



Annual Political Dialogue 2023

Initiative for coal regions in transition

27-28 June 2023

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Opening Session

Open Dialogue on Just Transition

Welcome Speeches

Petr Kulháněk, *Governor Karlovy Vary Region*

Kadri Simson, *EU Commissioner for Energy*

Elisa Ferreira, *EU Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms (video)*

Ivan Bartoš, *Deputy Prime Minister for Digitisation and Minister of Regional Development, Czech Republic*

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Thomas Schmidt, *Committee of the Regions Representative and Minister for Regional Development of Saxony Region, Germany*

Peter Balik, *Minister of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization, Slovakia*

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"We are here
to **discuss**
and **share**
insights"



SOUTH
AFRICA

VIETNAM

TO **CREATE**
CLIMATE
NEUTRAL
COMMUNITY



"We
can be
successful
thanks to
EU SUPPORT"



TECHNICAL

FINANCIAL

OPENING
SESSION:
OPEN DIALOGUE IN JUST TRANSITION



Be
SMART

in our
decisions



LESSONS LEARNED

WE WERE UNDER PRESSURE
- TO PROVE OUR RESILIENCE

- COOPERATION
- DIGITALISATION
- DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES
- PROJECT MANAGEMENT



We are
successful
and we need
to **ACCELERATE**



INDONESIA
AFTER YEARS
we have
plans with **67**
concrete steps

THANK YOU
ALL FOR **LEADERSHIP**
you've
shown

NOW



We need
**WHOLE NEW
ECONOMY &
APPROACH**



it's time for
IMPLEMENTATION



we are all
COMMITTED
to change

THANK
YOU FOR
HARD WORK
...

... NOW
we want
better
life
FOR YOU

BE SURE
THAT
CITIZENS
KNOW
&
BENEFIT
FROM GOOD
WORK

IT IS
time to
pay an
EFFORT BACK



it is **CHALLENGE**
we are ready
to face,
BUT ALSO
OPPORTUNITY



we decided to
RE-POWER
to be fully
INDEPENDENT

Resilience
is the key

We have
Reason &
Support

MOTIVATION
NOT FRUSTRATION

"FULLY SHUTTING
DOWN OUR COAL
MINES"



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Lunch break

The event will resume at 14:15 CEST.

Breakout Session 1

Implementation of a Just Transition

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Implementation of the Just Transition

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Eastern Wielkopolska Region: Our way of doing Just Transition

On Green Future Institute Foundation (local NGO) examples



Supporting the process

Supporting and complementing the process leader and stakeholders

White spots monitoring and advocacy for stakeholders

Exchanging experience and knowledge

Horizon scanning and concepts developing

SUPPORTING THE PROCESS

NOVEMBER

2020

NOVEMBER

2022

BSR Lab (Bottom-up, Sustainable,
Renewal Just Transition Laboratory
in polish and german coal regions)

Supporting the Just Transition process by increasing stakeholders activism, sharing news and preparing for participation in the Just Transition Fund

Eastern Wielkopolska
Partnership Forum,
workshops,
trainings,
study visits

Polish Green Network
(leader)
Green Future Institute
(PL Local Partner)
Lusatian Perspectives
(DE Local Partner)

WHITE SPOTS MONITORING

NOVEMBER

2020

APRIL

2023

The voice of energy sector workers in the
Just Transition of Eastern Wielkopolska

*REPORT
E-BOOK
UNDER
PREPARATION*

Inclusion of non-union
energy workers'
representatives in the
discussion of the workers'
programme

List of postulates, Employee Support
Center Concept, project fiche in Just
Transition Plan

inclusion of our proposals in the World
Bank's version of the workers' programme

WHITE SPOTS MONITORING

EUteens4green: Skills for the Future

APRIL

2023

SEPTEMBER

2023

Visiting
schools,
online
webinars,
ebook for
teens

Climate education,
just transition and
future career guidance
lessons in the region's
secondary schools



EXCHANGING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

Exchange EU
Programme:

Eastern
Wielkopolska
(PL)
Rheinisches Region
(DE)
(spring 2023)

Reboost – A Boost for Rural Lignite
Regions: Eastern Wielkopolska (PL),
Lusatia (DE), Gorj (ROM) (November
2020 – December 2022)



Just Transition in
Silesia through
model public
consultation and
community
organizing:
Eastern
Wielkopolska (PL),
Silesia (PL)
(summer 2021 –
spring 2022)

HORIZON SCANNING AND CONCEPTING

Restart Lab – community center for youth

NOVEMBER

2020

SEPTEMBER

2022

Bottom-up living
experiment to create
a meeting and
development place
for young people

Workshop
rooms,
workshop
meetings,
common
lounge



HORIZON SCANNING AND CONCEPTING

Saving Dolores – post-industrial culture park

Rescue
operation

Summer 2022
NOW

Partnership-building phase completed,
Dolores on her way of going to the
surface from open pit mine, conceptual
phase of setting up the park ahead of us



Lesson 1/4:

Do it "for" people and "with" people

Lesson 2/4:

Don't be afraid to experiment

Lesson 3/4:

Look for challenges that still need to be solved

Lesson 4/4:

