

Updates from the Secretariat and voices from the regions

Coal regions in transition virtual week

18 November 2020



A few guidelines before we begin

We will use Slido for Q&A! To submit questions:

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Please note this meeting will be recorded

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Welcome!

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Secretariat of the Initiative for Coal Regions in Transition

EU Initiative for coal regions in transition

Update from the Secretariat
and Voices from the regions

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Welcome and introduction

Geographical coverage in 2020

- Coal regions (31) in 11 EU countries
- Peat regions in Ireland and Finland
- Oil shale region of Estonia

Purpose of this session



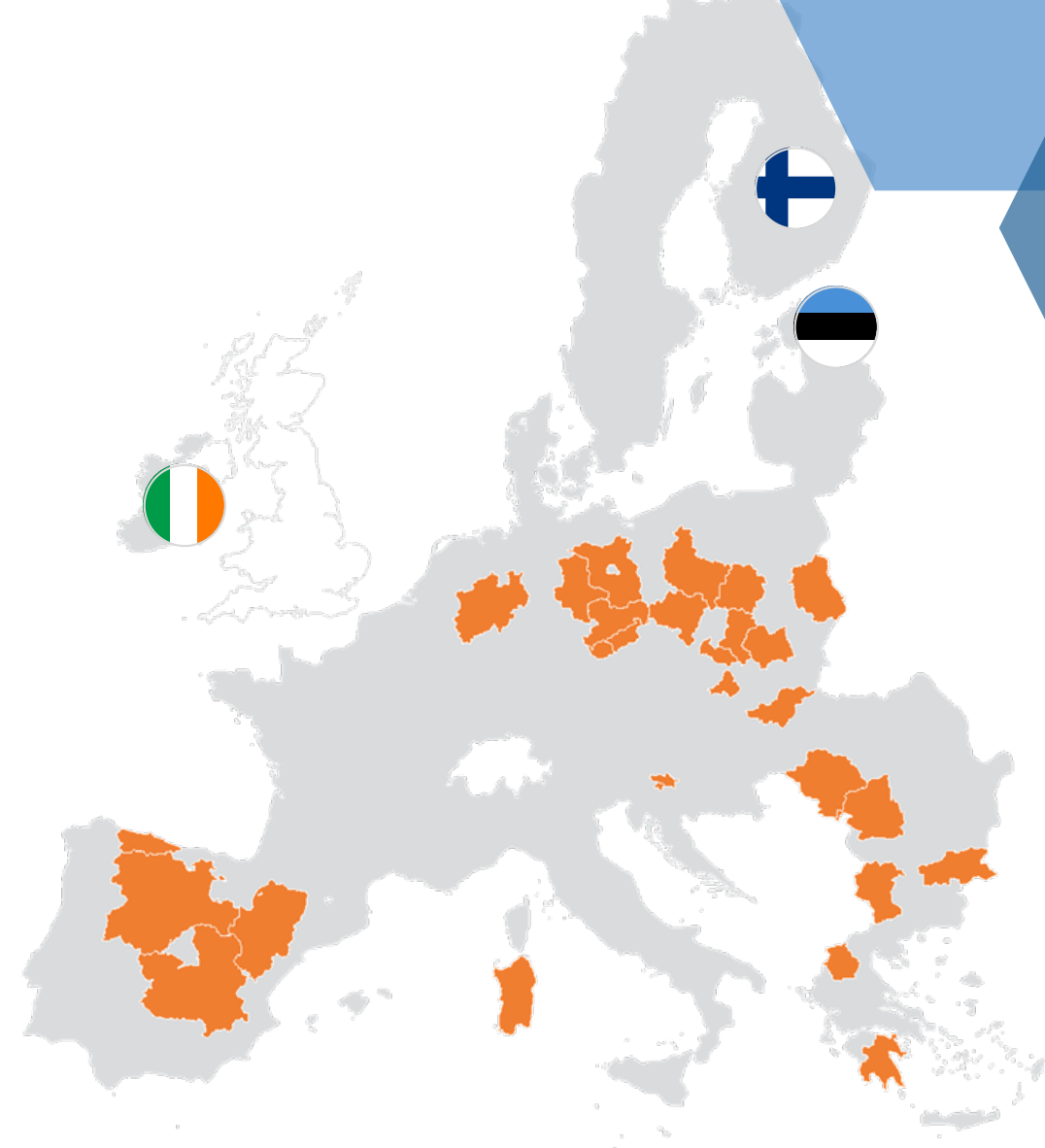
Share experience and insights between EU regions



Bring differing regional voices to the table



Update on Secretariat developments



Support materials

Available at ec.europa.eu/coal-regions-in-transition

■ Toolkits

Transition strategies ([link](#))

Governance of transitions ([link](#))

Sustainable employment and welfare support ([link](#))

Environmental rehabilitation and repurposing ([link](#))

Future technology options for coal regions (2021)

Financial instruments for coal regions in transition (2021)

■ Case studies ([link](#))

■ START regional profiles ([link](#))



Support materials

■ Webinars 2021

Future technology options (*early 2021*)

Financial instruments (*mid-2021*)

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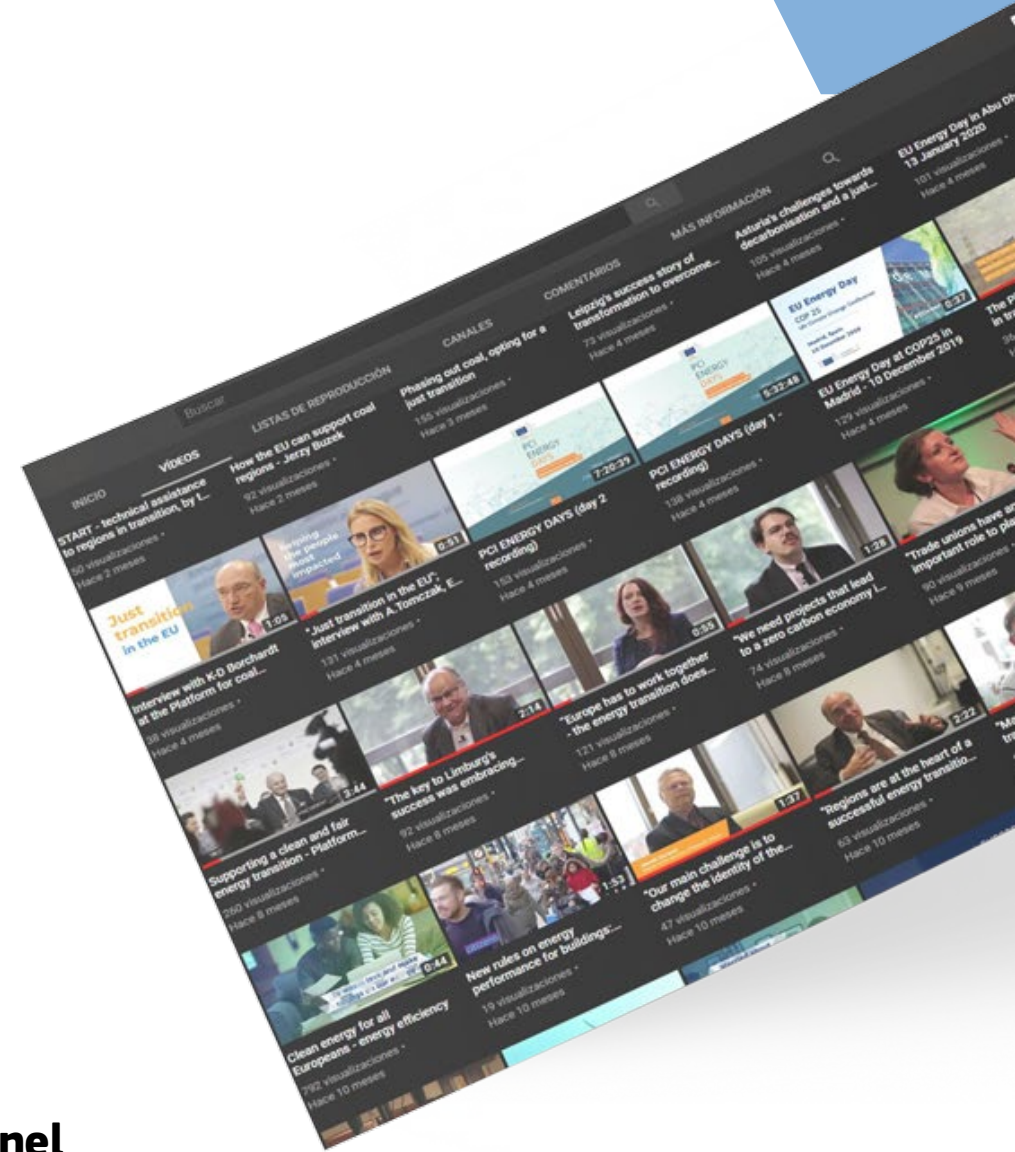
■ Webinar recordings

