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# Technical Assistance and Transition: Benefits and Lessons for the Future

Just Transition Platform Meeting: Coal  
Regions in Transition virtual week and  
Carbon-intensive regions seminars

*17 November 2021*



# Introduction

- **EU technical assistance and transition**
- **Benefits and lessons learned by recipients of technical assistance**
- **Gaining your ideas**
- **Looking to the future by technical assistance providers**

# Differing needs, differing technical assistance



# Panel discussion with TA recipients – experience & lessons for future support

- **Sarah Morgan**, Programme Manager, Regional Enterprise Development Office, Midlands, Ireland
- **Alojz Vlčko**, Head of Mayor's Office, City of Prievidza, Upper Nitra, Slovakia
- **Piotr Lyczko**, Deputy Director, Department of the Environment, Malopolska Region, Poland
- **Tomáš Burdych**, Consultant for Czech coal regions, Ministry of Regional Development, Czechia

# TA services and reflections on the discussion

- **Ariane De Dominicis**, Head of Sector - Sustainability, DG REFORM, European Commission
- **Sarunas Bruzge**, Economist, European Investment Bank
- **Paul Baker**, Senior Advisor, Secretariat, Coal Regions in Transition Initiative



# Support to the Just Transition: the Technical Support Instrument

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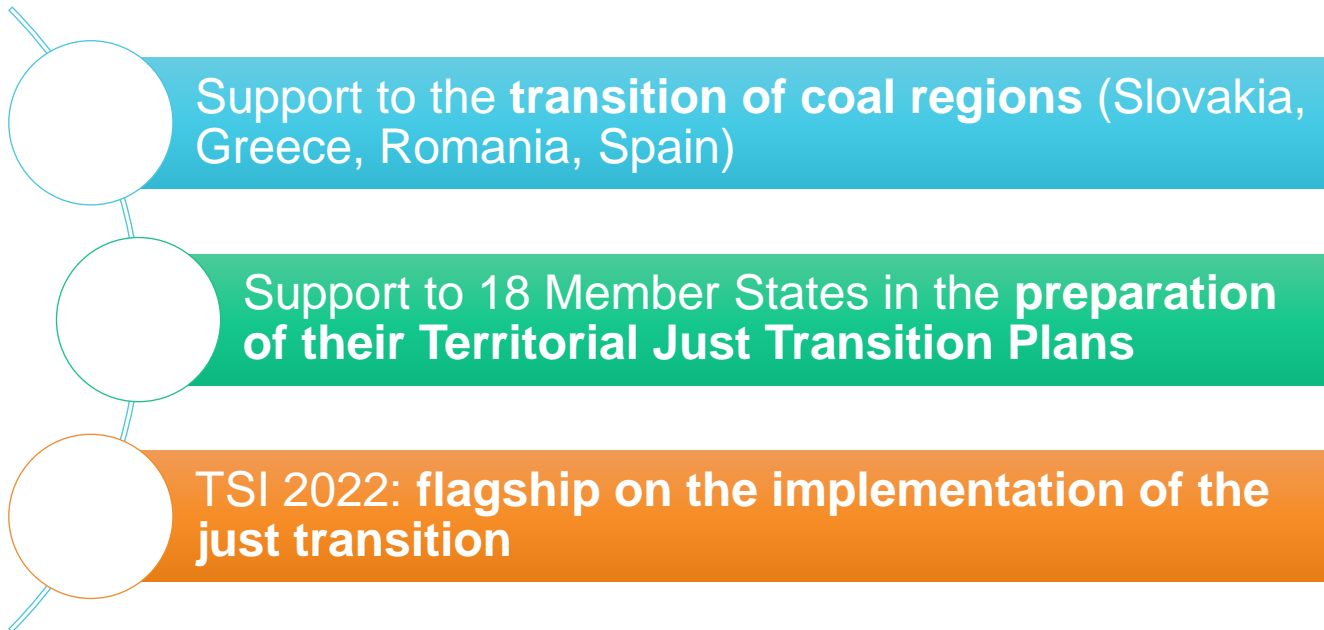
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## The Technical Support Instrument (TSI)

- **Tailor-made technical expertise** to EU Member States to **design and implement reforms**
- **Demand driven support, no co-financing** from Member States
- **€ 864 million** for the period 2021-2027<sup>1</sup>
- **More than 1000 projects in 27 Member States**
- **Wide range of reform areas** covered by the technical support
- **Any reform phase**, from design to implementation and evaluation



## Support to the Just Transition





## Examples of support provided



Support to the preparation of **regional transition strategy**



Support to the repurposing of **mining brownfield**



**Trainings for regional and local authorities** on the implementation of the Just Transition Mechanism



**Awareness raising and stakeholder engagement**

# JASPERS support to Just Transition Regions

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# JASPERS support to Just Transition

