



Working Group Meetings

Brussels
12-13 July 2018

AGENDA

12 July

2nd meeting of the Platform for Coal Regions in Transition

Venue: Centre de Conférences Borschette (room 0A), Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels

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Meeting chaired by **Klaus-Dieter Borchardt**, Director, DG ENER and **Erich Unterwurzacher**, Director, DG REGIO

14:00 – 14:30 **Welcome Coffee**

14:30 – 15:00 **Welcome remarks - update on the Platform and work in Pilot Coal Regions** by **Klaus-Dieter Borchardt**, Director, DG Energy and **Erich Unterwurzacher**, Director, DG REGIO and updates on new initiatives from the stakeholders

15:00 – 15:30 **EU long-term policy framework for transition in coal and carbon-intensive regions**

- "Energy Union Governance", Paula Pinho, Head of Unit "Energy Policy Coordination", DG ENER

15:30 – 16:00 **"Managing Coal Mine Closure: Achieving a Just Transition"**, Michael Stanley, Global Lead Extractives, World Bank

16:00 – 18:00 **Strategic frameworks for transition in Coal and Carbon-Intensive Regions**

- "RE-START strategy in Czech Republic", David Koppitz, Acting Deputy Minister for Regional Development in Czech Republic
- "Strategies and plans for the Jiu Valley Region", Rovana Plumb, Minister of European Funds, Romania
- "German Commission on Growth, Structural Change and Employment- role and perspectives for German Coal Regions", Dr. Philipp Steinberg, Director General Economic Policy, Ministry Coordinator Sustainability, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
- "Strategies and plans for Saxony Anhalt", Jürgen Ude, State Secretary in the Ministry of Economy, Science and Digitalisation of the State of Saxony-Anhalt
- "Strategies and plans for coal regions in Spain", Laura Martín Murillo, Advisor on Employment and Just Transition to the Minister for Ecological Transition, Ricardo González Mantero, General Director, Energy and Mining, Region Castilla y Leon, María Belarmina Díaz Aguado, General Director of Mining and Energy, Regional Government of Principado de Asturias
- 'Strategies and plans for the Ida-Virumaa Region', Ando Leppiman, Deputy Secretary General in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications in Estonia

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Working Group 1: Post-coal economy and structural transformation

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Chaired by **Klaus-Dieter Borchardt**, Director, DG ENER and **Erich Unterwurzacher**, Director, DG REGIO

- 8:00 – 9:00 **Welcome Coffee**
- 9:00 – 9:15 **Introductory Remarks by Chairs**
- 9:15 – 10:45 **Project Lab**
- "Priority projects in Saxony-Anhalt", Dr. Kai-Mark Steinbach, MIBRAG
 - "Priority projects in Jiu Valley", Anca Lazar, Adviser to Minister Rovana Plumb
 - "Priority projects in Czech Republic", Karel Tichý, Consultant of Government Plenipotentiary, Eva Spasovová, Consultant of Government Plenipotentiary
- 10:45 – 13:00 **Best Practices and Project Ideas**
- 10:45 – 12:00 **"Governance of transition – managing reconversion of industrial sites, addressing land ownership rights, attracting investments and raising financing"**
- "Lessons learnt from Germany: Ruhr Region", Michael Schwarze-Rodrian, EU representative for Ruhr Regional Association
 - "Lessons from Czech Republic: Regeneration of the Lower Area of Vítkovice, Moravskosleszký Region", Daniel Konczynna, BeePartner Co.
 - "Lessons from Poland", Andrzej Zabieglinski, Katowice Special Economic Zone
 - 'Roadmap for the Transition of Western Macedonia to the Post-Lignite Era', Nikos Mantzaris, WWF Greece
- 12:00 – 13:00 **"Skills in the coal regions – skills profiles and opportunities in new areas of growth":**
- "International perspective of clean energy transition and skills", Tahmina Mahmud, Junior Program Technical Officer, Skills and Employability Branch, Employment Policy Department, International Labour Organisation
 - "ECECLI project in Paris", Emmanuel Palliet, Syndex
 - 'Reskilling in Central and Eastern Europe', Alexandru Mustata, CEE Bankwatch
 - "Expectations and proposals of the trade unions", Corinna Zierold, IndustriAll
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch break**

Working Group 2: Energy system transformation and clean air

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Introductory Remarks by Chairs

- 14:30 – 16:00 **Project Lab**
- "Priority projects in Saxony-Anhalt", Dominik Härle, Fraunhofer IMWS
 - "Priority projects in Jiu Valley", Daniela Barbu, Ministry of Energy, Sorin Cristian Alecu, Oltenia Energy Complex, Viorel Stancu, Hunedoara Energy Complex

- "Priority projects in Czech Republic", Karel Tichý, Consultant of Government Plenipotentiary, Eva Spasovová, Consultant of Government Plenipotentiary, Daniel Konczynna, Head of the Business Unit for Strategic Planning and Smart Regions and Cities, BeePartner
- "Energy and industrial park Lausitz", Professor Krautz, BTU Cottbus Seftenberg/CeBra, Professor Weber, University Rostock

16:00 – 17:30 **Best Practices and Project Ideas**

16:00 – 16:20 "Policy support for air quality improvements – example from Slovakia", Viviane André
DG Environment, unit C3: Clean Air

16:20 – 17:30 "Alternative uses of coal and former coal mining areas and assets"

- " Electric thermal energy storage potential in former coal mines", Maximilian Schumacher, Innovation Development Manager, Siemens
- "MijnWater Geothermal project, Heerlen/Netherlands", Herman Eijdemans, Innovation Manager, MijnWater
- "Projects in alternative use of lignite" - Dr. Reinhold Elsen is Vice President of Research & Development at RWE

17:30 – 18:00 **Conclusions**