

# EU coal+ regions exchange programme

## Joint application form

Before you complete the application form, please refer to all available information on the EU coal+ regions exchange programme ("exchangeEU") on its [website](#) and FAQ and reach out to [exchangeEU@coalregions.eu](mailto:exchangeEU@coalregions.eu) in case of further questions.

exchangeEU is part of the EU initiative for coal regions in transition. Learn more about the initiative [here](#).

To apply for the exchangeEU programme, please complete the application form in EU Survey ([here](#)) by **31 January 2022, noon at the latest**. Please note that a group of up to four regions can apply for one joint exchange, provided that it is of added value for the aim of the exchange.

The exchangeEU programme encourages the participation of all actors relevant to the just energy transition of your region. If you prefer a group format for your exchange, we recommend convening a delegation of representatives from different sectors, and ideally with a meaningful balance of gender, ethnicity and age groups.

For your application to be processed, you must confirm that you have read the privacy statement and consent to the processing of personal data as described therein. The privacy statement is available [here](#) (link to follow).

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By checking this box, you confirm that you have read the privacy statement and that you consent to personal data provided in this application being processed as described in the privacy statement.

*Please answer the questions below. You are encouraged to provide answers in bullet points where suitable.*

*Fields marked with \*\* are mandatory*

## Part A – Profile of Region 1

A1. Member State \*\*

{max 300 characters}

A2. Name your region \*\*

{max 300 characters}

A3. What is the status of coal, oil shale and/or peat extraction in your region? \*\*

- ☐ Ongoing extraction
- ☐ No longer extracting
- ☐ Never had any extraction

A4. If extraction is still ongoing, when is the planned phase-out date, if any? If already no longer extracting, when did operations cease?

{max 300 characters}

A5. Select all fossil fuels extracted in your region (even if no longer ongoing). \*\*

- ☐ None
- ☐ Hard Coal (Anthracite)
- ☐ Black Coal (Bituminous)
- ☐ Brown Coal (Lignite)
- ☐ Oil Shale
- ☐ Peat
- ☐ Surface mining
- ☐ Deep mining
- ☐ Other:  {max 300 characters}

A6. Mark below which of the following end-uses intensively exploit any of the above fossil fuels in your region, if any. \*\*

- ☐ None
- ☐ Electricity-only power plants
- ☐ CHP power plants also supplying (district) heating
- ☐ District heating from smaller power plants
- ☐ Individual heating systems in many buildings/ private households
- ☐ Non-energetic industries relying on direct fossil-fuel use (e.g., steel, cement, chemicals)
- ☐ Other:  {max 300 characters}

A7. Please list names, entities and roles of the persons to be potentially engaged in your exchange delegation. Please note further details on delegations and the financing limits by the programme provided in the FAQ. \*\* {max 1000 characters}

A8. Primary contact person for this application \*\* {max 300 characters each}

- Full name
- Function/ job title
- Division/ department
- email address
- Phone number

A9. If you are not a public authority: To demonstrate regional commitment to this application, I have uploaded one or more letters of support from a regional or local public authority's leadership, supporting the submission of this application for my region. \*\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

- If yes, please clarify from which level(s) the letter(s) is/ are from: municipal, city, metropolitan, regional and/ or other  {max 300 characters}

A10. If applying on behalf of (other) public authorities in your region, please provide their relevant information. \*\* {max 1000 characters}

- Name, in English, of each (other) public authority in your region involved in your application to this programme, clearly indicating at which level: municipal, city, metropolitan, regional or other
- Main contact person for this programme for each (other) public authority, including their: full name, function/ job title, division/ department, email address

A11. Explain – in as specific terms as possible – how you can contribute to the exchange (e.g., dedicated staff, expertise, interpretation, other services, venues, catering, etc.). \*\*  
{max 1000 characters}

## Part B – Profile of Region 2

B1. Member State \*\*

{max 300 characters}

B2. Name your region \*\*

{max 300 characters}

B3. What is the status of coal, oil shale and/or peat extraction in your region? \*\*

- ☐ Ongoing extraction
- ☐ No longer extracting
- ☐ Never had any extraction

B4. If extraction is still ongoing, when is the planned phase-out date, if any? If already no longer extracting, when did operations cease?

