	22,620

Model 1 - Inability to keep home adequately warm, for NUTS1 regions of Spain (2018, 2020, 2022)

	2018	2020	2022
ES1 Noroeste	-0.018*** (0.006)	-0.017** (0.008)	0.009 (0.009)
ES2 Noreste	-0.012* (0.006)	-0.028*** (0.007)	-0.033*** (0.008)
ES4 Centro	0.019** (0.007)	-0.019*** (0.007)	-0.004 (0.008)
ES5 Este	-0.004 (0.006)	-0.005 (0.007)	0.011 (0.008)
ES6 Sur	-0.005 (0.006)	-0.023*** (0.007)	0.007 (0.008)
ES7 Canarias	-0.033*** (0.006)	0.005 (0.011)	-0.040*** (0.010)
Observations	13,228	-0.017**	23,798

Model 2 - Arrears on utility bills, for NUTS1 regions of Spain (2018, 2020, 2022)

	2018	2020	2022
ES1 Noroeste	-0.004 (0.003)	-0.0006 (0.003)	-0.006* (0.003)
ES2 Noreste	0.002 (0.003)	-0.0004 (0.003)	-0.002 (0.004)
ES4 Centro	-0.001 (0.003)	0.002 (0.003)	-0.002 (0.003)
ES5 Este	0.003 (0.003)	0.012*** (0.003)	0.006** (0.003)
ES6 Sur	0.002 (0.002)	0.010*** (0.003)	0.003 (0.003)
ES7 Canarias	-0.002 (0.003)	0.017*** (0.006)	-0.003 (0.004)
Observations	13,151	14,807	23,798

Model 3 - Dwelling with leak, damp, or rot, for NUTS1 regions of Spain (2018, 2020, 2023)

	2018	2020	2023
ES1 Noroeste	0.073*** (0.012)	0.078*** (0.013)	0.122*** (0.012)
ES2 Noreste	0.023** (0.011)	0.0195* (0.012)	-0.016 (0.010)
ES4 Centro	0.046*** (0.012)	0.051*** (0.012)	0.068*** (0.011)
ES5 Este	0.023** (0.010)	0.065*** (0.011)	0.026*** (0.009)
ES6 Sur	0.073*** (0.012)	0.072*** (0.012)	0.055*** (0.010)
ES7 Canarias	0.032* (0.017)	0.132*** (0.022)	0.124*** (0.018)
<i>Observations</i>	13,229	14,870	22,620

Model 4 – Being at risk of poverty or social exclusion for Spanish NUTS1 regions (2018, 2020, 2022).

	2018	2020	2022
ES1 Noroeste	0.043*** (0.010)	0.016* (0.010)	-8.17e-05 (0.009)
ES2 Noreste	0.020** (0.009)	-0.002 (0.009)	-0.009 (0.009)
ES4 Centro	0.050*** (0.009)	0.029*** (0.009)	0.016* (0.009)
ES5 Este	0.016** (0.007)	0.008 (0.008)	-0.006 (0.008)
ES6 Sur	0.033*** (0.008)	0.005 (0.008)	0.015* (0.009)
ES7 Canarias	0.015 (0.011)	-0.005 (0.012)	-0.018 (0.012)
<i>Observations</i>	13,229	14,875	23,820