Transition strategies & Governance of transitions ([link](#))

Sustainable employment and welfare support ([link](#))

Environmental rehabilitation and repurposing ([link](#))

■ Interviews and videos on the DG Energy YouTube channel ([link](#))



Updates from START

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Coal Regions in Transition Virtual Week

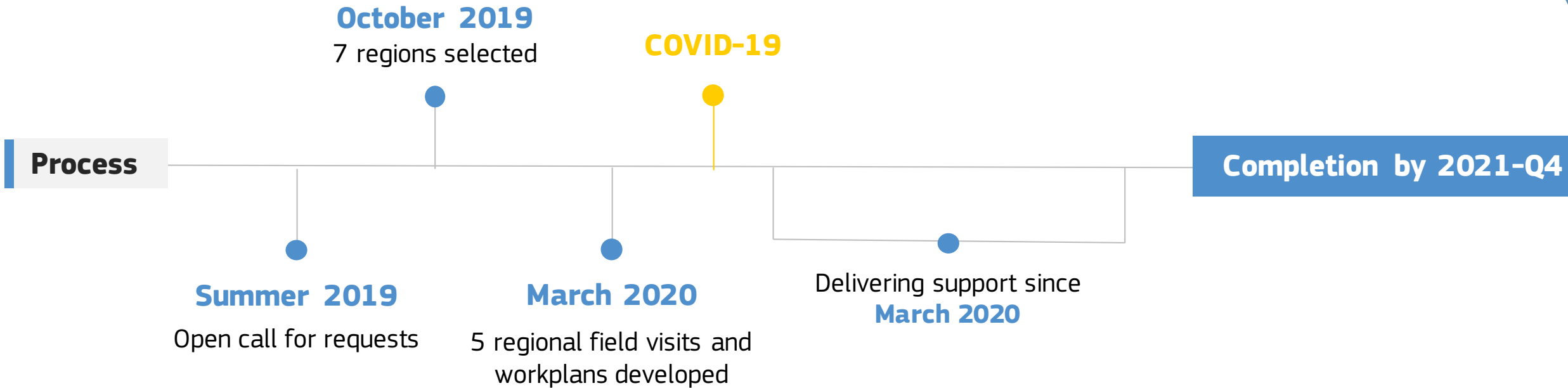
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Secretariat Technical Assistance to Regions in Transition (START): Overview



Resources

Circa 50 to 110 days of support per region
Complementary to other support activities

START Regions



ES

Asturias

Energy transition strategy and project support



IE

Midlands

Pathway plan for transition, project identification and consultation



CZ

**Karlovy Vary
(Sokolov district)**

Strategy advice (skills & employment, renewable energy etc) and capacity development



PL

Malopolska

Project identification and support, and capacity development



EL

**Peloponnese
(Megalopolis)**

Project assessment of options and assistance



RO

**Hunedoara
County
(Jiu Valley)**

Project identification, consultation and support



PL

Silesia

Rehabilitation and repurposing of post-industrial area



Midlands Region (IE): START activities and deliverables

December 2019 to September 2020

Midlands Engagement Process

Purpose to establish an inventory (database) of transition projects

- On-line engagement process and guidance
- Information on drivers of change in rural communities and community-led development projects
- Project registration templates and submission process
- ✓ **156 project registrations**



Midlands Region (IE): START activities and deliverables

Employment & skills Report

- Guidance and good practice for supporting workers affected by transition and employment creation

Midlands Pathway to Transition

A document mapping transition in the short and longer terms

- Build consensus on transition priorities and activities
- Optimise resource allocation and coordination of actions
- Support transparency
- Monitor progress and risks over time



Karlovy Vary (CZ): START ongoing support activities

In progress

Thematic Analysis:

- Good practice for regional transition strategies
- Employment creation and skills requirement (short-term)
- Review of renewable energy options

Pending

Strategy Review:

- Strategy review and recommendations
- Sub-regional action plan for transition (Sokolov)



Asturias (ES): START ongoing support activities

In progress

Energy Strategy development:

- Strategy structure and logic
- Alignment to EU technology and policy priorities
- Good practice / innovative strategy development

Project selection and validation:

- Methodology development

Pending

Project assessment and presentation



Malopolska (PL): START ongoing support activities

In progress

Initial review of transition projects:

- Project selection and prioritisation criteria
- Alignment with EU just transition and energy policy priorities

Pending

Formulation of roadmaps for project development



Other Regions: START support activities

Jiu Valley (RO)

- Initiating Meeting to review assistance needs (before end November 2020)
- Workplan (before end December 2020)

Silesia (PL)

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- Workplan (before end December 2020)

Megalopoli (EL)

- Awaiting outcome of national-level Master Plan for Just Transition



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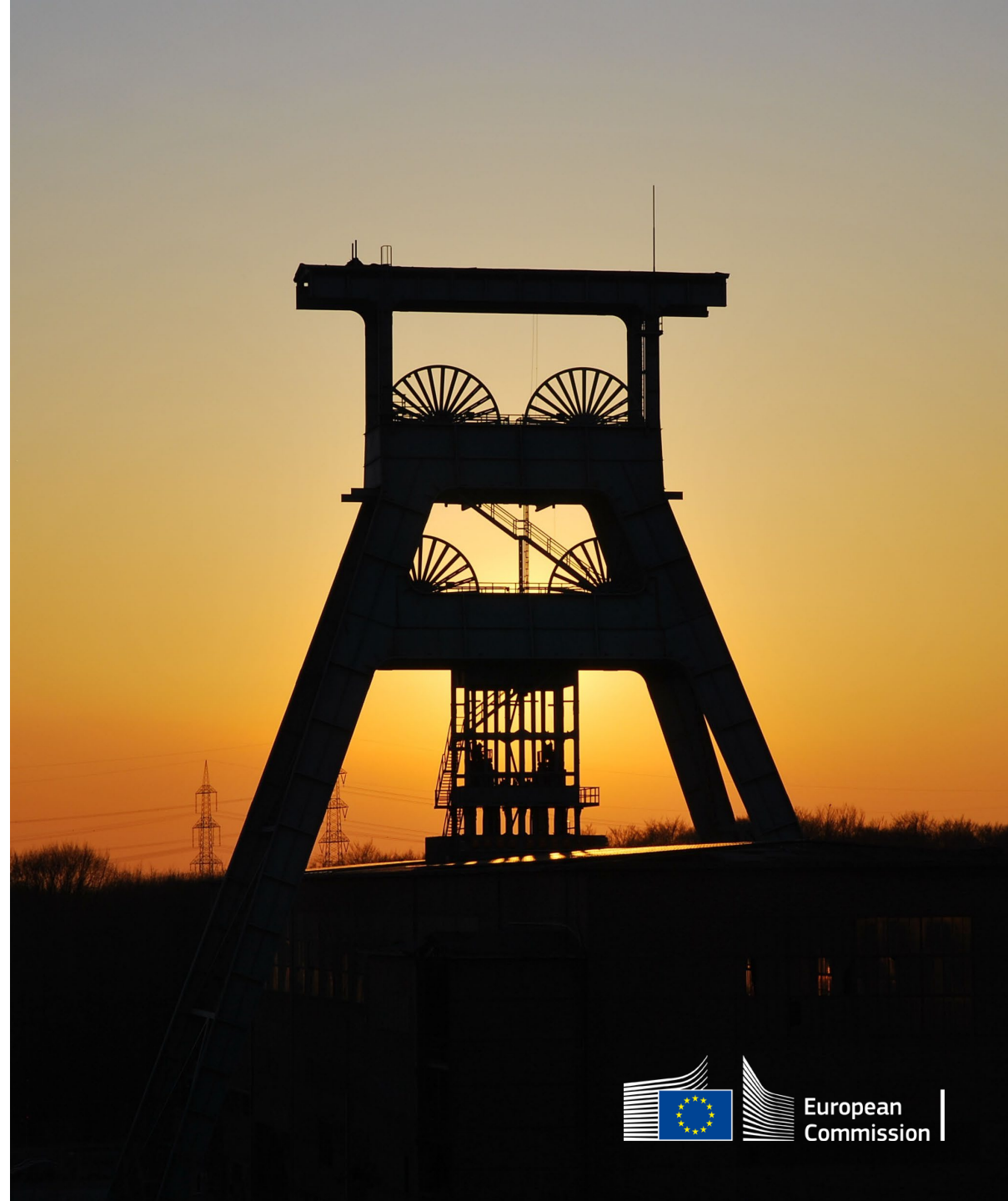
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Update on trilateral cooperation