Go beyond thinking about energy, think about development and the future

Thank you, let's keep in touch



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Q&A



Energy communities

Moderator – Pouyan Maleki, Senior Consultant, *Ecorys*

Scene Setting/Keynote – Heleen Schockaert, Project Manager, *REScoop*

Panelists

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Sarunas Bruzge, Economist, *European Investment Bank*

Hardi Murula, Development expert, *Association of Local Municipalities of Ida Virumaa*

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Scene-setting presentation

Heleen Schockaert, *REScoop*

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About REScoop.eu

- Established in 2013
- REScoop.eu is the European Federation of Citizen Energy Cooperatives
- Citizen energy cooperatives are groups of citizens who cooperate in energy projects



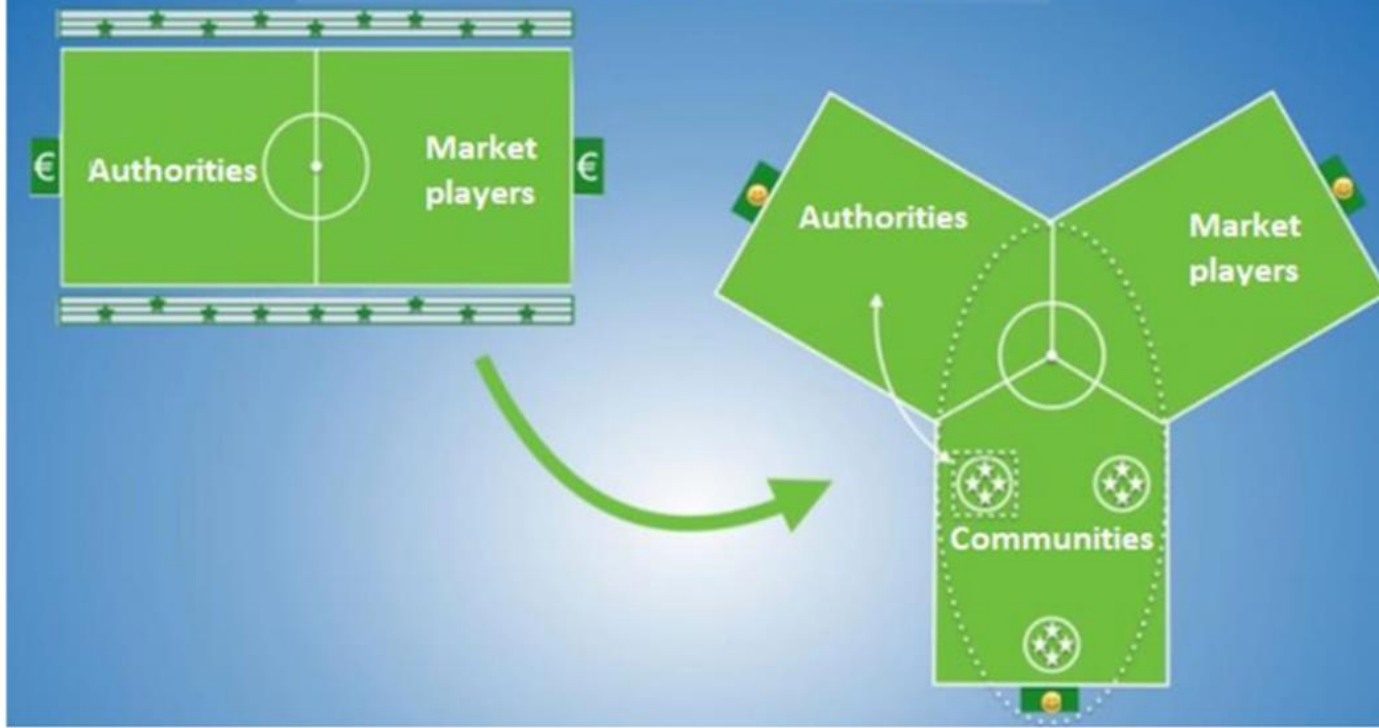
What is an Energy Community?

- Recognised by EU legislation: Renewable Energy Community & Citizen Energy Community
- Organisational concept, with stringent non-commercial, governance and control requirements.

CEC (Electricity Dir.)	REC (REDII)
legal entity	a legal entity
voluntary and open participation	open and voluntary participation
-	autonomous
effectively controlled by members or shareholders	effectively controlled by shareholders or members
-	located in the proximity
members or shareholders that are natural persons, local authorities, including municipalities, or small enterprises	shareholders or members of which are natural persons, SMEs or local authorities, including municipalities;
primary purpose to provide environmental, economic or social community benefits	primary purpose of which is to provide environmental, economic or social community benefits

