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# A JUST TRANSITION NATIONAL STRATEGY



# 1. A Just Transition National Strategy

ecological  
transition  
creates jobs

- Most studies demonstrate the case for ambition. Clean Energy Package for all Europeans. Circular Economy Package. World Employment and social Outlook (ILO)
- Unemployment rate Spain (15%). Euro area (8,1%). EU-28 (6,7%)

Negative  
effects

- Targetted strategies for pollutant/carbon intensive regions/sectors.
- Employment quality.

Just  
Transition

- Guidelines for a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all (2015). Tripartite international framework.

## 2. A governmental priority

### Political commitment

- Ecological transition has to come hand by hand with social and territorial cohesion. Leave no one behind.
- Hand by hand with other governmental priorities: Climate Change Law and National Energy and Climate Plan.

### Key issues

National delay in Energy Transition + social and labour transition policies.

Coal regions: [Council Decision 2010/787/EU](#) Most mines will have to close by December 2018. Directive 75 2010. Many coal power plants will close by 2020.



# 3. A just transition agreement for coal regions

1<sup>st</sup> Sept  
Coal mining  
negotiations

- Coal mining framework expired in 2018. Spanish coal mines have received state aid under 787.
- Final stage for a long term reconversion.
  - 45,000 miners in 1990
  - 3,400 in 2012
  - 1,700 in 2018 (3,000 subcontractors included)
- It had to be agreed and it had to be fair. Agreement signed last 24<sup>th</sup> October.



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- For workers:
  - Workers covered by the scheme: early retirement, redundancy payment for young miners. All workers received a solution.
  - Direct + subcontractors workers: priority access to training & re skilling, restoration jobs.
- For workers and communities. Urgent Action Plan for Mining Regions. Dialogue with regional governments and municipalities.
  - Environmental Restoration Plan 2019-2023
  - Energy Efficiency & RREE 2019-2023
  - Just Transition Contracts: medium and long term activity and employment (wide approach to coal power plants)



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Just Transition  
Contracts

- Creating jobs as the main objective. Coherent approach to support projects and activities that reinforce each other.
- Good context evaluation: tailored to socio-economic context and labour force skills.
- Long term jobs: green technologies, innovation, digitalization → all sectors
- Participatory approach/Multistakeholder. Consultative process + monitoring
- Agile framework: new funds + priority access to existing funding windows  
Deduction or tax exemptions when appropriate.
- Renewable energy deployment: utility companies have to be part of the transition, renewable energy electricity auctions.



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Platform for  
Coal Regions  
Transition  
Country Team

- Launch the Coal Regions Platform Country Team
- Setting a road map to link national – European initiatives
- Developing jointly criteria to prioritize projects (employment, social cohesion, environmental outcomes)



## 4. A just transition agreement for coal regions part of a wider strategy

Just Transition  
National  
Strategy

- Sectoral and regional wide . To be renewed every 5 years
- Diagnosis of opportunities and risks on employment from ecological transition.
- Appropriate policies to optimize results: industrial and sectoral policies, fiscal policies, education, vocational training and lifelong learning, active labour market policies and social protection. Inter-ministerial coordination
- Strengthen social dialogue: social dialogue tables on energy transition, sustainable mobility or circular economy.
- Governance is key for anticipation: transparency, monitoring, learning from previous experiences + new challenges and opportunities





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**Thank you very much**

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