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SLOVENIA'S COAL PHASE-OUT PROCESS

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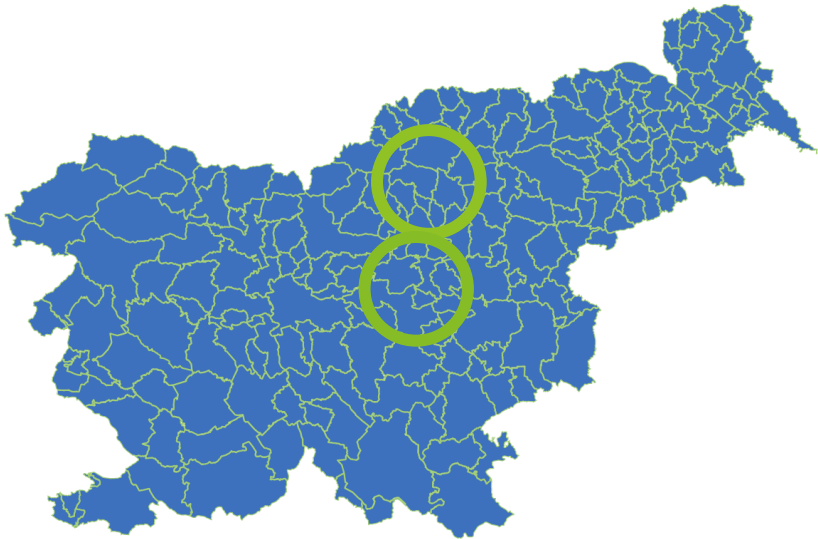


Brief timeline of the process

- ▶ February 2019: Slovenia requests to join the Coal Regions in Transition Initiative
- ▶ May 2019: setting up national working groups with different stakeholders
- ▶ July 2019: Kick-off meeting with the European Commission, start of preparing the request for technical support
- ▶ Spring 2020: DG REFORM hires external expert and technical support (Deloitte)
- ▶ June 2020: Kick-off meeting with Deloitte, preparation of national strategy starts
- ▶ September 2020: First draft national strategy published, strategic environmental procedure (SEA) starts
- ▶ March - April 2021: official public consultation of the strategy and the environmental report
- ▶ autumn 2020 - spring 2021: preparation of draft territorial plans

2 COAL REGIONS

• SAVINJSKO – ŠALEŠKA REGION



- ▶ 150 years of mining tradition
- ▶ An active lignite underground mine with 1.800 employees
- ▶ TEŠ power plant supplying 30% of Slovenia's electricity
- ▶ Industry connected to the use of coal generates around 30 % of local economy (2018)
- ▶ Additional 1500 to 2000 work force dependent on the income of coal-related activities

• ZASAVJE REGION

- ▶ Coal-mining since 1804
- ▶ No active coal mine, closed in 2007
- ▶ 5000 jobs lost since 1995, economic recovery of the region is still not complete
- ▶ In 2017, only 52,4 % of Slovenia's GDP per capita



4 MAIN PILLARS OF THE STRATEGY



Energy



Environment



Economy



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NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Final approval of the Environmental report (SEA)
- ▶ Adoption by Government possibly by end of June 2021
- ▶ Territorial Just Transitional Plans to be finalized -> JTF
- ▶ Law on Closure of the Mine & Law on the Economic Restructuring of the Region