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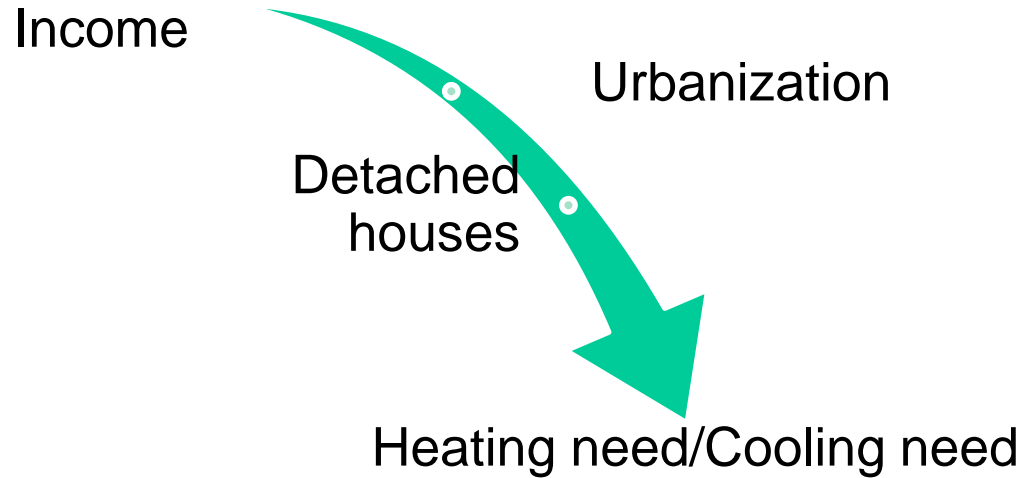
Inability to keep home adequately warm									
Models	LPM			Fraction Logit			Group binomial GLM		
Income	-0.036*	-0.045	-0.057*	-0.059	-0.669*	0.241	-0.377**	0.294	-0.118
Household size	-0.068**	-0.104*	0.01	-0.631**	-1.655***	-0.855	-0.174	-1.317*	-0.683
Urbanization	-0.088**	-0.246***	-0.004	-0.423	-0.451	0.791*	-0.503	-2.215***	0.245
Detached house	-0.158***	-0.1	0.045	-1.106***	-0.116	0.787	-0.719*	-1.027	0.632
Employment	-0.048**	-0.160*	0.036	-0.552***	0.179	1.252	-0.059	0.683	-1.769***
Tertiary ratio	0.096***	0.205***	-0.102*	0.377	0.479	-1.293**	0.518	0.446	-1.693**
HDD/CDD	-0.027***	-0.068***	-0.013	-0.231***	-0.837***	-0.273***	-0.284***	-1.119***	-0.192*
Constant	0.565***	0.756***	0.452***	0.317	-2.126	-3.058*	1.217	1.576	-1.126
Cohort effects (NUTS 1)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Time effects	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Observations	882	882	882	882	882	882	882	882	882

Arrears on utility bills									
Models	LPM			Fraction Logit			Group binomial GLM		
Income	-0.109***	-0.060**	-0.084***	-1.606***	-0.776*	-1.176**	-1.517***	-0.335	-0.758***
Household size	0.164***	0.083***	0.125***	2.538***	1.826***	2.301***	2.570***	1.155***	1.564***
Urbanization	-0.048**	-0.088***	-0.04	-1.489***	-1.740**	-1.373	-0.491	-1.271***	-0.525
Detached house	-0.016	-0.027	0	-0.656	-0.184	0.161	0.105	-0.155	0.487
Employment	0	0.038	0.070*	-0.704***	0.042	0.42	0.049	0.596	0.489
Tertiary ratio	0.065**	0.058**	-0.028	0.337	0.068	-0.646**	0.895**	0.081	-0.816**
HDD/CDD	-0.023***	-0.015***	-0.004	-0.377***	-0.443*	0.026	-0.536***	-0.554*	-0.052
Constant	0.588***	0.384***	0.437***	6.021***	2.572	2.706	4.217**	0.811	0.833
Cohort effects (NUTS 1)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Time effects	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Observations	882	882	882	882	882	882	882	882	882

