Introducing the Platform Secretariat

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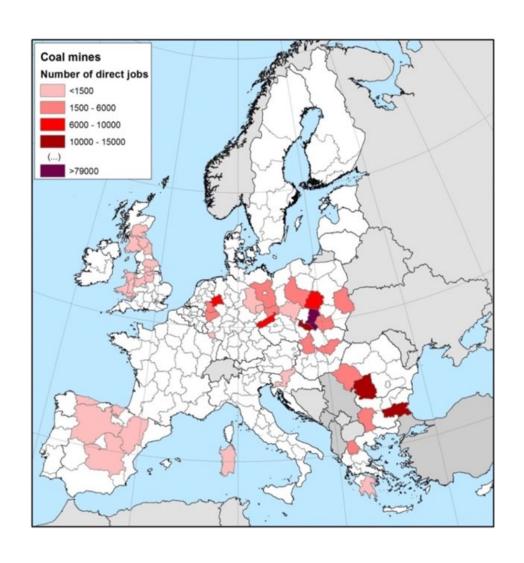**Timon Wehnert**, *Senior Advisor*

Energy

Purpose of Secretariat

- Operate the Platform for Coal Regions in Transition

- Provide support materials and tools

- Deliver technical assistance and expertise, complementing existing efforts

- Develop a knowledge resource for transition related activities

Coal mines
Number of direct jobs
- <1500
- 1500 - 6000
- 6000 - 10000
- 10000 - 15000
- (...)
- >79000

Context

Coal Regions in Transition Initiative 2017

Support development of (1) transition strategies (2) projects for structural diversification and technology transition

Country Teams – 19 pilot regions identified / engaged

Platform to support diversification and transition (4th WG) - Secretariat now created with workplan for support and engagement

Platform Secretariat:
Key Tasks

1. Develop materials and tools for transition

Guidance documents, toolkits and reports **on key** themes for stakeholders preparing transition strategies and projects

2. Deliver support and technical assistance

Provide support and expertise for coal regions in transition and provide technical assistance to a cohort of regions, informed by lessons from Country Teams

Platform Secretariat:
Key Tasks

3. A body of reference on transition issues

Online presence, including suite of relevant publications and reports, and new means of engagement (e.g. webinars)

4. Organise Platform meetings and support development

Expand list of stakeholders and contacts; organise, promote and deliver Platform events; and provide on-line helpdesk

A Fit for Purpose Secretariat

- 3 full-time staff within a multi-skilled consortium

- Mix of research, technical and consultancy skills

- Pool of experts

- Extensive experience, networks, contacts

- Able to address complex issues

- Budget and timescales

What will a successful Secretariat look like?

- More regions actively involved in the platform
- Further interaction between regions
- Services, advice and events aligned with needs of regions
- Complementarity with other initiatives / leverage of resources
- Co-development of Platform and regional capacity
- Responsive to feedback

Key timescales 2019

- Newsletter (Q2) and Website (Q2 onwards)

- July and October Platform Meetings

- Technical assistance – Pilot region selection process commences May/June, anticipated delivery from Q4 onwards

- Support materials for regions from Q3 onwards

Develop support materials

The CCIRIT secretariat will develop guidelines, reports and toolkits on the following topics:

- Collection of good practice examples – July 2019

- Transition strategies – July 2019

- Governance of transition – October 2019

- Sustainable employment and welfare support – October 2019

- Environmental rehabilitation and clean air strategies – October 2019

- EU funds and programmes – February 2020

- Report on technology solutions for transition – February 2020

Responding to need of regions

A lot of information already exists but is fragmented, or not tailored to needs of practitioners in regions.

CCIRIT support materials will be fine tuned to needs, based on:

- Needs assessment workshops and expert interviews
- Peer-review of draft materials in platform meetings

**Secretariat and Regions Brainstorming:
Shaping Technical Assistance for Transition in Your Region**
Tuesday 9 April, 9:00 -13.00

Q&A

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