{max 300 characters}

B5. Select all fossil fuels extracted in your region (even if no longer ongoing). \*\*

- ☐ None
- ☐ Hard Coal (Anthracite)
- ☐ Black Coal (Bituminous)
- ☐ Brown Coal (Lignite)
- ☐ Oil Shale
- ☐ Peat
- ☐ Surface mining
- ☐ Deep mining
- ☐ Other:  {max 300 characters}

B6. Mark below which of the following end-uses intensively exploit any of the above fossil fuels in your region, if any. \*\*

- ☐ None
- ☐ Electricity-only power plants
- ☐ CHP power plants also supplying (district) heating
- ☐ District heating from smaller power plants
- ☐ Individual heating systems in many buildings/ private households
- ☐ Non-energetic industries relying on direct fossil-fuel use (e.g., steel, cement, chemicals)
- ☐ Other:  {max 300 characters}

B7. Please list names, entities and roles of the persons to be potentially engaged in your exchange delegation. Please note further details on delegations and the financing limits by the programme provided in the FAQ. \*\* {max 1000 characters}

B8. Primary contact person for this application \*\* {max 300 characters each}

- o Full name
- o Function/ job title
- o Division/ department
- o email address
- o Phone number

B9. If you are not a public authority: To demonstrate regional commitment to this application, I have uploaded one or more letters of support from a regional or local public authority's leadership, supporting the submission of this application for my region. \*\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

- If yes, please clarify from which level(s) the letter(s) is/ are from: municipal, city, metropolitan, regional and/ or other  {max 300 characters}

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- Name, in English, of each (other) public authority in your region involved in your application to this programme, clearly indicating at which level: municipal, city, metropolitan, regional or other
- Main contact person for this programme for each (other) public authority, including their: full name, function/ job title, division/ department, email address

B11. Explain – in as specific terms as possible – how you can contribute to the exchange (e.g., dedicated staff, expertise, interpretation, other services, venues, catering, etc.). \*\* {max 1000 characters}

## Part C or D – Profile(s) of other region(s) if applicable

*Only needs to be filled in, if more than two regions apply jointly.*

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## Part E – Previous joint experience and motivation for joint exchanges

E1. Do the joint applicant regions already have experience – whether ongoing or in the past – formally cooperating with one another on the just energy transition? \*\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

- If yes, please explain briefly, including specifying whether these experiences were in the context of EU programmes. {max 1000 characters}

E2. Do the joint applicant regions have experience – whether ongoing or in the past – formally cooperating with one another on other topics? \*\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

- If yes, please explain briefly, including specifying the topics explored and whether these experiences were in the context of EU programmes. {max 1000 characters}

E3. Why are you interested in jointly participating in this programme? What added value (on top of previous ties you already have) do you foresee from cooperating in the exchange EU programme together? \*\* {max 1000 characters}

## Part F – Focus and structure of exchange: *please fill in together*

F1. Please rank the following thematic clusters from 1 to 6 (or 7 if including an additional topic under “Other”), which you would like to address in your exchange, with 1 being the top priority for the joint applicant regions and each number being applied once. \*\*

Thematic cluster	Examples (non-exhaustive)	Rank (1-6 or 7)
<b>Clean energy transition</b>	renewable energies, energy efficiency, energy storage, centralised vs. decentralised energy systems, green hydrogen, natural gas, etc.	
<b>Economic diversification and regional development</b>	fostering entrepreneurship, supporting innovative start-ups and research parks, smart specialisation, opportunities for digitalisation, green and clean energy economy/ jobs, decarbonisation of industry, re-skilling/ upskilling workers, long-term improvement of the educational and innovation system, etc.	
<b>Transition governance and strategy</b>	effective institutional set-ups, optimising administrative capacities, improving participatory processes and intra-regional cooperation, alignment with local to national strategies, etc.	
<b>Project implementation and finance</b>	project planning/ prioritisation, feasibility/ assessments, innovative finance options, blending funding sources, etc.	
<b>Effects on social fabric and community</b>	community cohesion, heritage, energy poverty, individual/ community identity challenges, deterritorialisation, social challenges, gender dimensions, effects on un-shifted workers, etc.	
<b>Infrastructure and site sustainability</b>	closing/ repurposing mines or power plants, environmental rehabilitation, commercial spaces and sites, transport infrastructure, etc.	
<b>Other</b>	<i>If ‘Other’ is included in your ranking, please specify.</i>	

F2. Elaborate on the top 2 priorities which you marked in question F1, providing further insights regarding, e.g., more specific sub-topics. \*\* {max 1000 characters per priority}



F3. Describe specific actions or formats you would like to explore via the exchange programme (e.g., group workshops, peer-to-peer learning, site visits, outreach to specific stakeholder groups, etc.). Please refer to the FAQ for more information on the possible formats. \*\* {max 2000 characters}

F4. Please explain how you plan to engage different actors in your region beyond those entities in your proposed delegation. {max 1000 characters}

F5. Do you plan to foster social inclusion (e.g., energy poverty, gender dimensions) through your actions proposed above?

☐ Yes

☐ No

▪ If yes, please describe.

 {max 1000 characters}

F6. In case you have expressed your preference for a fully in person exchange format, please confirm the commitment from all regions to participate jointly in the exchange in case it is implemented (partially) virtually. \*\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

## Part G – Other

G1. Please provide other relevant information or comments, if any, that you consider useful for your application. *{max 1000 characters}*

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