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Just Transition Platform
Meeting
16-19 November 2020

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Update from trilateral cooperation

Karel Tichý

Trilateral cooperation – basic grounds and outlook for future



- > cooperation primarily oriented on Czech Republic, Germany and Poland,
- > three of four EU countries mostly affected by the transition and decarbonization processes with:
 - geographical proximity,
 - in many respects similar historical background and experience of the progress of development and importance of the coal (related) industry and energy and steel production,
 - number of organizations addressing the development potential of coal regions concerned,
 - in many respects similar development plans, which it is appropriate to jointly coordinate and strive to maximize the contribution of these plans to the transformation of regions and support for decarbonisation processes.





- > the more formal cooperation of the coal regions involved (CZ – Karlovy Vary, Ústí and Moravian-Silesian Region, DE – Saxony, Brandenburg, PL – Lower Silesia) was initiated during the last presence meeting of the CRIT Platform in October 2019 in Brussels thanks to the coordination support of DG ENER,
- > following the initial meeting there has been organized a working interregional meeting of the representatives of coal regions in November 2019 in Dresden in order to clearly define common areas cooperation and interest and also to define primary transition and transformation areas (and projects) on which the regions and relevant stakeholders within can cooperate,

Common agreed areas of cooperation

- > to work towards getting the group members at the same level of information, e.g. to help each other's development, by being more transparent and connecting regional stakeholders, networking already existing regional cross-border stakeholder groups,
- > to inform each other of early stage project developments to coordinate the possibility of involving regional actors in the given fields,
- > to start implementing joint development projects with similar stakeholders in the different regions,
 - > to find means of sharing good and best practice models that support mutual learning environments, e.g. by organizing joint workshops and other means of exchange,
 - > assure, that the regional level approach of the working group does not compete with national level efforts,
 - > ...





Mutually agreed priority fields of trilateral cooperation

> Revitalization of coal mine sites for further utilization

- it is necessary not only to solve the damage caused by mining and industrial activities in the regions, but also to return these areas back to life by their revitalization / resocialization and in the same time to foster their economic and e.g. further energy exploitation (e.g. by building water pumped-storage power plants, developing hydric reclamation sites with floating PVE) of these areas to support the economic development of the regions as whole.

> Development of alternative energy resources and securing the energy security

- the coal regions have always played significant role in producing energy - transition challenges will lead to total change in the scheme of energy production, distribution and consumption,
- this will have to affect the energy supply for industry, households, transportation etc.
- alternative fuels in symbiosis with using the potential of renewable energy sources can constitute an adequate substitute for part of energy production from traditional energy sources.





Further agreed possible fields of trilateral cooperation

- > Adaptation of post-coal mining landscape to a climate change
- > Development of projects related to the Education 4.0 concept
- > Healthcare and balneology
- > Tourism
- > Development and testing of autonomous systems and further concepts of smart mobility

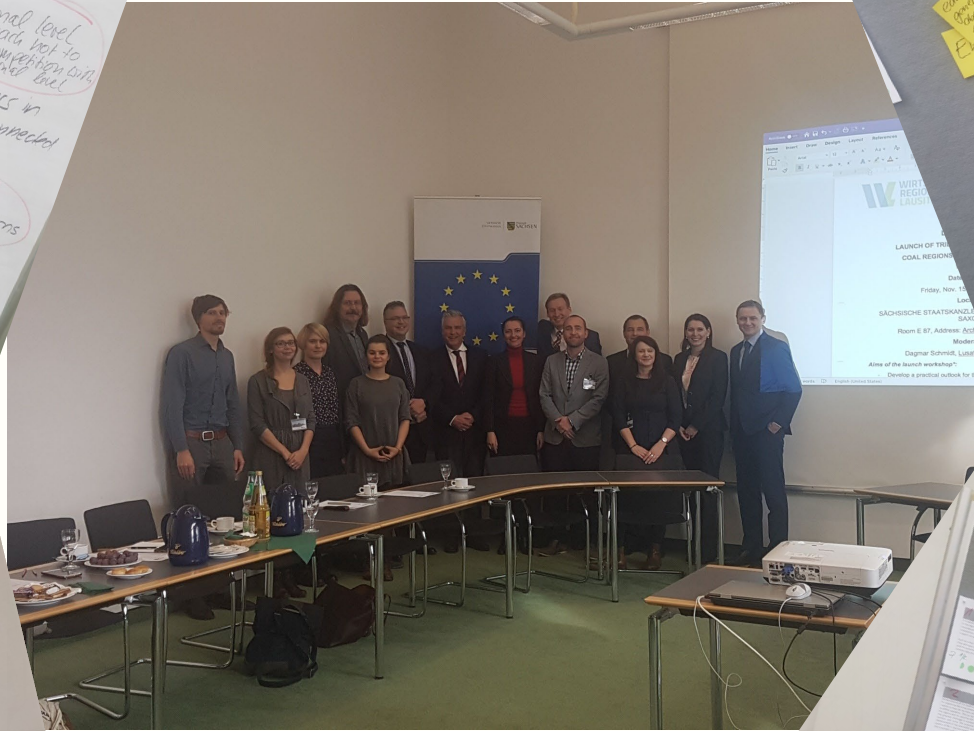


Interregional meeting in Dresden – November 2019

Goals of Cooperation

- clear goals *regional level approach not to be in competition with the national level*
- project stakeholders in the regions should be connected
- avoid competition
- lobby for the just transition fund to be exclusive to coal regions in transition
- get to working relationships from high level talks
- get an overview on existing projects & stakeholders *connecting people, ideas, projects, partners, regional cooperation*

"Starting the way"



Technology

- education
- innovation
- EVOLUTION

TO DO

- Document the workshop results
- Prepare for the Annual Meeting
- Coordinate communication
- Share contact details
- Share of the results

Way to go forward:

- stay abstract for the Annual Meeting
- identify 1-2 topics that we can work on
- 2 topics have been identified the others form a container and can be opened ongoing
- identify appropriate level of cooperation
- all 3 country regions support the idea of cooperation
- it is a necessity to advocate for projects to be supported by the EU
- use the communication channel that has been created today to inform each other

TOPICS

- Energy
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Industry
- Research & Innovation
- Social
- Transport
- Urban & Rural Development
- Water & Maritime Affairs

Interregional dialogue (workshop) on participation processes in Görlitz and Zittau - November 2019

- > representatives of the coal regions of Czech Republic, Germany and Poland have also participated on the Annual political dialogue of the CRIT Platform in Görlitz and related interregional workshop in Zittau, which was focused on the discussion of possibilities and levels of cooperation, which could be developed at the level of international interregional cooperation with the aim of strengthening the transformation processes in specific coal regions.





