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#### Exploring the underpinnings of energy vulnerability in Central and Eastern Europe

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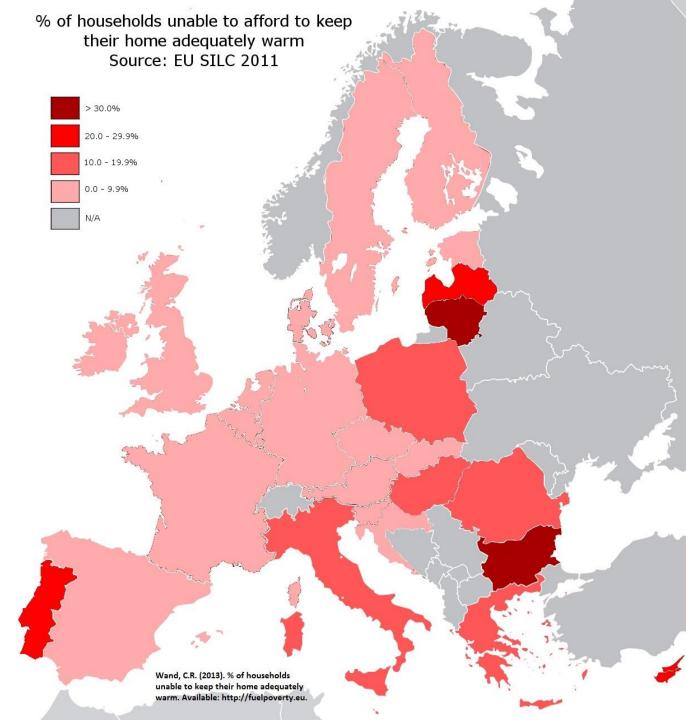
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# Regions at risk

- Highest rates in Central and Eastern Europe
- 52.1 million

   households in
   EU27 reported
   key indicators
   in 2010
   (Thomson,
   2015)



## The EVALUATE study

- Energy Vulnerability and Urban Transitions in Europe (EVALUATE)
- Five-year European Research Council funded project, underway since March 2013
- It aims to establish the driving forces of urban energy (or fuel) poverty in the post-socialist states of Eastern and Central Europe, and to determine which types of households are vulnerable to the condition

#### EVALUATE: An urban and neighbourhood level approach

- Focusing on dynamics within two inner-city neighbourhoods, while:
- Exploring national and city-level processes
- Local support (Gdansk University, Charles University, CEU, CUW, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University)



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## **Selected preliminary results**

- Self-recognition of vulnerability
- Normalisation of coping mechanisms
- Diversity of fuel poor groups
- Policy marginalisation

### **Additional activities**

- Coordinating submission to EU COST
  - Ca. €520,000 to establish a multidisciplinary European network of researchers, public policy officials, civil society
- Two sessions at the RGS-IBG conference in London
- Early career symposium in Manchester, 20th Sept.
  - Bursaries available applications close <u>4<sup>th</sup> May</u>
- Manage two influential web platforms
  - Energy Vulnerability and Urban Transitions: <u>www.urban-</u> <u>energy.org</u>
  - EU Fuel Poverty Network: <u>www.fuelpoverty.eu</u>



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