



Official Launch of the Platform for Coal Regions in Transition

11 December, 16:00 – 19:00

Hemicycle of the Regional Council of Grand Est Region

1 place Adrien-Zeller

Strasbourg, France

15:30 – 16:00

REGISTRATION - WELCOME COFFEE

16:00 – 16:20 Welcome Remarks

Welcome by host Jean Rottner, President, Grand Est Region

Introduction by Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of the Energy Union

Chair: Dominique Ristori, Director General, DG ENER

16:20 – 17:00 Keynote speeches

- **Miguel Arias Cañete**, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy
- **Krzysztof Tchórzewski**, Minister of Energy of Poland
- **Peter Žiga**, Minister of Economy of Slovakia
- **George Stathakis**, Minister of Environment and Energy of Greece

17:00 – 18:00 Industrial and technological change in coal mining regions:

Chair of the panel: Jerzy Buzek, Member of the European Parliament

- **Dietmar Woidke**, Minister President of Brandenburg
- **Lucie Studničná**, President, Consultative Committee on Industrial Change, European Economic and Social Committee
- **Wolfgang Cieslik**, President, Euracoal
- **Kirsten Dunlop**, Chief Executive, Climate-KIC
- **Andrew McDowell**, Vice-President, European Investment Bank

18:00 - 19:00 Structural transformation, reskilling and social dialogue in coal mining regions: solutions, opportunities and financing

Chair of the panel: Kathleen Van Brempt, Member of the European Parliament

- **Wojciech Saługa**, Marshall of the Region of Silesia, Poland
- **Franck Leroy**, Vice-President of Grand Est Regional Council
- **Luca Visentini**, General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation
- **Nick Mabey**, Chief Executive, E3G
- **DG REGIO representative**

Closing speech: Corinna Crețu, Commissioner for Regional Policy

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Invited speakers