Examples of new transition projects developed in the interregional cooperation

> LIFE WATERSOLAR - clean energy demonstration project - floating solar parks (Ústí Region in CZ)

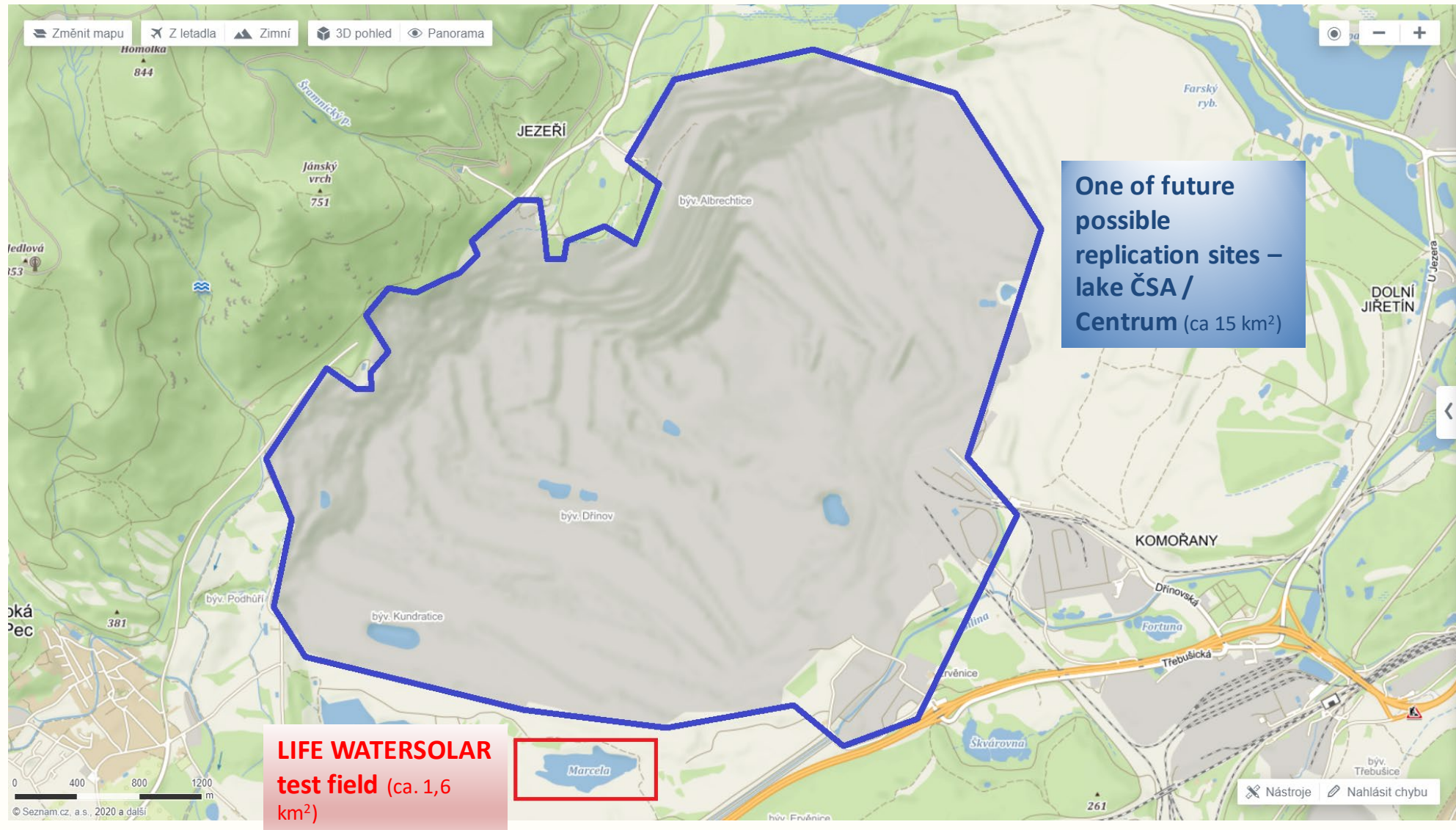
- the aim is to develop innovative approaches to the production of electricity from clean, renewable sources and its storage in the form of "green" hydrogen, while effectively using the area after mining,
- the project focuses on testing and evaluating the suitability of solutions in the form of the **location of floating solar parks on hydric reclamation** carried out on the territory of former mining sites,
- the project was primarily prepared by a consortium of stakeholders from the Ústí Region (Vršanská uhelná, a.s., J. E. Purkyně University, Palivový kombinát Ústí, n.p. and Severní energetická, a.s.) and entities from Saxony, Brandenburg and Lower Silesia also took part in the preparation - in the implementation phase, they should be involved e.g. in the technical project preparation, technological support and in the dissemination of project outputs and results,



- expected output = 1,0 MWp; annual electricity production = 1 GWh,
- the project was submitted to the European LIFE programme call in early October 2020 to support traditional LIFE Climate Change Mitigation projects.

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Connecting the Europe-City “Görlitz-Zgorzelec”

City of Görlitz:

Approx. 56.000

Inhabitants

Surface: 67,52 km²



City of Zgorzelec:

Approx. 30.400

Inhabitants

Surface: 15,88 km²



Project: Climate neutral district heating until 2030



**Reduction of CO₂ emissions
by more than 75,000 tons
per year**

With the complete conversion to climate-neutral district heating generation, around 75,000 tons of CO₂ could be saved annually for the entire Europe-City.



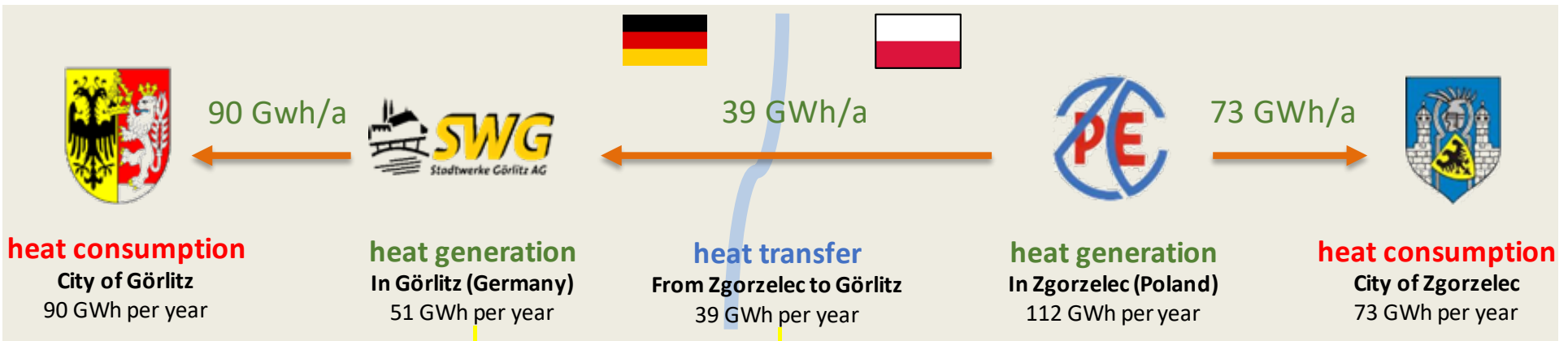
**European
cooperation**

This project has a strong political symbolic character for the exemplary cooperation between Germany and Poland, especially with regard to the "Green Deal".



**Significant
increase in efficiency**

By connecting both district heating networks and using a common generation plant, investment costs can be minimized and synergy effects generated, which has positive effects on the heat price for the customer.





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Wir entwickeln mit Ihnen gemeinsam nachhaltige Energiekonzepte
für die nächste Generation.

9th of July 2020

Signing of the Letter of Intent (LOI) for a climate-neutral district heating supply for the Europe-City of Görlitz-Zgorzelec.

Shown in photo from left to right: Matthias Block (CEO SWG); Thomas Schmidt (State Minister of Saxony for Regional Development); Octavian Ursu (Mayor of Görlitz); Rafał Gronicz (Mayor of Zgorzelec); Wolfram Günther (State Minister of Saxony for Energy, Climate Protection, Environment and Agriculture); Grzegorz Bicki (CEO ZPEC)

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Investments & subsidies needed

The total cost of Investment needed for this project will reach 82 Mio. Euro.

Due to the very high investments, the project can only be realised with subsidies (over 80% in German part, 100% in Polish part).

This requires strong political support (DE/PL/EU).

