

Checklist 1: Social Engagement of the Vulnerable Population

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Contextual understanding of the vulnerable population	Yes/No	Comments
Does the demographic analysis include key data such as age distribution, population size, household structure, and population density?		
Are key socioeconomic indicators covered (e.g., income levels, employment status, education levels, housing conditions, access to basic services)?		
Does the assessment consider cultural, ethnic, or social characteristics relevant for inclusive energy planning?		
Are the specific needs, challenges, and vulnerabilities of the target population in relation to the energy transition clearly identified?		
Does the analysis identify opportunities for engagement and participation in the energy transition (e.g., local initiatives, existing actors)?		
Has the analysis identified and described the key cultural values, traditions, or practices relevant to the target communities?		
Has the analysis been validated or informed by direct input from community members or local stakeholders?		
Forms of Social Engagement	Yes/No	Comments
Promoting Knowledge, Tailored Outreach and Support		
Are outreach and awareness-raising activities described, using accessible and culturally appropriate formats (e.g., workshops, community radios)?		
Do the materials and methods clearly explain RECs or Self-Consumption schemes, including their benefits for vulnerable populations?		
Are the communication strategies tailored to the specific needs and capacities of the target population (e.g., literacy, language, technology access)?		
Inclusion in Decision-Making	Yes/No	Comments
Are mechanisms described for involving vulnerable groups in planning and implementation (e.g., participatory workshops, local forums)?		
Is there a plan to ensure that community input influences decisions at governance or operational levels of RECs or energy schemes?		
Are efforts described to build trust and ensure transparency in decision-making processes involving the target population?		
Empowerment through Collective Action		
Are models of collective action or community ownership (e.g., energy cooperatives) proposed to engage vulnerable groups in RECs?		
Does the strategy emphasize community empowerment through roles in management, operation, or governance of energy projects?		
Are examples or pathways provided that show how collective action can build social cohesion and reduce energy vulnerability?		
Social Benefits	Yes/No	Comments
Are specific social benefits identified (e.g., reduced energy bills, improved housing, stronger community ties)?		
Does the analysis demonstrate how RECs contribute to broader social inclusion and community resilience in marginalized areas?		
Is there a focus on long-term benefits such as reduced energy poverty, improved quality of life, and increased local capacity?		
Monitoring, Evaluation, Feedback	Yes/No	Comments
Are there defined performance indicators (e.g., participation rates, satisfaction levels, behavior changes) to monitor engagement impact?		

Are feedback mechanisms described (e.g., surveys, community meetings, digital platforms) to refine engagement activities over time?		
Are both quantitative and qualitative tools proposed for evaluation (e.g., data analytics, interviews, behavioral tracking)?		
Integration with National and Regional Policies	Yes/No	Comments
Does the engagement strategy align with relevant national/regional policies on energy, social inclusion, and sustainability?		
Are references to specific policy frameworks, funding programs, or legal instruments provided to demonstrate alignment?		
Is there a rationale showing how policy alignment supports long-term viability, legitimacy, and institutional support for the REC initiatives?		