a new player and a new playing field

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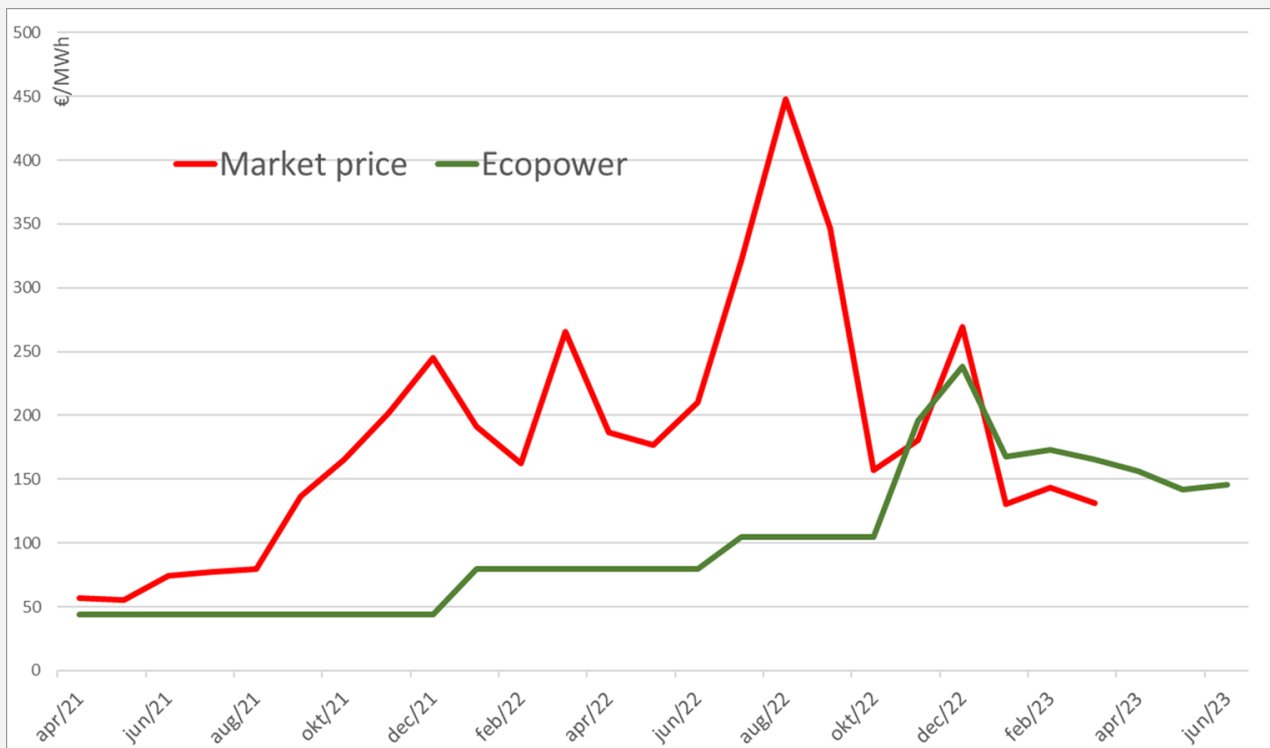


ENERGY REVOLUTION

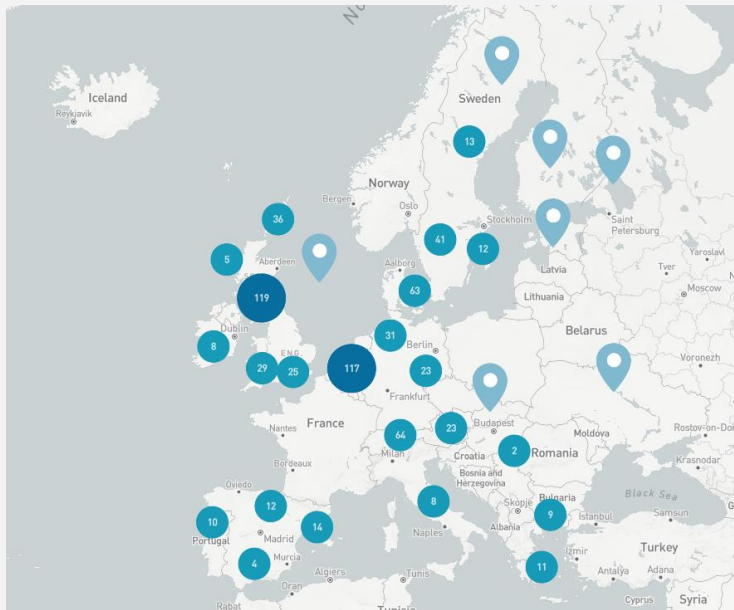
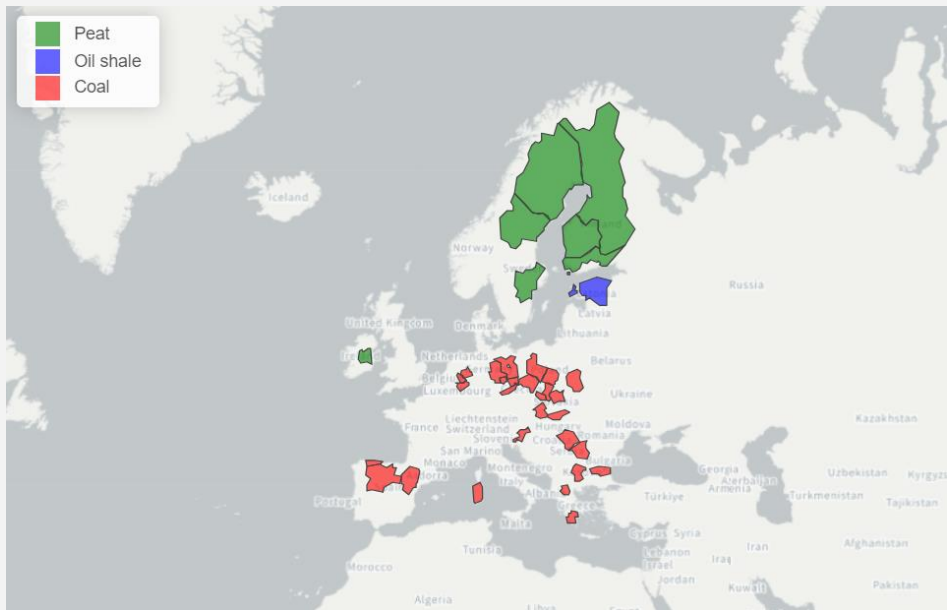
10 REASONS TO START OR JOIN A COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT





