	Total costs net EUR	Realization
Detailed-concept (frist estimation) Costs are already included in total amount.	550.000 - 850.000	
A District heating network area (Görlitz Königshufen / Zgorzelec-Groszowa)	60.000.000	
1 Groszowa production plant (first estimation)		2029
2 Groszowa Pump Station		2026
3 "Green" heat treatment plant (var. 3.2)		2025
4 Königshufen/ Groszowa district heating line (var. 4)		2025
5 Net temperature adjustment Königshufen (100 House connection station)		2022-2029
6 Solar plant and heat pump Schlesische Straße (var. 2.2)		2029
7 Hydrogen/ Biomethane production and integration		2029
B District heating network area Görlitz Weinhübel/ Goethestraße/ Rauschwalde (Var. 7.3)	22.000.000	
1 District heating lines		2025
2 Generating plants		2025
3 Solar thermal plants (without land costs)		2025
4 Storage facility		2025
5 Option heat pump waterworks or geothermal energy		2029
6 Hydrogen/ Biomethane production and integration		2029
Total	82.000.000	

**Building bridges – Connecting Europe in a
Connected City**
Görlitz-Zgorzelec traffic bridge



Aims:
bringing people closer together
strengthen economic power
improve urban climate conditions and
life quality in a historic center

Costs: aprox. 60 Mio. Euros
(funding over 90% in German part,
100% in Polish part)



> „A Life with Mining” Project (MineLife)

▪ Objective:

Intensifying and strengthening cooperation between mining institutions in Poland and Saxony, as well as between mining institutions and citizens in the Saxon-Lower Silesian border area

▪ Project partners:

- Saxonian Upper Mining Authority (Freiberg, Germany)
- State Mining Authority (Katowice, Poland)
- Marshal's Office of Lower Silesia (Wrocław, Poland)

▪ Project implementation period: 2017 - 2020



Interreg
Poland-Saxony



SÄCHSISCHES
OBERBERGAMT



MineLife Project - tasks

Joint competency development

Mining conferences

Study trips to mining enterprises and former mining facilities in SN and PL

Industry articles about mining in Polish and Saxon magazines

Development and application of a conflict management strategy

Analysis of reference objects (mining enterprises) in SN and PL in terms of conflicts in mining

The conflict management in mining handbook

Importance of mining in Saxony and Lower Silesia

Guest lectures on mining conferences in Poland and Saxony

The traveling exhibition "Preventing the risk associated with the former mining"





The cooperation continues

- > large interregional meeting planned in Ústí Region and even the smaller events had to be canceled due to the pandemic situation...
- > ...nevertheless the trilateral partners maintained close communication during 2020 with special focus on:
 - development of common transition related projects (e.g. LIFE, Horizon 2020),
 - discussion related to the negotiation of Just Transition Fund regulation and the approach for elaborating the Territorial Just Transition Plans,
 - twinning of stakeholders for development and intensify their cooperation in relation to transition and transformation topics,
 - support active stakeholder involvement in all the relevant coal regions in the transition and transformation processes.



THESE POINTS REPRESENT ALSO THE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS FOR COOPERATION TO BE MAINTAINED AND FURTHER DEVELOPED IN 2021

Regional transition success stories: lessons learned

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Regional transition success stories: lessons learned

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Revitalisation of Coal Mining Sites – Mining Sites Contract Ruhr

Experiences with integrated strategies
in the RUHR Region



Mining Sites Contract Ruhr



Mining Sites Contract
(2014)
20 sites with 1.000 ha

new form of cooperation

Development of former mining sites

- Priority, regional relevant, exemplary

Shared Responsibility

- State NRW (planning, financing)
- Mining Company (reconstruction)
- Cities
(planning framing, permissions, participation)
- Ruhr Regional Association (moderation)

Governance of transition

- managing reconversion
- addressing ownership rights
- attracting investments and compensate jobs
- raising financing
- exemplary integrated development

Anticipating political decisions

2007 „Konzept Ruhr“
as regional agreement **strategic consensus**
for upcoming EU funding period 2007-2013

2008 federal decision to end
subsidising hard coal costs in Germany 2018

2008 regional agreement in the Ruhr region
„**Chance for Change**“ (focus mining sites)

- to anticipate a 10-year period
- being able to design the process
- fields of action:
Education | City | Climate
- each one own „product“ / project

2014 „Mining Site Contract“
(consistent formalisation)

Konzept Ruhr

Strategy for sustainable urban and regional
development in the metropolitan area of the Ruhr

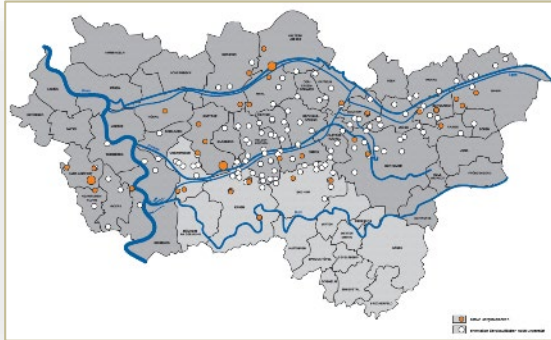
Stratégie pour un développement urbain et
régional durable dans la Métropole Ruhr

Strategie zur nachhaltigen Stadt- und
Regionalentwicklung in der Metropole Ruhr



Acting congruently

in a regional strategic scale as well as in a local operational scale of projects



Mining Site Contract negotiations to a common understanding

focus:

- proof of all mining sites
- selection of 20 relevant sites



consensual quality criteria: (expectation!)

- sustainable re-use
- important for urban development
- stabilising social structures
- creating jobs by an economic use
- reducing land use
(certain proportion of green space)

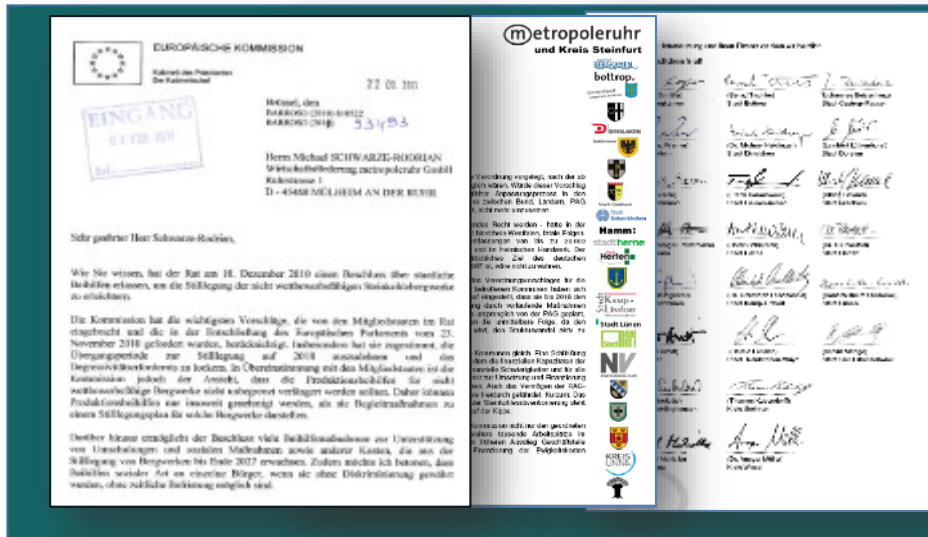
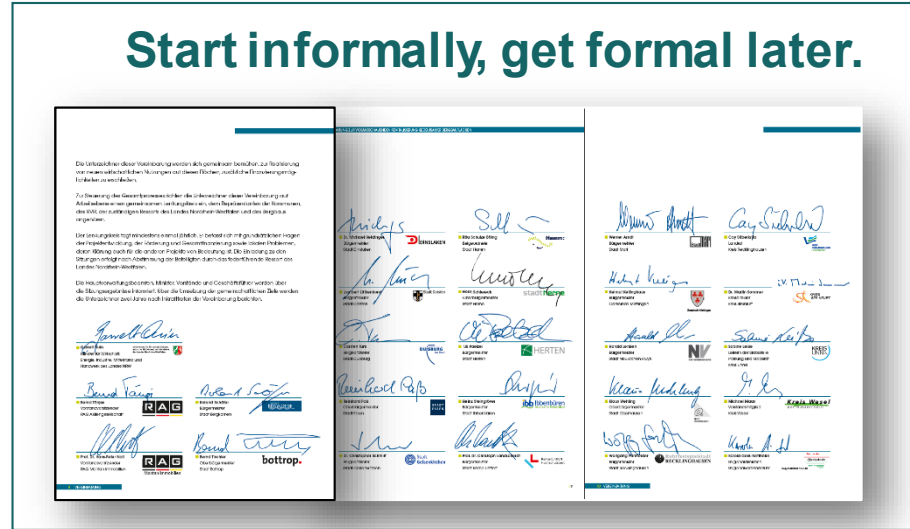
Same past does not mean same future inevitably.

