

Coal Regions in Transition Initiative

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1. Clean Energy for All Europeans

With the Clean Energy for All Europeans Commission commits to socially fair and inclusive clean energy transition.



Other Enabling Initiatives

- Islands Initiative
- Energy Poverty Observatory
- Covenant of Mayors

Commission Communication on Clean Energy for All Europeans

"(...) Commission will examine how to better support the transition in coal and carbon-intensive regions. To this end it will work in partnership with the actors of these regions, provide guidance, in particular for the access to and use of available funds and programmes, and encourage exchange of good practices, including discussions on industrial roadmaps and re-skilling needs, through targeted platforms"

source: *Communication on Clean Energy for All Europeans, Annex 2: [Action to boost clean energy transition](#).*

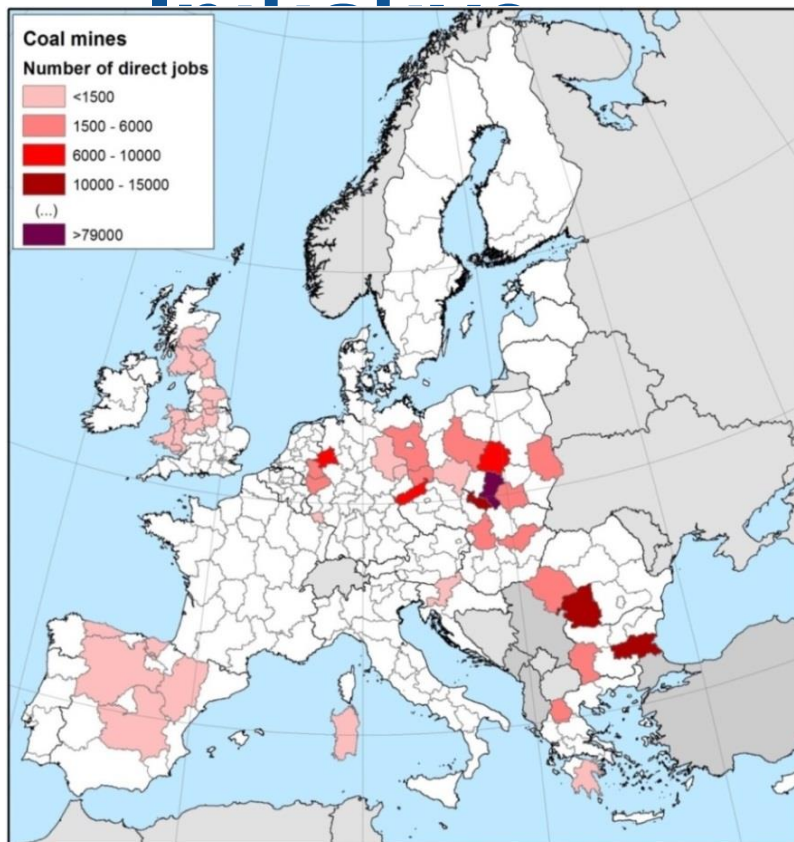
2. Opportunities and challenges

- **€3.9 Trn** in investments **needed** annually in 2020-2030 period to deliver on climate and energy objectives.
- Around **900,000 job creation potential**, but also a challenge for some.
- **10 Member States** have recently committed or announced **plans to phase-out coal use**

Commission objective: no region should be left behind

- **Coal Regions in Transition Initiative** – support action for 42 regions with coal mining activities across 12 Member States.
- Stakes are high - **total employment of 185,000 in coal extraction**
- **Major economic opportunity** for investments, growth and jobs, bringing concrete benefits to all Europeans: cleaner air, local economic development, better quality of jobs and improved living conditions.

3. Coal Regions in Transition



Our Objective

- support the development of (1) transition strategies (2) concrete projects kick-starting structural diversification and technology transition

Our Resources

- EU Funds and Programmes (mainly Cohesion Fund, European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, Structural Reform Support Service)

Our Tools

- Multi-stakeholder Platform
- Operational Country Teams

4. Our strategy

- (1) **Country Teams** composed of experts from all relevant Commission services **work with national and regional authorities** in pilot regions designated by Member States to encourage the preparation of transition strategies and identification of priority projects.
- (2) **The Platform for Coal Regions in Transition** provides a forum for:
 - **Stakeholder Dialogue:** strategies and projects are discussed with a wider stakeholder community including NGOs, trade unions and industry.
 - **Collective Brainstorming:** best practices and experiences from other sectors and project ideas are brought into the discussion.
 - **Guidance on available EU funds:** Commission services provide information on funds and programmes to support transition in coal regions
 - **High-level political dialogue:** policy-makers provide recommendations on how to ensure an enabling policy framework, including the new MFF.
 - **Monitoring progress made by Pilot Regions**

5. Platform for Coal Regions in Transition – organisation of work

- Our operational objective is to provide space for focused, operational and transparent discussions which help coal regions prepare transition strategies and identify priority projects with high potential.
 - (1) WG on Post coal economy and structural transformation
 - (2) WG on Clean air, eco-innovation and energy system transformation
- Three meetings of the 2 WGs scheduled for 2018, open to all stakeholders with an interest in successful transition of coal regions (February, June, October)
- Invited Member States and pilot coal regions jointly present transition strategies and identified projects (February batch – Brandenburg and Saxony, Silesia, Trencin, Western Macedonia)
- Commission services and participants of the meetings provide feedback on the strategies and projects

6. State of Play and Forthcoming Meetings and Milestones

- **Country Teams** were set up for the following Member States, designating the following Pilot Regions:
 - Slovakia – Trencin (actions taken - SRSS to assist with strategy development)
 - Poland – Silesia (actions taken – bilateral discussion on project prioritisation)
 - Greece – Western Macedonia (action taken - SRSS to assist with the development of a transition strategy)
- Discussions on-going with Romania, Czechia and Spain.
- **Platform Working Group Meetings:** first session in February. Next sessions on June (26-27) and October (25-26) 2018
- **High Level Political Dialogue:** During COP24 in Katowice in December 2018



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**Thank you for your
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