- 1 Help build the system needed to **stop the climate crisis**
- 2 Community renewables **redirect money** from fossil fuels
- 3 It can **reduce energy poverty** in your area
- 4 You'll get to **know your neighbours** and strengthen your community
- 5 You will **produce your own** renewable energy
- 6 Helps **educate** people on the issues of energy, climate and democracy
- 7 It keeps the **money locally** in your community
- 8 You will **show other communities** what is possible
- 9 It will contribute to creating a **more local, more circular economy**
- 10 You will be building the kind of **world you want to see**

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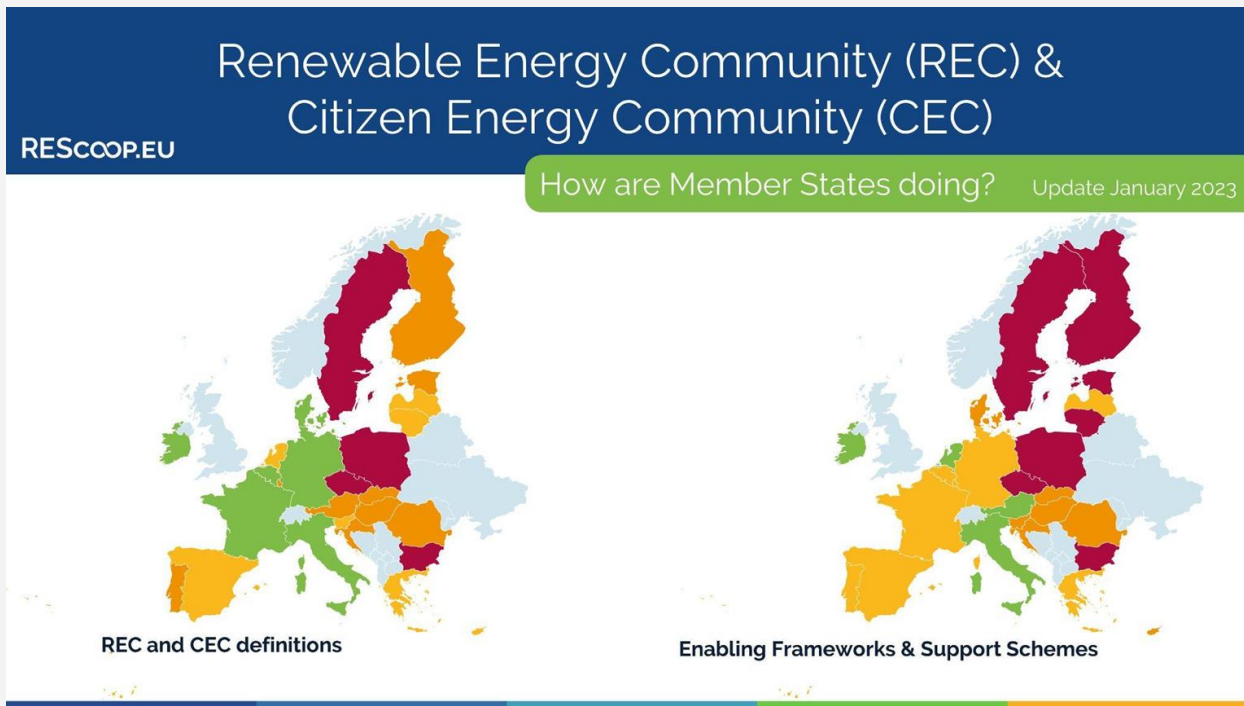


Energy Communities in Europe



Production	   
Supply	  
Distribution	
Services (energy efficiency, renovations ICT)	 
Electrical vehicle sharing	 
Financing	 
Energy poverty alleviation	     

Policy Recommendations



Policy Recommendations

- Energy and climate policies need to be just by design
- Participation and ownership are key
- Identify barriers for Energy Communities
- Create enabling frameworks and incentives



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Before we continue



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Answer the questions



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On a scale of 1-10, to what extent do you feel you are familiar with/understand the concept of an energy community? (1 the least, 10 the most)

① Start presenting to display the poll results on this slide.

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**Do you know anyone who
participates in an energy
community?**

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What would be the main benefit of promoting energy communities? (choose one)

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On a scale of 1-10, to what extent do you consider renewable energy sources are socially accepted in your region? (1 least important, 10 most important)

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Energy communities

Panel Discussion 1: social acceptance and identity

Moderator – Pouyan Maleki, Pouyan Maleki, Senior Consultant, *Ecorys*

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Q&A?