- diversity is allowed
- Tailor-made solutions



- selecte precisely
- assimilate local needs
- create individual perspectives
- organise participation

Base = common understanding



Address all political levels

- letter to the European Commission 2010
- answer 2011
- same process with the the State NRW

Communicating continuously



Steering group with all contract partners

- annual report
- development on each site
- challenges and solutions
- report to all government units & cities
- report to politicians & media
- currently evaluation of the mining sites contract as a new form of cooperation.
- very interested in your experiences

Sharing experience



WHO Case Study F



Re-developing contaminate sites: Good practice and lessons learned

Working paper 2 for a WHO expert consultation on the redevelopment of formerly contaminated sites

Put on scene



**Take it
as the
longterm
story
that it is.**

1950s Coal Crisis
1960s Steel Crisis

70 years of
structural change



Using or creating impulses of change.

1961 Willy Brandt
„The sky above the Ruhr
region has to be blue again!“

1968 Entwicklungsprogramm
Ruhr - Investing in
infrastructures and
universities

1979 Aktionsprogramm Ruhr

1989 – 1999
**International Building
Exhibition IBA Emscher
Park**
Workshop for the future of
old industrial regions

**Public money was, is
and still will be needed.
Public investment goes
first, private will follow.**

ERDF
SME Programme
URBAN I and II
URBACT I and II
EAFRD
RESIDER I & II
RECHAR I & II
ESF

decades of
EU FUNDING
→ enourmous
contribution to
structural change
at the RUHR!



Thank you for your attention!

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Regional transition success stories: lessons learned

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Just Transition Moravian-Silesian region

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Transformation proces in MSR

- ◆ **250** years of the hard coal mining in the area
- ◆ Transformation process since the **1990s**
- ◆ Strategic management of transformation since **2016** (RESTART)
- ◆ Participation in the Platform for Coal Regions in Transition (CRIT) since **2018**
- ◆ Regional Development Strategy of MSR **2019–2027**



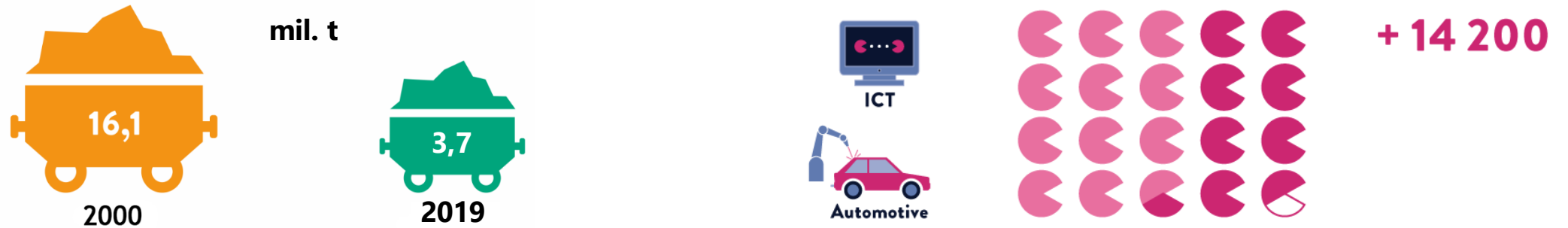
Closure of coal mines

- ◆ Ostrava -Karvina coal basin
 - ◆ Paskov coal mine – **03/2017**
 - ◆ Lazy coal mine – **11/2019**
 - ◆ ČSA and Darkov coal mine **02/2021**
 - ◆ ČSM coal mine – **2022 (the last one)**
- ◆ **2019 = 8.500** employees (4.000 miners)
- ◆ **2022 = 650** employees
- ◆ **20.000+** employees in coal-mining related firms
- ◆ Transfer of coal mines to state enterprise DIAMO





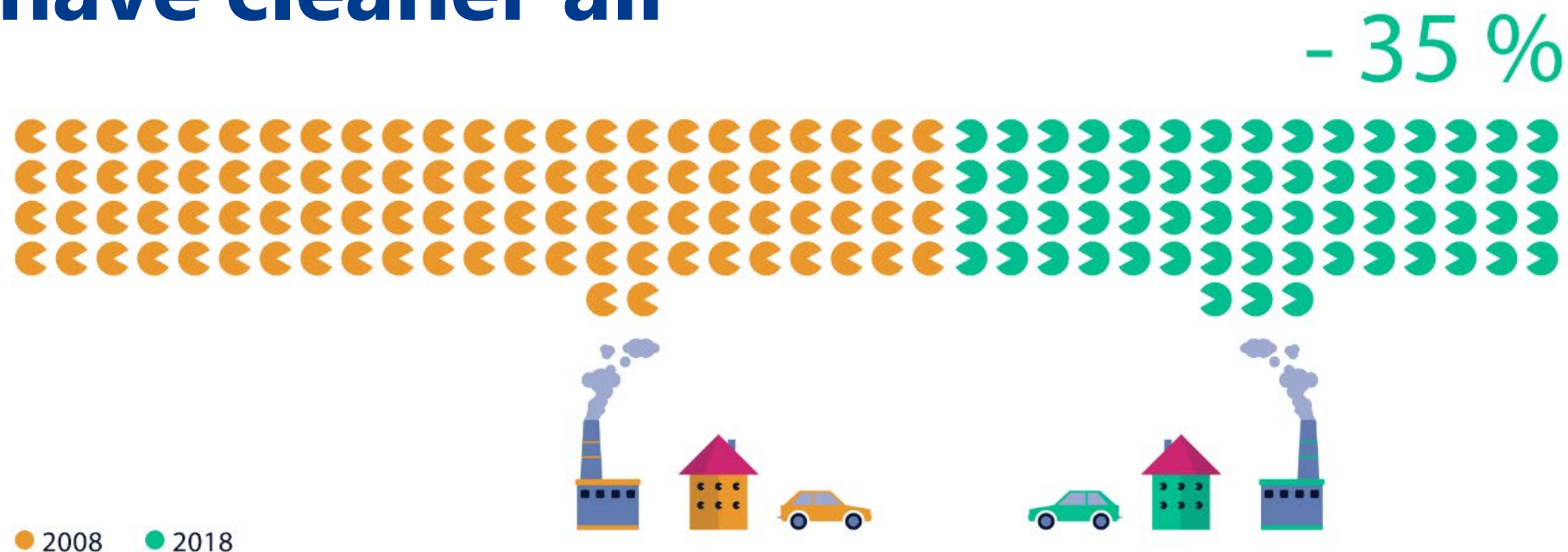
... but we are no longer a region of miners



- ◆ Between 2000 and 2009, coal mining in the Moravian-Silesian Region **decreased by 75%**
- ◆ The number of persons employed in research and development **has doubled compared to 2005**
- ◆ In 10 years, **over 14,000** new jobs have been created in the sectors of IT and automotive
- ◆ **2nd highest share** of companies with technical innovations in the Czech Republic



... we have cleaner air



- ◆ Compared to 2008, the amount of solid pollutants in the air **decreased by 1/3**
- ◆ We disposed **7,400 tons** of waste from the Ostramo lagoons
- ◆ **500 tons** less dust per year is released into the air thanks to grants for replacement of old fuel boilers (almost 16,000 boilers were replaced for CZK 1.5 billion)
- ◆ Transition from coal to **hydrogen** – future of energy and mobility (Hydrogen Valley)



we are ready for new challenges

Two most important **change indicators** of the MSR region
Regional Development Strategy 2019 to 2027



Stopping brain drain



Improving image

Three main **strategic directions** of the region's development
SUPERPRIORITIES



Business



People



Environment

Region in transition

- ◆ **RE:START** - strategically governed transformation
- ◆ Ambition to continue to be a part of the **Platform for Coal Regions in Transition**
- ◆ We are preparing for new funding opportunities
 - ◆ Just Transition Mechanism
 - ◆ Just Transition Fund
 - ◆ Modernization Fund
 - ◆ Other resources (REACT-EU, Recovery and Resilience Facility , ESIF 21+, national grants)



