

POWERTY PROJECT

TRANSCRIPTION OF THE RADIO INTERVIEW

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This summer there have been several fires in homes with tragic results of human and material losses.

Behind some of them there has been a cause: **energy poverty**, which is the situation in which many people live due to not being able to condition their houses at room temperature, be it cold or hot. Aware of this serious problem, **the Andalusian Government and Caritas will work together in the fight against this reality.**

To this end, the Andalusian Energy Agency (AEA) and the social entity have signed a collaboration agreement to promote training and **pilot initiatives with renewable energies in the framework of the European POWERTY project.** It is focused on renewable energies for vulnerable groups and is led by the Andalusian Energy Agency, an entity attached to the Ministry of the Presidency, Public and Interior Administration and European Finance and Finance, and of which Cáritas is part of the group of stakeholders. Its objective is to provide vulnerable groups affected by energy poverty with access to safe, clean and efficient energy through renewable energies.

Thus, the main lines of action of the agreement include the development of joint initiatives that facilitate access to renewable energies for vulnerable groups, including pilot experiences based on the creation of local energy communities. In addition, the dissemination of energy efficiency aimed at reducing energy consumption and associated spending will be promoted, through training workshops, training of trainers and other measures specifically designed for these groups, and opportunities for labor insertion of groups will be identified vulnerable in the renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors.

We talked about all this with Joaquín Villar, Head of Internationalization and Foresight at the Andalusian Energy Agency.