Poll 2



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Answer the questions



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What do you consider as the main obstacle(s) for energy community development in you region? Options (select one or multiple):

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**Are you aware of any support scheme
for energy communities in your region?
Options (select one or multiple)**

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Energy communities

Panel Discussion 2: Legislative and policy barriers and drivers for energy communities in coal+ regions

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Skills development for a just transition

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Skills development for a just transition



The bigger picture

REPower EU
3.5 million
jobs by 2030

EU-level target
adult learning
60% every year

11.7%
share of NEETs
(15-29) in 2022

11.9%
share of adults (24-
60) in education
and training in 2022

13.8%
share of youth
unemployment
in 2022

PRO Article [Competition and Industrial Policy](#) + 2 more



Skills shortage could be 'Achilles' heel' of the Green Deal

The EU's clean-energy targets require training up a new workforce.



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Lack of public policies on
training will **increase**
inequalities (in most CEE
countries no overall
governmental training framework)
→ Brain drain

Anticipation of change to support a just transition in the regions

Transition vs. disruption

Challenge:

- ☛ *skills mismatch*
- ☛ *spacial mismatch*
- ☛ *temporal mismatch*
- ☛ *quality of job mismatch*

*No transition planning without a **granular employment mapping**: current employment and job profiles/ available skills/ levels of qualifications vs. expected industries/skills needs/quantity of jobs*

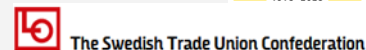
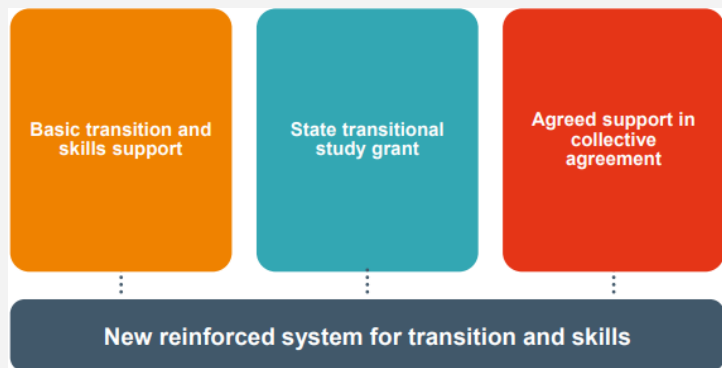
Just Transition agreements negotiated at different level

- ☛ *No one-size-fits-all: Challenges of the transition different in different countries, sectors, regions, communes, companies, etc.*
- ☛ *National strategies: e.g. Germany (“Coal Commission”), Spain (“Plan del Carbon”)*
- ☛ *Regional strategies: Territorial Just Transition Plans (Just Transition Fund Regulation), Spain (Just Transition Contracts in Spanish mining regions)*
- ☛ *National Collective Agreements: Sweden (Right to training, re- & upskilling for JT)*
- ☛ *Company agreements: Safran (EU+UK), Renault (transition to EV manufacturing, safeguarding jobs, creating new jobs, re-& upskilling)*
- ☛ *Between companies: LEAG and Deutsche Bahn in Germany transfer of workers from lignite mining to railway maintenance operation plant*

Flexibility, adaptability and security in the labour market

Social partners at cross-sectoral level concluded collective agreements on security, transition and employment protection with strong focus on skills development

Complemented by legislation that entered into force in October 2022



The Swedish Trade Union Confederation

ENI - Industrial relations model to support the energy transition process

Context: conversion, new project development, industrial plant management and revamping, growth of operations and new domestic supply chains, professional development and retraining of Eni staff and promotion and creation of new jobs in the medium/long term

- ☛ Commitment to generational renewal and inclusion of diversity
- ☛ Provision of training in cooperation with training institutions (partnership with Milan and Turin Institutes of Technology and the Universities of Pisa and Perugia)
- ☛ Strategy committee includes company and union representatives:
 - Engineering and environmental protection;
 - Research, development and technological innovation;
 - Circular Economy;
 - Renewable energy development;
 - Work and employment organisation



Some conclusions

- ☛ *Skills and employment mismatches at regional/local level are barriers to a Just Transition*
- ☛ *Anticipation of change and skills planning in wide cooperation of stakeholders including social partners (management and labour) is key*
- ☛ *Social dialogue and collective bargaining indispensable for the Just Transition*
- ☛ *Tackling labour shortages: quality of employment, wages and working conditions matter!*
- ☛ *Need for legislative framework for the anticipation of change strengthening workers' rights: individual right to skills, information and consultation, respect of collective bargaining, support measures*

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Coffee break

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Closing Session

Results and conclusions from the breakout sessions

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BREAKOUT
SESSION 1:

IMPLEMENTATION OF JUST TRANSITION



- DO EVERYTHING FOR AND WITH PEOPLE
- DON'T BE AFRAID TO EXPERIMENT
- GO BEYOND THINKING ABOUT ENERGY

PROCESS

1. WE WORK TOGETHER AS STAKEHOLDERS
 - IT CHANGES DURING THE PROCESS
 - PEOPLE CAN SEE CHANGES - IT IS NOT ONLY PLAN
 - IT GAVE VISIBILITY