Regional areas of intervention



COMPETITIVE

OSTRAVA - GROWTH CENTRE

MOUNTAIN AREAS OF BESKYDY AND JESENIKY



PROBLEMATIC

MUNICIPALITIES IN POST-MINING AREAS

**MUNICIPALITIES LOSING SOCIO-ECONOMIC
FUNCTIONS**

**MUNICIPALITIES WITH ENVIRONMENTAL
PROBLEMS AS REGARDS AIR QUALITY**



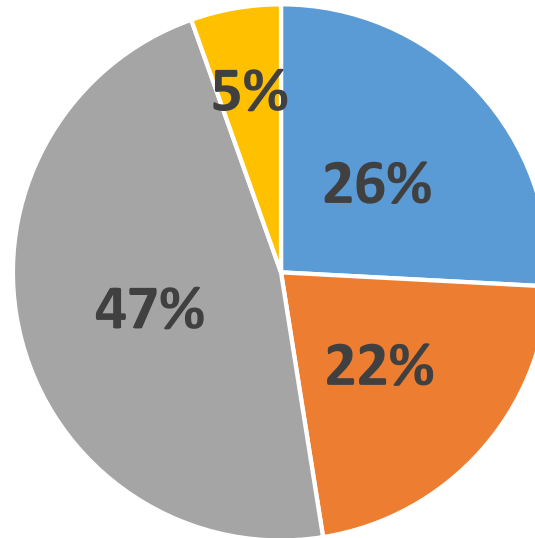


SUCCESSFUL TRANSFORMATION STORIES



Absorption capacity of MSR without large enterprises

90 bln. CZK



- Entrepreneurship, research, digitalisation
- Energy efficiency, renewable energy, low-emission transport
- Circular economy, land restoration
- Employment support

+ 30 bln. CZK large enterprises

Investment need in MSR is high = 120 bln. CZK/4,4 bln. EUR

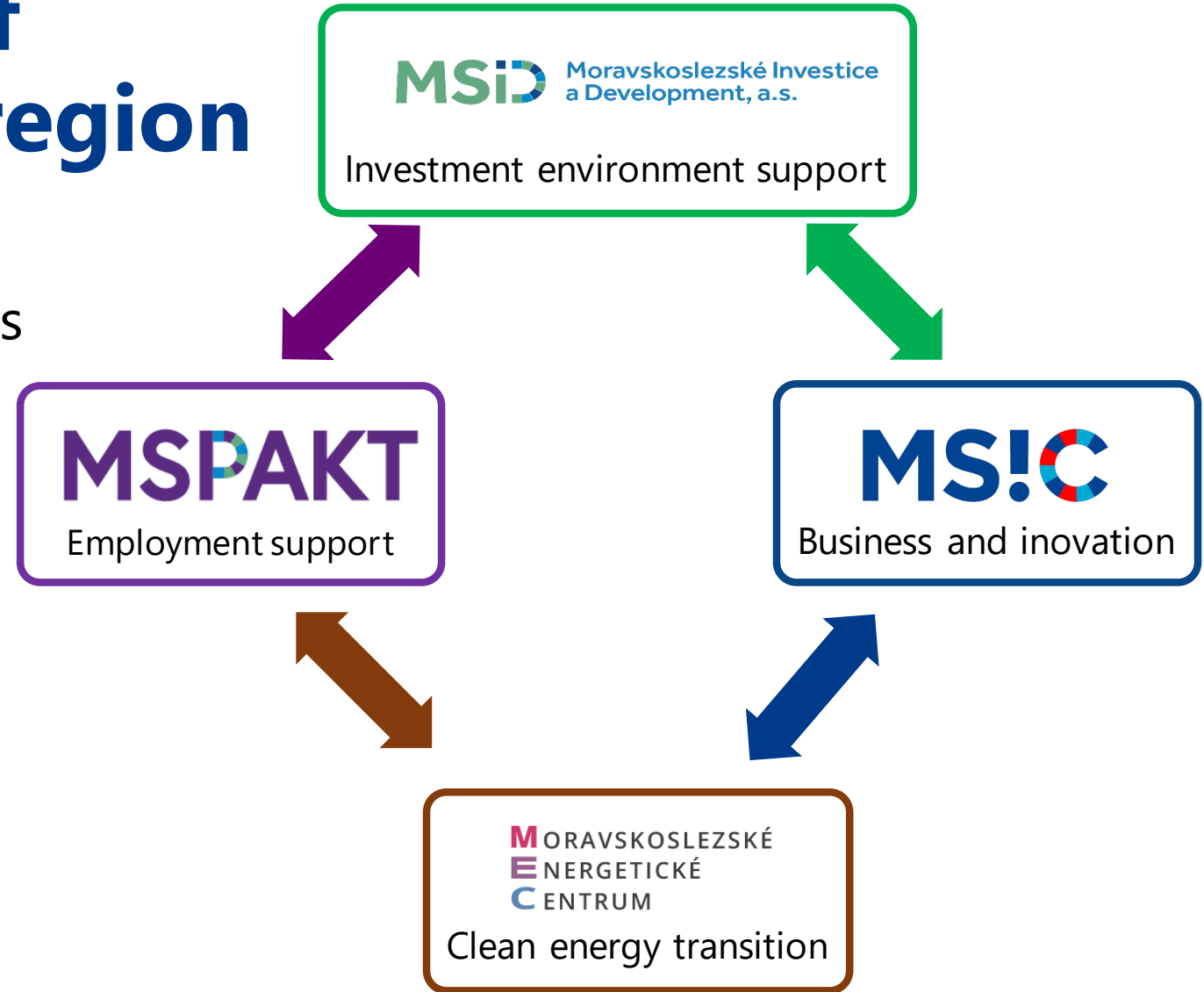
Ambition of MSR in the period of EU 2021 +

- ◆ Our priorities are in line with EU objectives
- ◆ We are ready to use Funds to support the transition
- ◆ Allocation proposal for the Czech Republic  **CZK 44 bln.**
- ◆ The need for investment in MSK is high  **CZK 120 bln.**
- ◆ Therefore **we support the EP's proposal to increase resources of the JTF**



Broad partnership of stakeholders in the region

- ◆ Cooperation with large companies
- ◆ Cooperation with municipalities
- ◆ Cooperation with NGOs
- ◆ Cooperation with universities
- ◆ Use of the RSK MSK platform
- ◆ Cooperation with ITI Ostrava
- ◆ Involvement of regional agencies





Thank you for your attention and cooperation

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Regional transition success stories: lessons learned

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Regions **Beyond Coal**

Take the next step to the post coal era
by reviving local economies and
ensuring a Just Transition for all

#regionsbeyondcoal



Regional transition success stories

Lessons learned

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The Greek case

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EUKI Project

Scope

- Promoting solutions to create sustainable jobs in local communities based on coal in Greece, Bulgaria and Poland
- Investigating financial instruments to achieve a Just Transition
- Establishment of a network among many Member States
- Highlighting the Importance of a Just Transition among national governments / institutions

