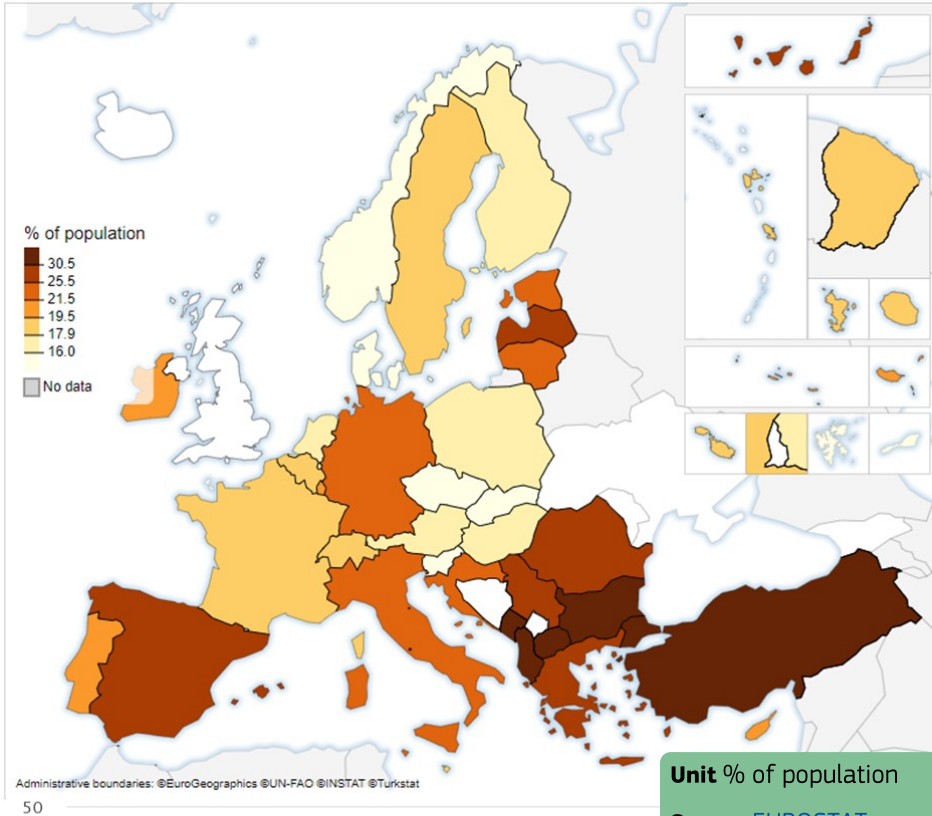


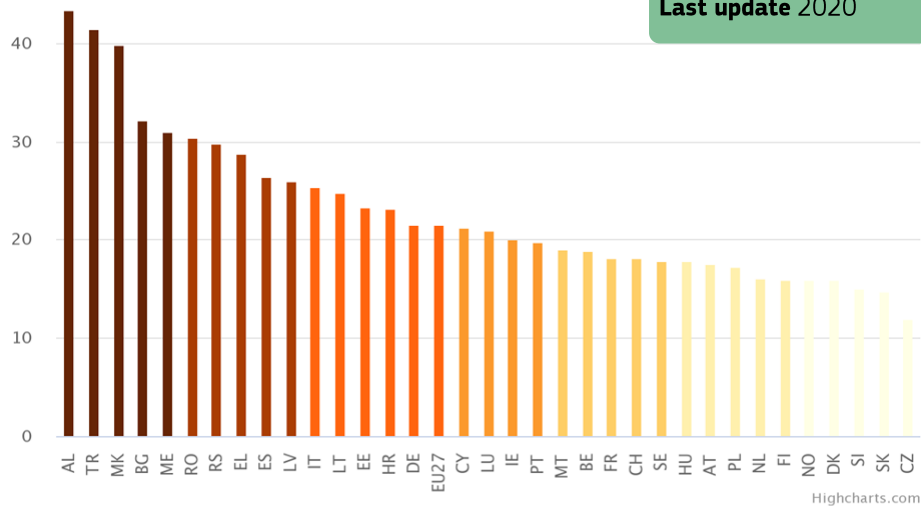
National indicator - At Poverty Risk or Social Exclusion



Unit % of population

Source [EUROSTAT](#)

Last update 2020



The “at poverty risk or social exclusion” indicator represents the people at risk of poverty or social exclusion (% of the population).

DEFINITION

It is a relative indicator depicting income poverty. However, it contains **limits**:

LIMITS

- Income poverty does not fully overlap with energy poverty
- If directly used to evaluate energy poverty, it will leave out a considerable part of energy-poor households.
- It should be cross-examined with energy expenditure and energy efficiency indicators



In 2020, **21.5%** of the **European Union** population was in **risk of poverty** ([EUROSTAT, 2022](#)), corresponding to 96.2* millions of Europeans.

NUMBERS

*considering that the European Union population in 2020 was 447.7 million, according to [EUROSTAT \(2022\)](#).



Energy poverty reduction policies can be impactful and effective in a region. Still, the share of the population at risk of poverty rises, as other causes might be causing it.

EXAMPLES

More details and additional insights on the indicator are available in the EPAH report “[Energy Poverty National Indicators: Insights for a more effective measuring](#)”.

