



**Working Group Meetings and
High-Level Dialogue on Financing and Investments**

Brussels
26 – 27 February 2018

AGENDA

Monday 26 February

Launch of the Platform Working Groups

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

- 8:30 – 9:00 **Registration and coffee**
- 9:00 – 9:10 Welcome remarks by **Dominique Ristori**, Director General of the Directorate-General for Energy
- 9:10 – 10:00 Introduction of the Coal Regions in Transition Initiative by **Klaus-Dieter Borchardt**, Director, DG Energy, followed by Q&A
- 10:00 – 11:30 Presentations by pilot coal regions of their transition strategies, followed by Q&A

Brandenburg and Saxony, Germany

- **Dr.-Ing. Klaus Freytag**, Director General for Energy and Raw materials, Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Land Brandenburg
- **Florian F. Woitek**, Desk Officer, Saxony State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour and Transport

Western Macedonia, Greece

- **Dimitrios Mavromatidis**, Director of Regional Development Fund Unit of Western Macedonia, President of Technical Chamber of Greece/Dept Western Macedonia

Trenčín, Slovakia

- **Jaroslav Baška**, President of the Self-Governing Region of Trenčín

Silesia, Poland

- **Stefania Koczar-Sikora**, Deputy Director for Regional Development, Marshall's Office of Silesia Region
- **Maciej Bialek**, Expert, Mining Department, Ministry of Energy of Poland

11:30 – 12:30 Regional transition strategies – available support at the EU level

- "Support for developing Research & Innovation Strategies for Coal Regions in Transition, Horizon 2020 Coordination and Support Action", **Jeroen Schuppers**, Deputy Head of Unit "Advanced Energy Production", DG RTD
- "Role of the European Commission Structural Reform Support Service", **Ariane de Dominicis**, Policy Officer, SRSS
- "Role of the European Commission Joint Research Centre", **Dr. Vangelis Tzimas**, Deputy Head of Unit "Knowledge for Energy Union", JRC
- "Role of the Climate KIC", **Helen Spence Jackson**, EU Affairs Lead, Climate KIC
- "MERIDA Project - Management of Environmental Risks During and After Mine Closure", **Alicja Krzemien**, Central Mining Institute, Poland (Project funded by the Research Fund on Coal and Steel)

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch break** (sandwich buffet served on the 1st floor)

Working Group 1: Post-coal economy and structural transformation

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

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Chaired by **Klaus-Dieter Borchardt**, Director, DG ENER and **Rudolf Niessler**, Director, DG REGIO

13:30 – 15:00 Exchange of best practices and project ideas in the area of structural transformation of coal regions followed by Q&A

- "Coal Transitions – overview of lessons learnt and best practices", **Andrzej Blachowicz**, Climate Strategies
- "Structural transformation in the Ruhr area and Phoenix Dortmund", **Alexandra Landsberg**, Ministry of Economy, Innovation, Digitalisation and Energy of North Rhine-Westphalia
- "Energyville in Genk", **Guy Vekemans**, Strategy Coordinator Sustainable Energy & Smart Cities VITO-EnergyVille
- "La Ferme d'Akuo", **Tristan Urtizberea**, Akuo Energy*

15:00 – 17:30 Project Lab – presentation of priority projects in the pilot regions and discussion on financing and policy dimension with invited Commission and external experts, followed by Q&A

Western Macedonia (30 minutes)

- **Anastasios Sidiropoulos**, Director of Programmes Department, Regional Development Agency of Western Macedonia (ANKO)
- Discussion with experts

Brandenburg and Saxony (30 minutes)

- **Dr.-Ing. Klaus Freytag**, Director General for Energy and raw materials, Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Land Brandenburg
- **Andreas Bruns**, Department of Economic Policy, Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Land Brandenburg
- **Florian F. Woitek**, Desk Officer, Saxony State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour and Transport
- Discussion with experts

Trenčín, Slovakia (30 minutes)

- **Denisa Žiláková**, Director General of the Central Coordination Body
- Discussion with experts

Silesia, Poland (30 minutes)

- **Małgorzata Staś**, Director for Regional Development, Marshall's Office of Silesia Region
- **Maciej Bialek**, Expert, Mining Department, Ministry of Energy of Poland
- Discussion with experts

