

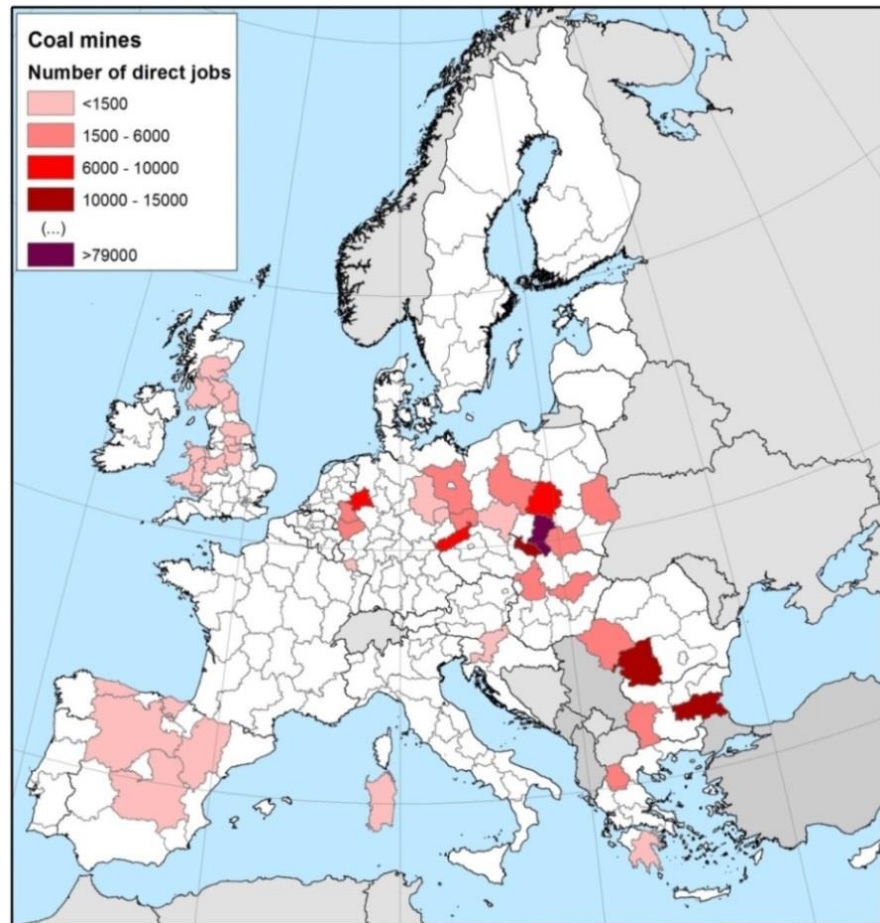


Coal Regions in Transition Initiative

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1. Why "Just Transition" in coal regions?



The Challenge

- EC Energy Scenarios show coal use in the EU going down by 35% from 2020 to 2030, and production down by 32%.
- 900,000 new jobs expected in clean energy sector but distribution likely uneven.
- **185,000 direct jobs in coal** mining across 41 regions in 12 EU Member States (almost 100,000 in Poland alone, followed by Germany, Czechia, Romania and Bulgaria).
- 215,000 **indirect jobs** depend on the coal sector across the EU (49,000 in Poland alone)

2. EC Coal Regions in Transition Initiative



Operational objectives

- 1- Support the development of transition **strategies** in coal regions.
- 2- Facilitate the identification, development and implementation of **projects** which can kick-starting structural diversification and technology transition in coal regions.