Leaking roof, damp walls/floors/foundation, or rot in window frames or floor									
Models	LPM			Fraction Logit			Group binomial GLM		
Income	-0.114***	0.004	-0.051	-0.815***	0.550**	0.175	-0.950***	0.163	-0.445*
Household size	0.04	0.019	0.087*	0.307	-0.936**	-0.333	0.636***	0.198	0.48
Urbanization	-0.019	-0.079	-0.026	-0.499	-0.073	0.233	-0.031	-0.64	-0.637
Detached house	-0.175***	-0.152**	-0.074	-1.639***	0.072	0.344	-0.845***	-0.895*	-0.443
Employment	-0.028	0.091	0.154**	-0.321	0.986*	0.926	-0.012	1.533***	-1.324***
Tertiary ratio	0.125***	0.172***	-0.067	0.468	-0.468	-1.317**	0.647**	0.673	-0.505
HDD/CDD	0.001	-0.145***	-0.087***	-0.07	-1.124***	-0.432**	-0.063	-1.194***	-0.701***
Constant	0.868***	0.362*	0.504**	4.152***	-0.985	-1.096	3.587***	0.798	2.626*
Cohort effects (NUTS 1)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Time effects	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Observations	588	588	588	588	588	588	588	588	588

	Inability to keep home adequately warm (NUTS 2)			Arrears on utility bills (NUTS 2)			Leaking roof, damp walls/floors/foundation, or rot in window frames or floor (NUTS 2)		
	LPM	Fraction Logit	Group binomial GLM	LPM	Fraction Logit	Group binomial GLM	LPM	Fraction Logit	Group binomial GLM
Disposable income	-0.066*** (0.014)	-0.049 (0.030)	-0.068*** (0.021)	-0.104*** (0.015)	-0.050*** (0.016)	-0.066*** (0.016)	-0.099*** (0.017)	0.003 (0.029)	-0.038 (0.028)
Household size	-0.014 (0.020)	-0.096** (0.039)	0.008 (0.031)	0.160*** (0.017)	0.067*** (0.020)	0.101*** (0.021)	0.038* (0.021)	-0.007 (0.037)	0.062* (0.035)
Urban area	-0.055** (0.022)	-0.099*** (0.037)	0.010 (0.022)	-0.058*** (0.016)	-0.038** (0.015)	-0.015 (0.014)	-0.033 (0.023)	-0.053 (0.042)	-0.031 (0.038)
Detached house	-0.086*** (0.027)	0.001 (0.039)	0.058** (0.028)	-0.019 (0.017)	-0.022 (0.016)	-0.012 (0.016)	-0.186*** (0.022)	-0.126*** (0.045)	-0.093** (0.041)
Employment status	-0.028* (0.016)	-0.123** (0.059)	0.035 (0.041)	-0.006 (0.012)	0.034 (0.028)	-0.062** (0.027)	-0.031* (0.017)	0.027 (0.053)	0.075 (0.051)
Tertiary ratio	-0.066** (0.028)	-0.149*** (0.046)	-0.079** (0.036)	-0.051** (0.021)	0.030 (0.021)	-0.031 (0.020)	-0.109*** (0.029)	-0.105** (0.049)	-0.062 (0.044)
HDD/CDD	-0.008*** (0.003)	-0.007*** (0.002)	-0.002 (0.001)	-0.006*** (0.002)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)	0.004 (0.004)	-0.022** (0.010)	-0.006 (0.008)
Constant	0.602*** (0.074)	0.556*** (0.168)	0.474*** (0.112)	0.559*** (0.065)	0.303*** (0.074)	0.356*** (0.075)	0.799*** (0.090)	0.244 (0.158)	0.393** (0.154)
Cohort effects (NUTS 2)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Time effects	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Observations	2388	2388	2388	2388	2388	2388	1591	1591	1591

