

European Coal-Sector Restructuring Revisited

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The IEA Clean Coal Centre study

- Six Western European countries
 - Belgium
 - France
 - Germany
 - The Netherlands
 - Spain
 - United Kingdom

Update on events

- Deep mining has ended in France
- Continuing reductions in Germany, Spain and the UK

Economic restructuring requires:

- Good infrastructure
- A clean environment
- A trained, motivated workforce

UK experience with 'hidden' unemployment

- High rates of incapacity in old industrial areas
- Major contrast with economically active regions
- General population health is improving, so many local incapacity claimants are actually unemployed, but not counted as such

Maintain economic activity

- It may be costly, but it is cheaper in the long term than having to rebuild

The UNECE questionnaire

- Asks for a lot of information
- Will need time, effort and commitment
- Help is available, if it is needed

The UNECE questionnaire

- Information is coming in
- More countries still need to respond
- Any information you can provide will help with the UNECE report and in targeting assistance

Targeted assistance

- Joint UNECE-hosted workshop?
- Venue offers are welcome

The UNECE guidelines are still available

- Don't 'reinvent the wheel'
- Experience *can* be transferred successfully