17:30 – 18:00 Financing and technical assistance for projects in coal regions

- "Project support by the European Investment Advisory Hub", **Desislava Krалеva**, European Investment Bank
- "World Bank capacity to assist coal regions in transition", **Michael Stanley**, Lead Mining Specialist, World Bank
- „The EEA and Norway Grants’ contribution to reducing social and economic disparities in the EU“, **Marius Knagenhjelm**, EEA Grants

18:00 – 18:20 **Conclusions**

Tuesday 27 February

Working Group 2: Eco-innovation and advanced coal technologies

Venue: Centre de Conférences Borschette, room 3C (places strictly limited to one representative per registered organisation)

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Chaired by **Klaus-Dieter Borchardt**, Director, DG ENER and **Peter Dröll**, Director, DG RTD

8:30 – 9:30 Discussion on state of play on advanced coal technologies and opportunities in the EU

- "Overview of advanced coal technology solutions and state of play", **Zoi Kapetaki**, Project Officer, European Commission, Joint Research Centre
- "Future perspectives and opportunities for advanced coal technologies in the EU", **Kamil Szydłowski**, Regional Cooperation and External Funds Officer, KIC InnoEnergy
- "COALTECH 2051 Initiative and planned activities", **Brian Ricketts**, Secretary-General, EURACOAL

9:30 – 10:30 Exchange of best practices and project ideas

- "Extraction of Coal Mine Methane from shut down coal mines", **Julien Moulin**, CEO, La Française de l'énergie
- "Scalable financing mechanism to facilitate thermo-modernisation and replacement of inefficient boilers in Silesia and Małopolska", **Wolfgang Munch**, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG REGIO
- "Improvement of air quality, including energy efficiency measures and the "Green Households" pilot project in Slovakia", **Alexandra Magulák**, Director General of the Directorate of Environmental Programmes and Projects of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic and **Matej Veverka**, Project Manager of the Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency

10:30 – 12:30 Project Lab – presentation of priority projects in the pilot regions and discussion on financing and policy dimension, followed by Q&A.

Western Macedonia (30 minutes)

- **Dionysios Giannakopoulos**, Researcher, Centre of Research and Technology Hellas, Western Macedonia
- Discussion with experts

Brandenburg and Saxony (30 minutes)

- **Dr.-Ing. Klaus Freytag**, Director General for Energy and raw materials, Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Land Brandenburg
- **Florian F. Woitek**, Desk Officer, Saxony State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour and Transport
- Discussion with experts

Trenčín, Slovakia (30 minutes)

- **Ján Petrovič**, Director General of the Energy Section, Ministry of Economy
- **Martin Pitorák**, energy attaché, Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU
- Discussion with experts

Silesia, Poland (30 minutes)

- **Małgorzata Staś**, Director for Regional Development, Marshall's Office of Silesia Region
- **Maciej Bialek**, Expert, Mining Department, Ministry of Energy of Poland

- Discussion with experts

12:30 – 13:00 **Conclusions and next steps**

Individual transfer to the EP

High-Level Dialogue on Coal Regions in Transition: financing and investments

Venue: European Parliament, PHS4, meet at the entrance from Espace Simone Veil at 14:30
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No interpretation available – the meeting will take place in English

Meeting chaired by MEP **Jerzy Buzek** and Vice President **Maroš Šefčovič**

15:00 – 15:45: **Opening Speeches**

- **Jerzy Buzek**, MEP (EPP), Chair of the ITRE Committee
- **Maroš Šefčovič**, Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union
- **Pavel Poc**, MEP (S&D), Vice-Chair of ENVI Committee
- **Florent Marcelessi**, MEP (Green/EFA)
- **Vazil Hudák**, Vice President, European Investment Bank

15:45 – 17:30 **Financing and investments in Coal Regions in Transition -Existing funds and future perspectives**

Discussion moderated by **Dominique Ristori**, Director General, DG Energy

- Representatives of Coal Regions
- **Luis Colunga**, Deputy General Secretary, IndustriAll Europe
- **Vladimir Budinsky**, Vice President, EURACOAL
- **Kristian Ruby**, Secretary General, Eurelectric
- **Rudolf Niessler**, Director, DG REGIO
- **Michael Stanley**, Lead Mining Specialist, World Bank
- **Árni Páll Árnason**, Deputy Director, EEA Grants - Norway Grants, Financial Mechanism Office

17:15 – 17:30 **Conclusions by the co-chairs**