OPPORTUNITY TO IMPLEMENT LOCALLY CREATED SOLUTION FROM BOTTOM TO TOP

JT
67 PLANS
REGIONS 93

BUSINESS

TO ATTRACT PEOPLE

IMPROVE & PREPARE ENVIRONMENT

HOPE THAT THIS ENTHUSIASM WILL CONTINUE

FROM COAL } TO DATA-MINING
FROM BLACK TO GREEN

PRIORITIES

2. SOLVE LOCAL PROBLEMS
 - FOCUS ON PEOPLES LIVES
 - SPEAK POSITIVE AND BRINGING HOPE
 - MAKE SOMETHING THAT LAST IN TIME

CHANGE YOUR MINDSET

BEST PRACTICE

3. MONEY IS GOOD MOTIVATOR
 - TAKE EVERY HELPING HAND
 - OPEN Q&A STREAM

GO TO HIGH SCHOOLS

BRING YOUNG PEOPLE ON BOARD

IS TRUE THAT NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

TIME = HUGE ISSUE
JUST TELL US PLEASE

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SYNERGY

STAY FOCUSED & WORK HARD

SKILLS

STRENGTHS

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BREAKOUT SESSION 2

ENERGY COMMUNITIES IN COAL REGIONS

We have new player, we need new rules

LOWER FLUCTUATION

STAY LOCAL

"I OWN" HAS HIGHER SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE

CREATE SPACE FOR EDUCATION

CREATE JOBS

Participation & ownership are key

1. SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE & IDENTITY

We create new identity around renewable energy

mentality needs to shift

Once coal regions accept there is need to change they have ways

Macedonia

not think just about moment but longterm solutions

misunderstanding people don't see economic benefits

EMPOWERMENT ENERGY COMMUNITIES

hope

2. BARRIERS & DRIVERS FOR ENERGY COMMUNITIES

There is nothing in legislation about ENERGY COMMUNITY, yet

PROGRESS in EU members

Sharing

education

EU CONTRIBUTION

Role of system operators

Funding energy communities

Energy sharing

The most successful ENERGY COMMUNITIES collaborate with LOCAL AUTHORITIES

ENERGY COMMUNITIES are about EMPOWERING CITIZENS

Good base in legislation

but grid is unavailable we can't absorb funding our marketing is distorted



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BREAK OUT SESSION 3

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR A JUST TRANSITION



Closing Session

Results and conclusions from the breakout sessions

Closing Speeches

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Petr Hladík, *Minister of Environment, Czech Republic*

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Closing Session

Karlovy Vary Statement

Petr Kulháněk

Governor Karlovy Vary Region

Background

- **Transformation of the European energy system for fulfilling the European Union's is taking place**
- **Coal regions in Europe are very diverse**
- **The transition of these coal regions is far from complete** and needs sustained financial and policy support beyond 2027

APD - statement

- **continuation of strong support for coal regions throughout the course of their entire transition**
- maintaining a strong focus on **place-based solutions for the just transition** that address specific development challenges in the affected areas
- **complementarities and synergies between EU policies**
- optimisation of **delivery systems** based on lessons learned from implementation of current programmes, while **measuring success based on impact** on supported regions;
- **all EU institutions** to seek an **early dialogue with coal regions**
- a **continuation of the high-level EU Initiative for Coal Regions in Transition's Annual Political Dialogue** beyond 2027

APD Core Message

"The Annual Political Dialogue has made it clear that when coal regions come together - with each other and with the European Commission - we exchange know-how and inspiration that meaningfully accelerates our journeys to become resilient, just and prosperous for all."

Petr Hladík

Minister of Environment, Czech Republic

Paula Pinho

*Director, Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Efficiency and Innovation, DG
ENER, European Commission*

Site visits

28 June 2023

District heating project: a visit to Power plant Vresova

10:00 – 13:00

Visiting innovative companies

10:00 – 15:00

“Before and after”: a visit to Sokolovská uhelná (SUAS)

10:30 – 14:30

(Departure and arrival from the Emperor Spa)

Thank you.

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[DG Energy's YouTube channels](#)



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Lessons Learnt and Key Takeaways