Determinants of energy poverty in Spain – overall insights



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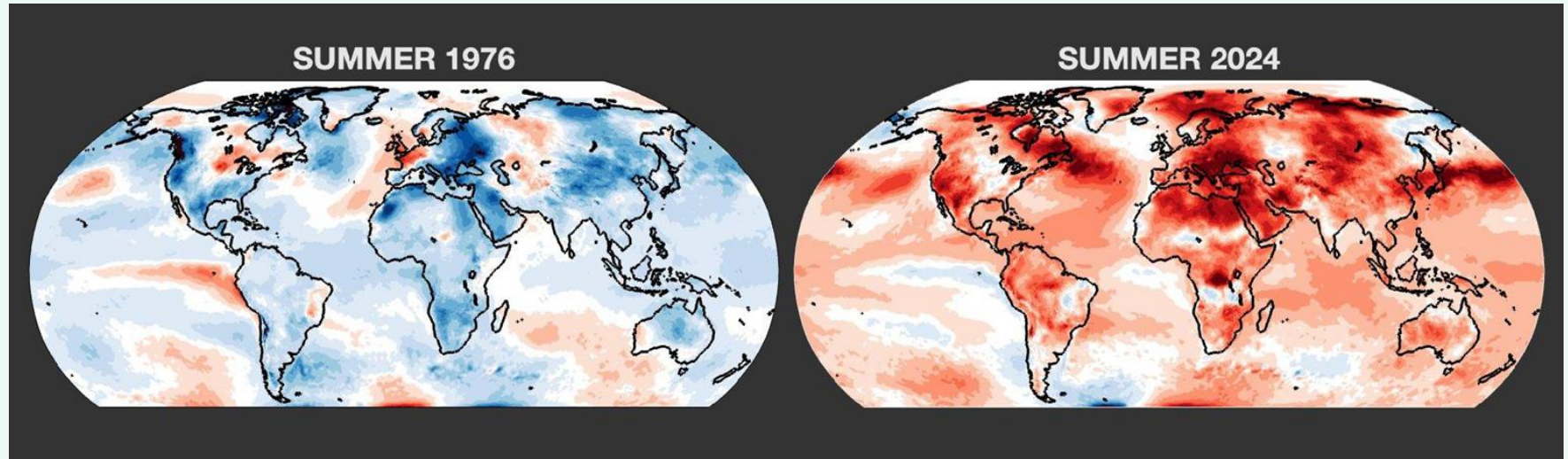
Large households

Deteriorating health
status

Deteriorating ability to make
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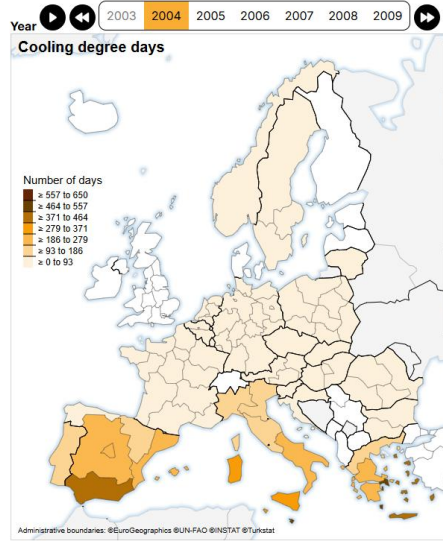
Now, why also summer energy poverty?



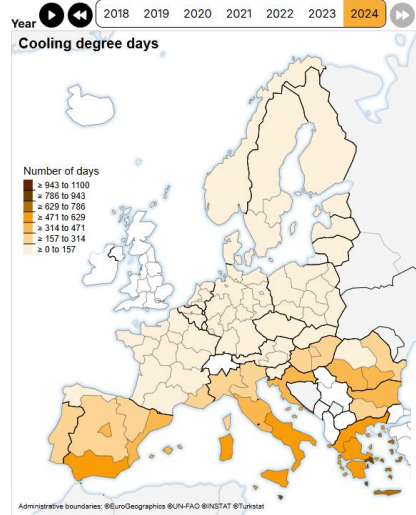
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CDD 2004 vs 2024

Cooling degree days

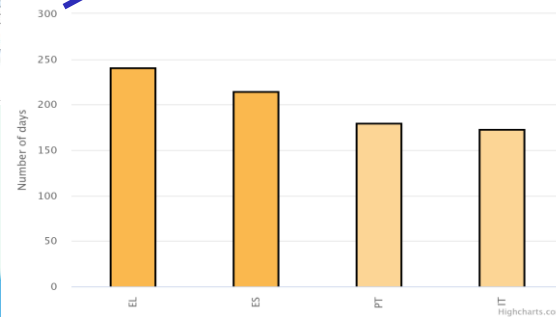


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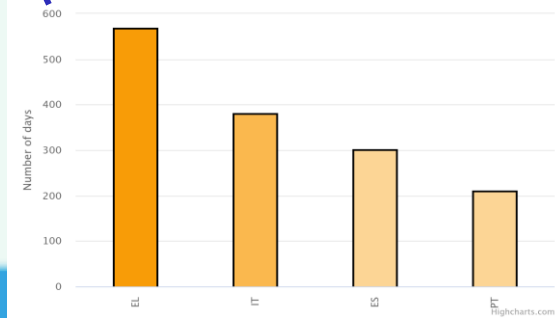