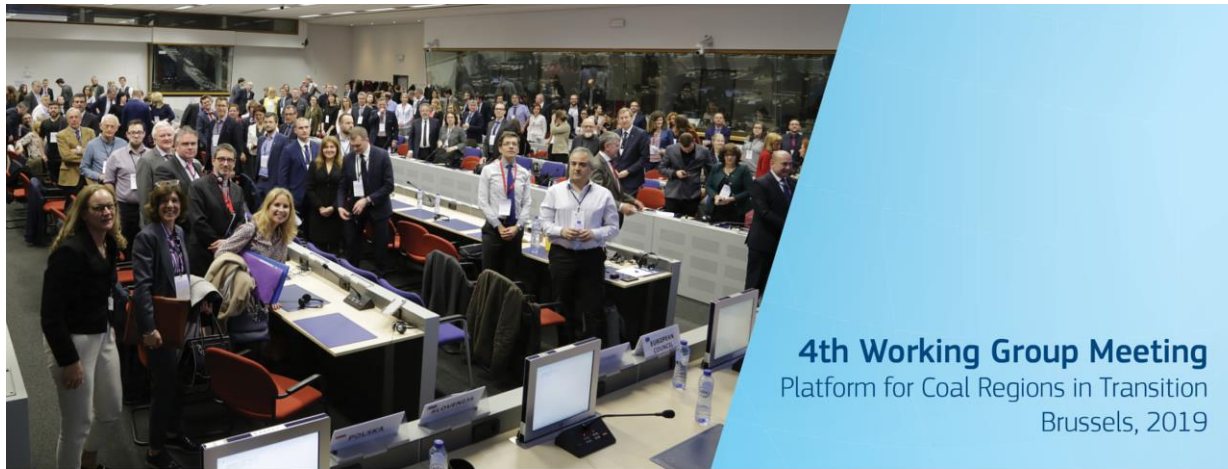
Resources

- Access to more flexibility in the use of existing EU cohesion and regional funds
- Tailored information about centrally managed EU funds

Dedicated Tools

- **Platform** for Coal Regions in Transition (knowledge sharing and political steer)
- **Country Teams** for Coal Regions in Transition (trilateral discussions between the EC, Member States and pilot coal regions)

3. EC Platform for Coal Regions in Transition



- **What is it?**

A community of 800 stakeholders interested in successful transition of coal regions (National and Regional Authorities, industry, NGOs, trade unions).

4 meetings per year since December 2017 (300 participants each time).
- **How does it benefit coal regions?**

Present and discuss the situation in your region and your ideas for a strategy and projects.

Learn about strategies and projects in other regions.

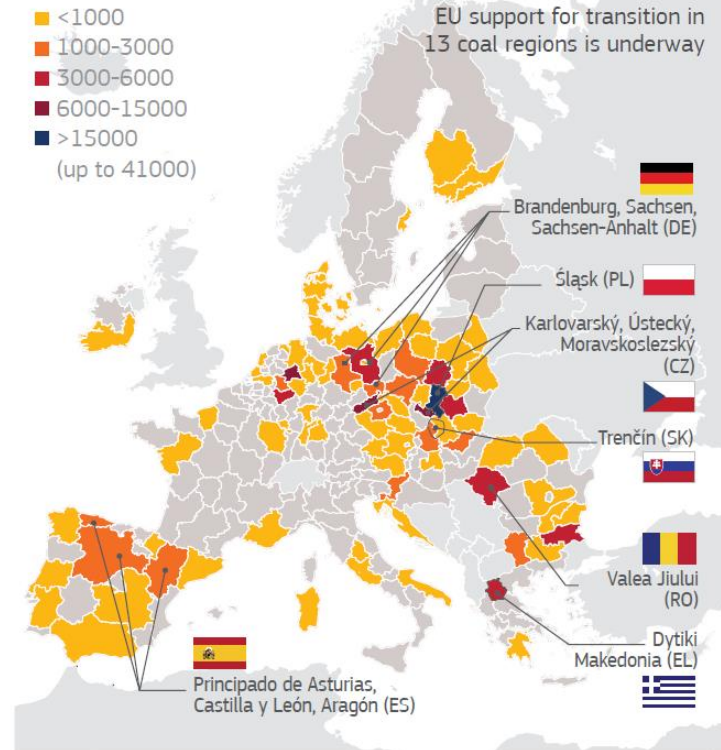
Learn about financing and funding opportunities.

Meet project developers.
- **Partnerships** with the World Bank, Bloomberg Philanthropies, EIB, EBRD, OECD, support from Committee of the Regions and the European Parliament.