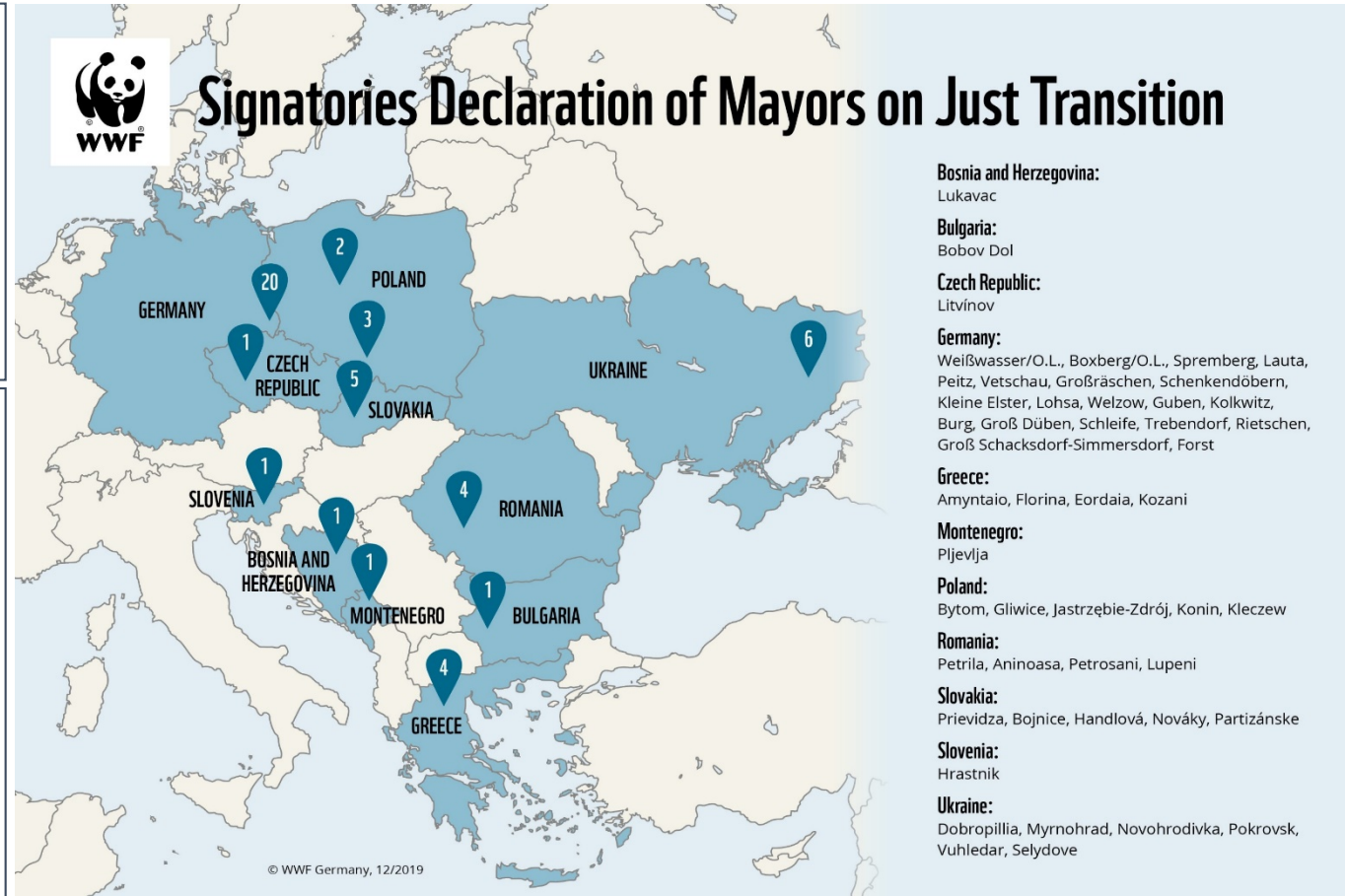
Participants

- WWF Germany
- WWF Poland
- WWF Bulgaria
- WWF Greece

Funding

- German Ministry of Environment – European Climate Initiative (EUKI)

.....Duration Until 2021



Greece: State of Play

Prime Minister's announcement (UN – Sept. 2019) for complete coal phase out:

2023: Shut-down of existing TPPs by 2023

2028: Shut-down of last TPP (currently under construction)

Revised NECP – 42% emissions reduction (32% previously), but fossil gas mainly replacing coal – problematic decarbonisation → 2050

Masterplan for lignite regions – Under public consultation (10/11)



WWF Greece - Initiatives

Long lasting involvement with local communities in the lignite regions

Pushing for Real Just Transition based on clean energy sources – EU & National Level

Advocacy - Policy

EUKI Project - Just Transition

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WWF Greece is responsible for the implementation of the project in Greece:

- ✓ Organize capacity building workshops in Greece, produce reports on issues related with Just Transition and participation in the Forum of Mayors and in the advocacy trip and EC Coal Platform meetings in Brussels.
- ✓ WWF Greece is also responsible for the communication aspects of the project in Greece.





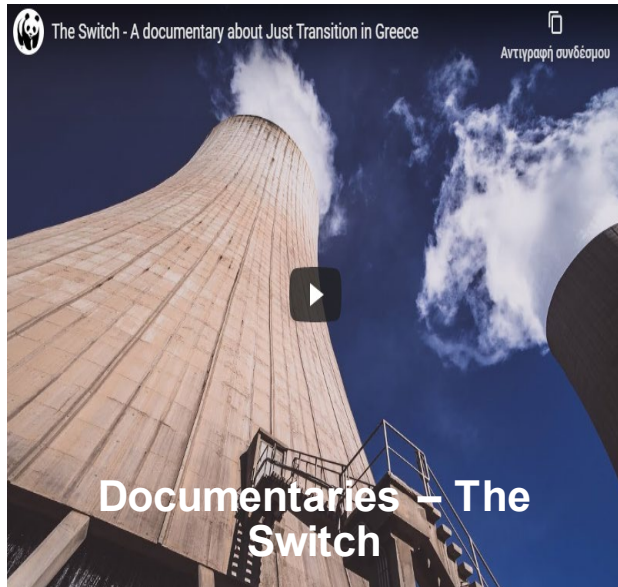
Advocacy – Consultation with local communities



Field Trips to lignite regions



Dissemination of Results – Advocacy Trips (Feb. 2020)



Documentaries – The Switch

The EU's just transition to climate neutrality: DOING RIGHT BY THE REGIONS

The European Commission has proposed a **Just Transition Mechanism** which will provide €100 billion to help a socially fair transition to a climate neutral EU.

Policy paper: Challenges & Recommendations

Join our panel debate to hear and input to expert discussions on the challenges and opportunities.

Speakers:
 Aleksandra Tomczak - European Commission
 Petros Kokkalis - MEP
 Luc Triangle - IndustriALL
 Michal Bieda - Mayor of Bytom, Poland
 Imke Lübbecke - WWF
 Moderated by Philippa Nuttall-Jones, Foresight Climate and Energy

Practicalities:

- 19 February, 9:00-12:00
- With a coffee break and lunch afterwards
- Rue Montoyer 21, 1000 Brussels (Representation of the State of Hesse to the EU)

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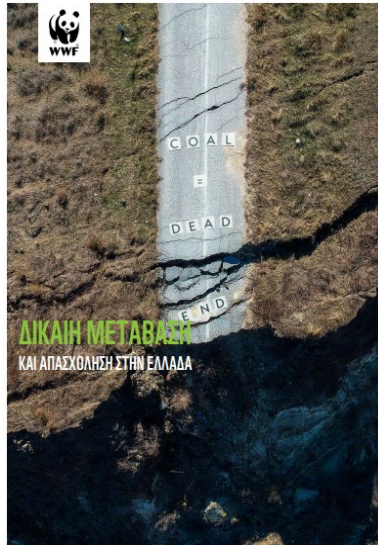
3rd Forum of Mayors on Just Transition
 24 September 2020

What we do





Just Transition & Green Recovery Strategies



New Study: Just Transition & Employment in Greece

- ❑ **Published:** 10th of November 2020 (as part of EUKI program - English version soon)
- ❑ **Main findings:**
 - ❑ **2,200 workers in direct danger** due to coal phase-out (both regions)
 - ❑ **URGENT: Without adequate safety net, another 6,000 jobs in danger** (cascade effect) – W. Macedonia
 - ❑ For each 1€ deducted from lignite activity, 3.1 € are being deducted from local economy (1.7 € in Megalopolis)
 - ❑ PPC's role as land-owner extremely critical
 - ❑ Kozani has the higher impact (local jobs and income)
 - ❑ Targeted reskilling of workforce in sectors with specific characteristics such as: **decommissioning, circular economy, RES, EE, rehabilitation of polluted soil**
 - ❑ Too much fossil gas in the system – Just Transition without fossils – No one to be left behind



New Study: Blueprint for a green recovery in Greece BUILDING BACK BETTER

- ❑ **Published:** October 2020
https://wwfeu.awsassets.panda.org/downloads/wwf_greece_green_recovery_report_eng.pdf
- ❑ **Main findings:**
 - ❑ 5 key principles
 - ❑ 10 investment programmes (Accelerating the energy transition, Accelerating the shift towards a circular economy, Restoring and protecting ecosystems and biodiversity)
 - ❑ 8,2billion € from RRF
 - ❑ Up to 125,000 new green jobs in Greece
 - ❑ JT linked with a green recovery



Thank you!

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Wrap-up and conclusion

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Thank you

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