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Welcome and agenda overview



exchangeEU scene setting presentation



A look into exchangeEU



Insights from exchangeEU participants



Q&A



Outlook for just transition capacity building



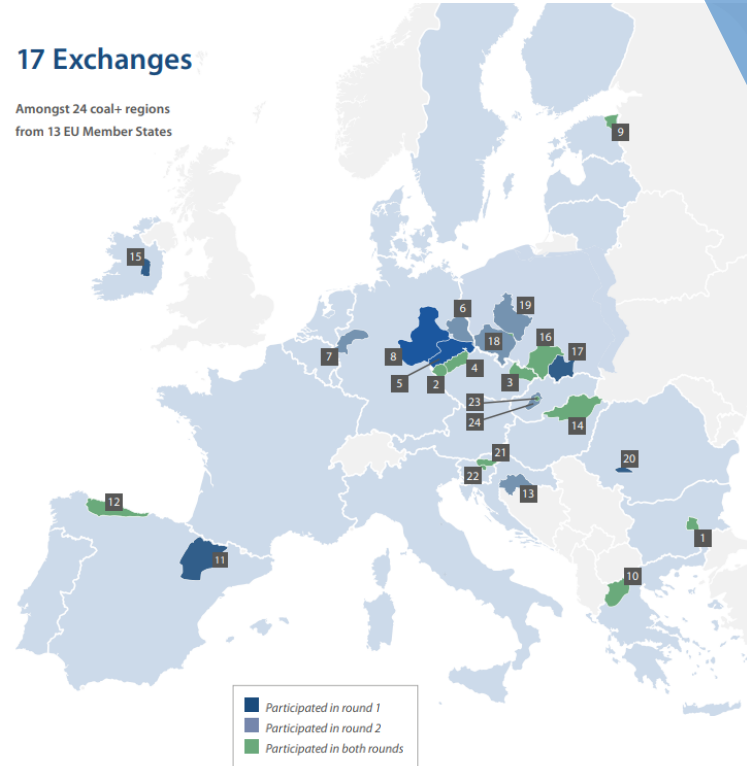
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exchangeEU: An Overview

- Part of the Coal Regions in Transition (CRiT) initiative
- Exchange program conceptualized and implemented by a consortium led by Guidehouse and including ifok, ICLEI and Wuppertal Institute, on behalf of DG ENER
- First exchange round: 8 matches, 18 coal+ regions from 12 Member States
- Second exchange round: 9 matches, 17 coal+ regions from 11 Member States

17 Exchanges

Amongst 24 coal+ regions
from 13 EU Member States





Participants in Prievidz, Slovakia exploring an indoor tomato farm that uses thermal energy from mining water.



Participants in Ústí, Czechia discussing good practices in just transition funds governance



Participants in Asturias, Spain looking at a model of former mining sites and current renewable energy assets

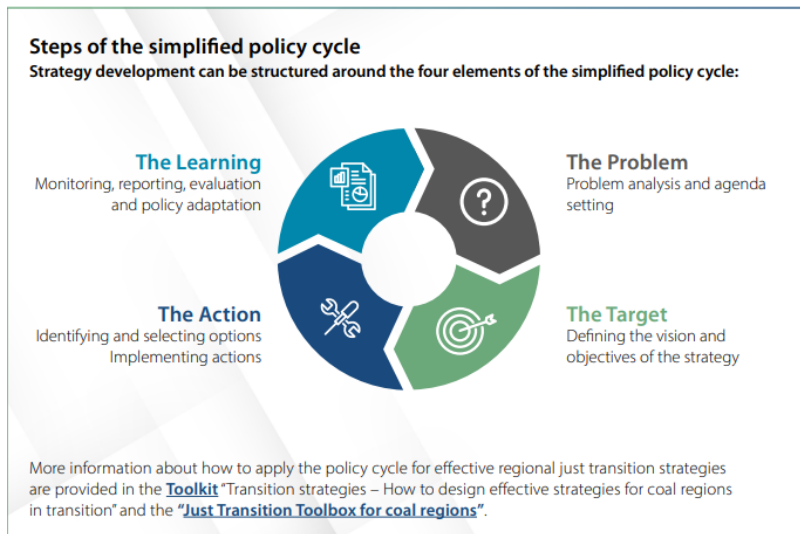


Participants in Eger, Hungary visiting the Matra lignite power station

exchangeEU: Lessons Learnt

Transition strategies

- The earlier a managed transition starts, the better
- Make sure transition strategy is in line with climate policies
- Assess the challenges – mix participatory processes with research
- Keep the transformation process flexible to changes and evaluate regularly



Source: European Commission (2020): Toolkit: Transition strategies – How to design effective strategies for coal regions in transition.

exchangeEU: Lessons Learnt

Multi-actor governance

- Set up a multi-actor and multi-level governance structure
- Ensure municipal level is a key stakeholder in transition implementation
- Put people at the center of the transition
- Develop high quality participatory approaches
- Provide reliable and easily accessible information
- Involve youth and students

Common barriers and solutions in stakeholder engagement



exchangeEU: Lessons Learnt

Sustainable economic diversification

- Strengthen the educational system
- Use contact centers to re-skill support miners in transitions
- Support start-ups and SMEs
- Enhance regional infrastructure
- Leverage local social infrastructure and community services



Tourism can be a promising alternative sector for many regions, as illustrated by the mineral baths in Stara Zagora (Bulgaria).

exchangeEU: Lessons Learnt

Environmental rehabilitation and cultural heritage

- Thorough environmental rehabilitation is a key element for coal+ regions to thrive
- Make sure to enforce the polluter pays principle
- Keep cultural heritage alive
- Leverage old infrastructure to create new spaces and opportunities



Environmental rehabilitation is one key aspect of the Just Transition process.

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Clean energy transition

- Support energy communities
- Develop knowledge on clean energy technologies
- Make use of abandoned coal mining land for renewable energies
- Transform district heating systems
- Develop hydrogen strategy and action plan for full value chain
- Support renewable energy uptake as quickly as possible



Different types of renewable energy projects will need to be realized, both in terms of energy production and demand.



