

# 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](#).*

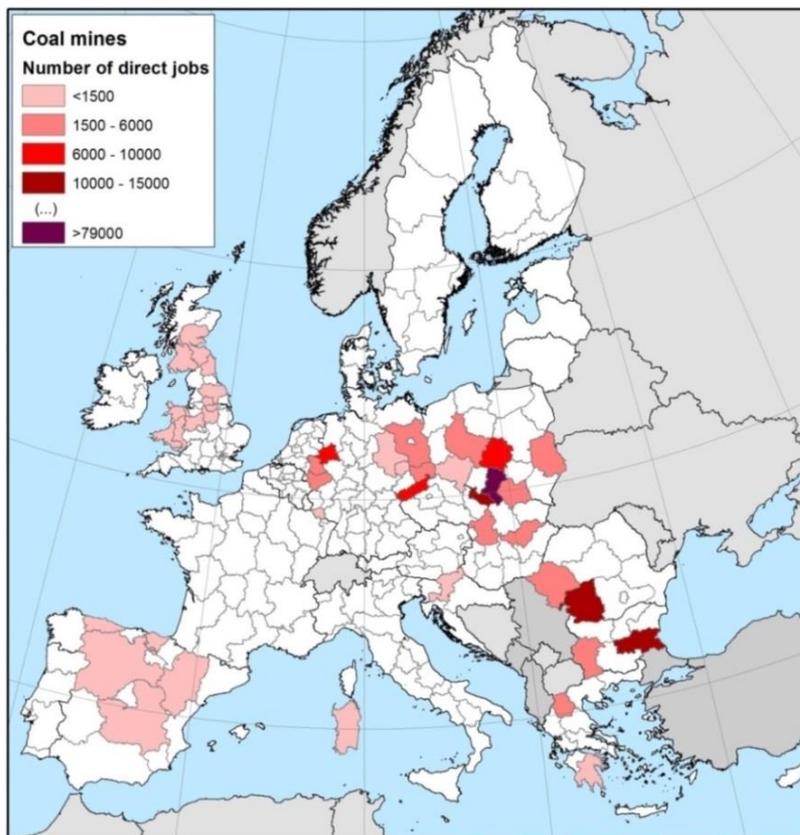
## 2. Opportunities and challenges ahead

- €379 billion 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 41 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 Initiative



## 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 identify concrete actions where EC can help in accelerating transition efforts (transition strategies and pilot 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 **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 to kick-start the transition process.
- Invited Member States and pilot coal regions jointly present transition strategies and identified projects under two Working Groups:
  - (1) **WG on Post coal economy and structural transformation**
  - (2) **WG on Clean air, eco-innovation and energy system transformation**
- The Platform also serves as a space for exchange of best practices and project ideas
- 3 meetings at WG level per year and an annual high level dialogue
- Commission services and participants of the WG meetings provide feedback on the strategies and projects with the aim to identify potential sources of support at EU level

## 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
  - Poland – Silesia
  - Greece – Western Macedonia
  - Romania – Jiu Valley
  - Czechia
  - Discussions on-going with Spain.
- **Platform Working Group Meetings**: Next sessions on 5 and 6 2018
- **High Level Political Dialogue**: During COP24 in Katowice in December 2018

## 7. Deliverables for 2018/2019

Secretariat of the Platform for Coal and Carbon-Intensive regions to be established in Q4 2018.

- Prepare and organise Platform meetings.
- Serve as a body of reference on transition in coal and carbon-intensive regions.
- Design and implement capacity building and technical assistance support for pilot coal and carbon-intensive regions.
- Develop support materials, methodologies and toolkits for the coal and carbon-intensive regions.
- Review and identify best practices related to structural and technological



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Thank you for your attention

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