



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 and 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
- **Jerzy Buzek**, Member of the European Parliament
- **George Stathakis**, Minister of Environment and Energy of Greece
- **Michał Kurtyka**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Energy of Poland
- **Vojtech Ferencz**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Economy of Slovakia

17:00 – 18:00 Industrial and technological change in coal mining regions: future perspectives, challenges and financing

Chair of the panel: **Christian Ehler**, Member of the European Parliament

- **Thomas Wunsch**, Secretary of State, Ministry for Economy, Science and Digitalisation in Saxony Anhalt
- **Lucie Studničná**, President, Consultative Committee on Industrial Change, European Economic and Social Committee
- **Wolfgang Cieslik**, President, Euracoal
- **Kirsten Dunlop**, Chief Executive, Climate-KIC
- **Mark Mawhinney**, Head of Division, European Investment Advisory Hub

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

- **Michał Gramatyka**, Deputy Marshall of the Region of Silesia, Poland
- **Albrecht Gerber**, Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy of the state of Brandenburg
- **Montserrat Mir Roca**, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation
- **Nick Mabey**, Chief Executive, E3G
- **Erich Unterwurzacher**, Director for Programme Implementation, DG REGIO

19:00 Closing Remarks

- **Corina Crețu**, Commissioner for Regional Policy

19:10 Cocktail Reception