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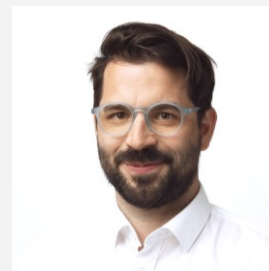
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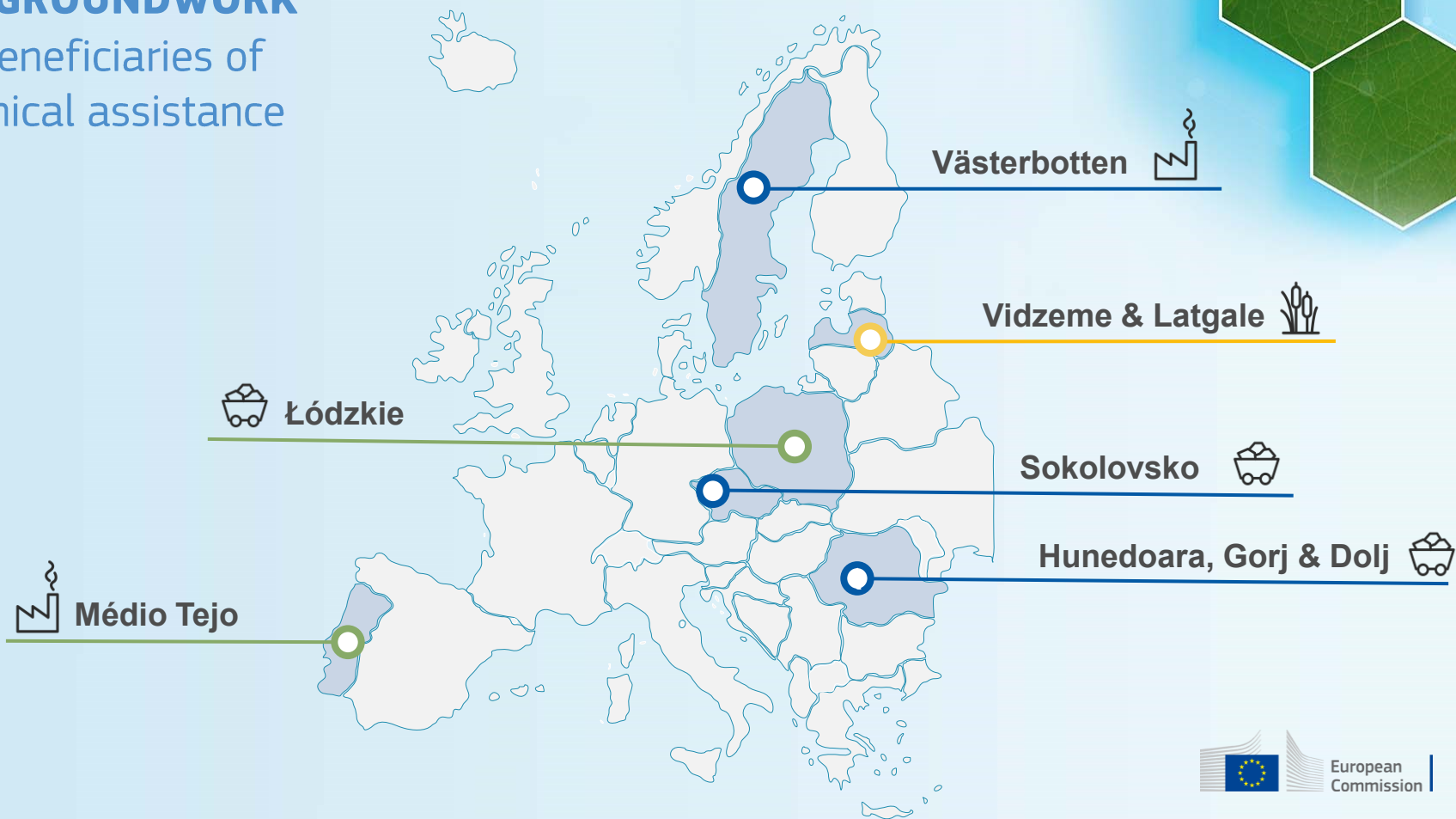


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Six beneficiaries of technical assistance



Additional Services

JTP Knowledge Hub

Toolkits:

-  Gender dimensions in just transition
-  Implementing energy communities
-  Vocational training catalogue
-  LULUCF economic opportunities
-  Household transitions matrix

Case Studies:

-  Examples of just transition strategies and good practice from around the world
-  Creating innovation economies – Future Proofing the Port of Aalborg in North Jutland, DK
-  Good practice in JTF stakeholder management – Chemelot chemical industrial park in Limburg, NL
-  Good practices in engaging youth in transition
-  Social partners as leaders in just transition
 - Trade unions transforming the steel sector in Taranto, Italy
 - Advocacy and social actors supporting just transition in Silesia, Poland



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JTPeers

Structure



JTPeers Exchange: a peer-to-peer programme to facilitate in-person and online exchanges between different JTF territories and JTPeers Experts



JTPeers Experts: a web database of professionals working on Just Transition across Europe



Available for **carbon-intensive and coal+** JTF territories from all 27 EU Member States

Targets



Increasing skills and expertise on how to implement Just Transition processes



Strengthening cooperation amongst Just Transition stakeholders in the EU



Sharing knowledge and **best practices** and offering the opportunity to learn from each other's experience



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