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Opening session: Initiative for Coal Regions in Transition

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Recent developments

EU policy

In 2021, EU focus will be on **implementation**;

A **new legislative package** called 'Fit-for-55' is underway (first part foreseen for summer 2021);

Recovery planning coming to an end... while **JTF planning** is in full speed.



Recent developments

EU initiative for coal regions

Progress under **START** and **new toolkit** publication;

Official launch of the initiative for coal regions in **Western Balkans and Ukraine**;
(secretariatWBUA@coalregions.eu)

Exchange programme for EU coal regions

Technical assistance facility for clean energy and energy efficiency projects



Recent developments

EU countries and regions

New coal-free EU countries (**Sweden**, **Portugal**);

New phase out dates for **Spain** (2027*), **Hungary** (2025)...

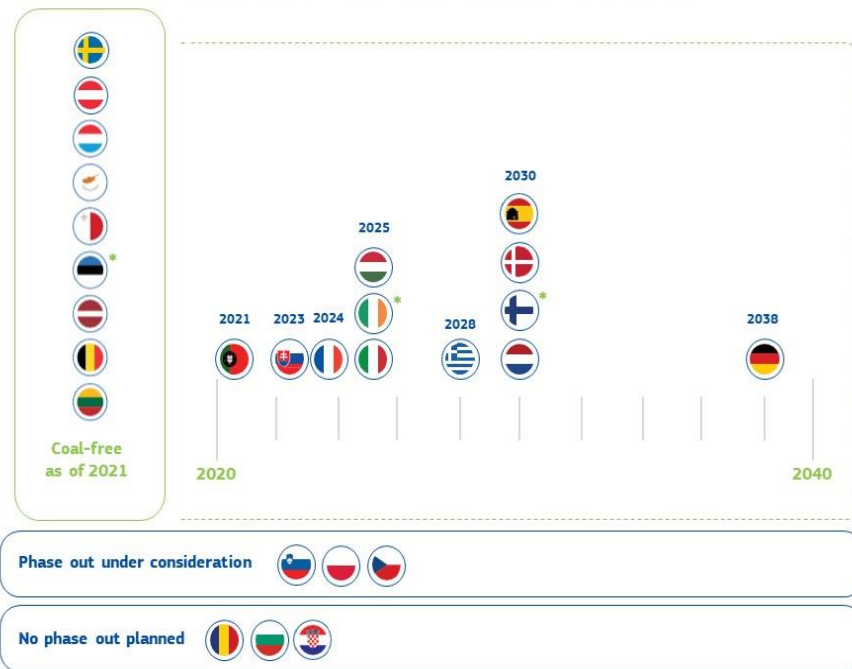
... and others expected soon (**Slovenia**, **Czechia**);

Progress on implementation in many other EU countries;

Global interest for EU approach to just transition

**no official announcement but gathered from publicly available information*

Coal phase out commitments in the EU



* Member States with peat and oil shale in their energy mix.