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About mobility and fuel poverty.



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Today in France, according to the Inclusive Mobility Laboratory, over 7 million people have a mobility impediment, owing to financial, material, cognitive or physical problems. Now this mobility vulnerability has disastrous consequences on people and their social, occupational and economic situation, thus making mobility an exclusion factor!

The Energy Insecurity Laboratory has started work on mobility, for if housing is one of the visible identified components of exclusion, mobility represents a form of vulnerability. Transport represents the 2nd biggest item on the household budget (15% according to the INSEE) just after housing. Energy vulnerability linked to mobility represents a considerable challenge when trying to prevent the social exclusion of the poorest households and the sinking into insecurity of the lower middle classes.

The increase in the burden of expenditure linked to travel between work and home and urban sprawl promote the dependence of households on the private car and make disposable income that much less. The equilibrium based on the lower real estate costs the further you get away from the city centres and previously affordable travel costs is now being brought into question for many households

Today the technological advances relating to physical equipment and infrastructures are contributing to the fight against energy insecurity and the drop in emissions, but the response remains inadequate.

It still excludes certain users (for reasons of costs, the all-inclusive cost of a car being approximately €400 per month, whereas the RSA (income subsidy) amounts to €535) and

does not take all modes of transport into account. Choices of non-mobility appear: appointments for healthcare and/or leisure activities abandoned, refusal to take a job (one job seeker in two refuses a job because of a mobility-linked problem)...

Providing support for the most vulnerable people on mobility matters enables us to combat energy insecurity. By meeting their mobility needs while at the same time improving their energy consumption performances, we are working towards sustainable, autonomous and well-thought out mobility for all.

To date Wimoov is made up of 25 mobility platforms providing support for 10,000 people in a precarious mobility situation with nearly 50% of positive employment outcomes and helps the regions by providing them with a concrete inclusive mobility activating tool!

See you at the 2017 European Energy Transition Conference in Bordeaux, on 25 January next at 11.30 a.m., to attend the introductory plenary session « Energy insecurity: what are the solutions, what are the new avenues to be explored? », chaired by **Florence GILBERT** and also **Bruno Léchevin** – Chairman of ADEME, **Christophe Robert** – General Delegate, Abbé Pierre Foundation and **Silvia Rosales-Montano** – Director of Studies, Town Planning Agency of the Lyons Metropolitan Area. .

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