4. EC Country Teams for Coal Regions in Transition

EU planning well ahead for the transition in coal regions

Potential job losses in EU27
Unit 2030 (cumulative)



Source: European Commission (DG JRC, DG REGIO).

➤ What is it?

Trilateral dialogue (national, regional, EU level)

8 Member State Governments and 19 Pilot Coal Regions (SK, PL, EL, CZ, DE, RO, ES, SI)

➤ How are the regions participating?

Over 100 project ideas received from pilot coal regions.

➤ What is the EU doing for the coal regions?

Technical Assistance for transition strategy development is being delivered to Greece (Western Macedonia Region), Slovakia (Horna Nitra Region) and Romania (Jiu Valley Region) through EC Structural Reform Support Service.

Technical Assistance for project development is being delivered to Poland and Czechia through JASPERS (EIB-EC Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions).

EU funding (cohesion funds) have been reallocated in national and regional operational programmes in Silesia, Poland (100M EUR) and in Czechia (230M EUR) for implementation of transition projects.

5. Secretariat of the Platform for Coal Regions

Overview

- 3 full-time staff within a multi-skilled consortium
- Mix of research, technical and consultancy skills
- Pool of experts
- Extensive experience, networks, contacts
- Able to address complex issues

Key tasks

- Operate the Platform for Coal Regions in Transition
- Provide support materials and tools
- Deliver technical assistance and expertise, complementing existing efforts
- Develop a knowledge resource for transition related activities

Knowledge Products

- Collection of good practice examples
- Toolkit on transition strategies
- Toolkit on the governance of transition
- Toolkit on sustainable employment and welfare support
- Toolkit on environmental rehabilitation and clean air strategies
- Report on clean energy potential of coal regions in the EU
- One stop shop on EU funds and programmes



7. Future perspectives and next steps

Deliver Technical assistance

- Pilot region selection process commences May/June, anticipated delivery from Q4 onwards

Develop Knowledge Tools

- Support materials for regions from Q3 onwards

Generate Transition Success Stories in the EU

- Getting from the coal regions in transition initiative to real projects (improving the quality of transition strategies and project ideas).
- **More targeted funding for projects in the coal regions** after 2021 (cohesion policy, Modernisation Fund, European Social Fund, European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, Horizon Europe, LIFE Programme).
- Having clear project ideas ready for 2021 (next programming period for EU funds).

Forthcoming meetings

- 15-16 July and 15-16 October (Brussels), Annual Political Dialogue in November (Gorlitz, Germany)

8. How can EU coal regions get involved?

Participate in Platform meetings

- Who can participate? Open to representatives of all coal, peat, oil shale producing regions in the EU and invited third parties (only Ukraine)
- What are the benefits? Exchange of experiences with other regions, networking with financial institutions, industry, NGOs, potential new partnerships, first-hand information about new initiatives of the Secretariat, be part of a Community.

Request the establishment of a Country Team (access to trilateral dialogue)

- Request has to be sent by the responsible Minister to Commissioner Canete or Vice President Sefcovic
- A pilot coal region within the Member State has to be designated by the Member State authority responsible (typically Ministry of Energy or Regional Development)
- Team of Commission experts is formed (REGIO, ENER, CLIMA, ENV, SRSS, EMPL) under the leadership of Vice President Sefcovic and the EC Secretariat General.
- Team of experts from the national ministries and the pilot regions is formed.
- Trilateral discussions result in an action plan and identify support tools at the EU level.

Access to Secretariat Materials and Technical Assistance

9. How can regions beyond the EU benefit?

Participate in Platform meetings

- Participation open to Ukraine but little capacity to extend the invitation to other regions

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- The existing model cannot be replicated for non EU Members who don't have access to the same funds.
- A novel way of working would have to be designed to support strategy development and projects.

Access to Secretariat Materials but not Technical Assistance

EC and World Bank are reflecting how to facilitate Technical Assistance in Ukraine and Western Balkan coal regions.

**Thank you for your
attention**

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