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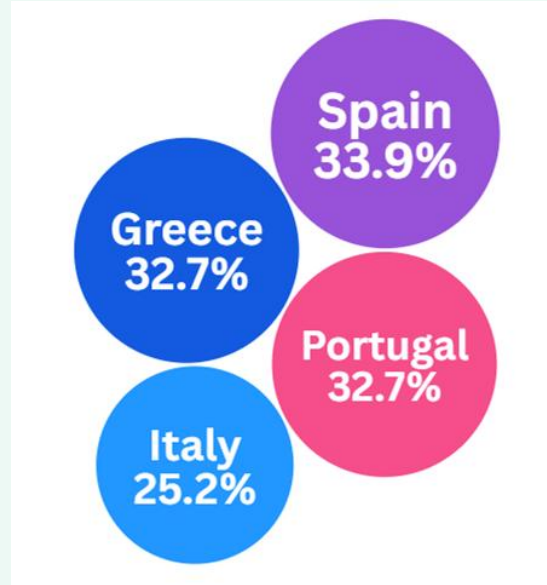
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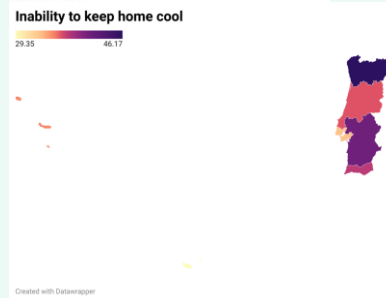
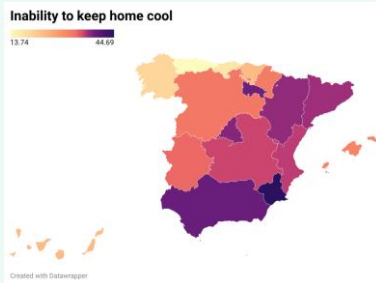
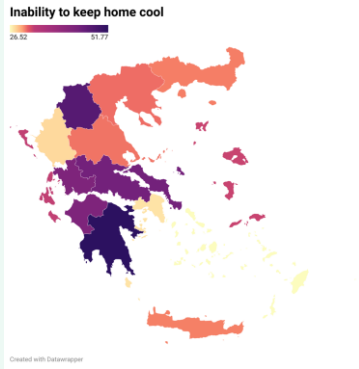
Cooling degree days 2024



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Variables	Inability to keep home adequately cool
1946 – 1960	0.140 (0.197)
1961-1980	-0.234 (0.184)
1981 – 2000	-0.694** (0.185)
2001 – 2020	-1.186*** (0.195)
After 2021	-1.519*** (0.435)
Household size	0.045 (0.030)
Semi-rural area	0.275*** (0.070)
Rural area	0.406*** (0.074)
Age	-0.002 (0.002)
Tertiary education	-0.301*** (0.072)
Income	-0.000*** (0.000)
Region effects	Yes

Policies

- ✓ Strengthen income support and social welfare measures (especially within large families)
- ✓ Promote employment and economic inclusion (especially in rural areas)
- ✓ Include special consideration in social frameworks for populations experiencing health issues and female-headed families
- ✓ Address high heating and cooling demand with energy efficiency programs and affordable renewable solutions
- ✓ Enhance educational opportunities and awareness

Limitations

- ❖ Measurement of energy poverty
- ❖ Unavailable data for NUTS 2 & 3 analysis for some cases
- ❖ Self-reported data (EU-SILC)

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Thank you for your attention!!