## Typical scope of JASPERS assistance to Just Transition regions

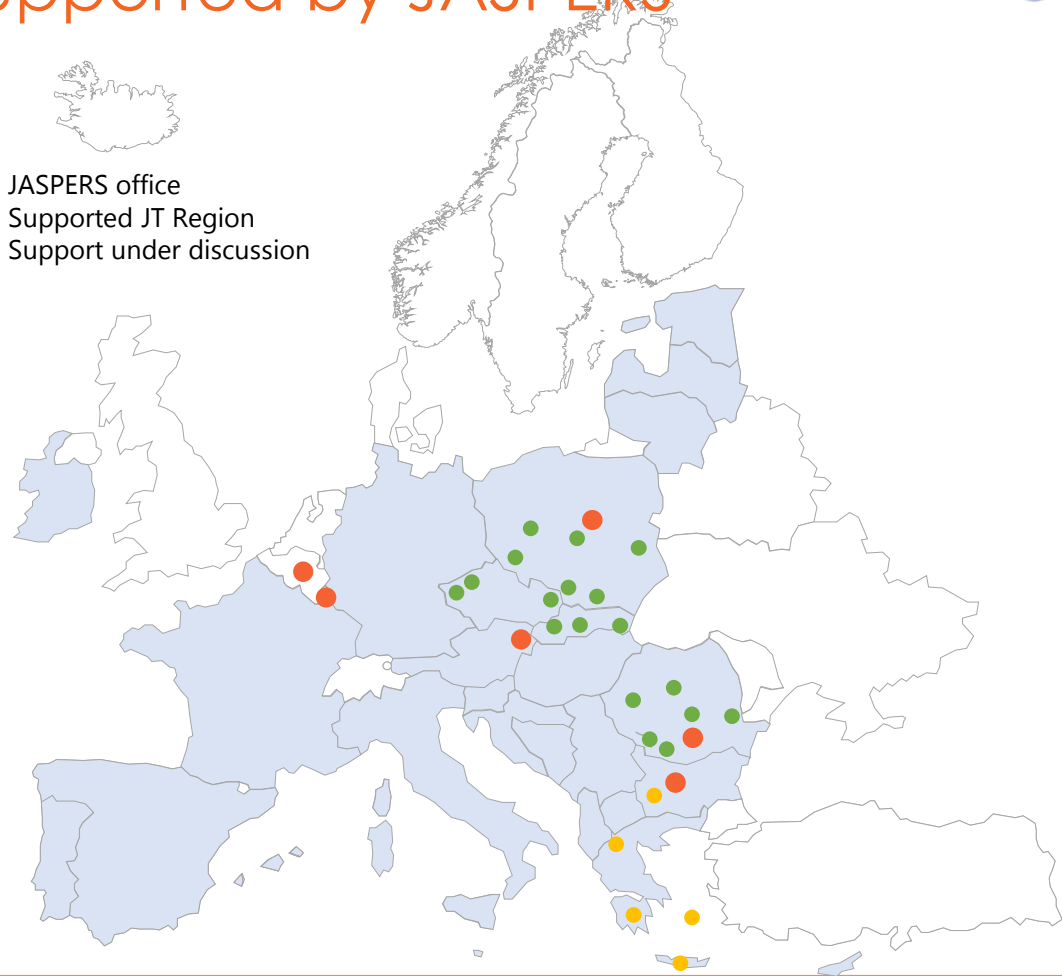


*\*Support should be embedded in JASPERS Country Work Programmes*

# Just Transition Regions supported by JASPERS

Country	Region(s)
Romania	Galati, Prahova, Hunedoara, Gorj, Mures, Dolj
Slovakia	Trencin (Upper Nitra), Kosice, Banska Bystrica
Poland	Slaskie, Malopolskie, Lodzkie, Lubelskie, Wielkopolskie, Dolnoslaskie
Czech Republic	Karlovy Vary, Moravia-Silesia, Usti
Greece	Western Macedonia, Megalopolis, Aegean Islands and Crete
Bulgaria	Eligible regions under discussion with EC

- JASPERS office
- Supported JT Region
- Support under discussion





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# Introducing TARGET

Technical Assistance for Regions  
undergoing a Green Energy  
Transition



# TARGET

## Overview

**Upstream** and **hands-on** support for **clean energy** and **energy efficiency** projects in coal, peat and oil shale regions in the EU;

Development of **mature projects**, ready for funding or financing, capacity building;

**Dedicated to:** regional and local authorities, project promoters (public and private), energy communities.





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# **START: Secretariat Technical Assistance for Coal Regions in Transition**

**Coal Regions in Transition Virtual  
Week**

**17 November 2021**

*Paul Baker*

*Secretariat of the Initiative for coal regions in transition*





# START support facility

- **Technical assistance facility provided by Secretariat of the EU Initiative for Coal Regions in Transition**
- **Complementary to other existing EC (and other) support efforts**
- **Open call for support (closed September 2019)**
- **7 regions selected**
- **Circa 50 to 110 days of expert support per region**
- **Co-creation approach, engaging closely with recipients of support**



# Scope of START support

**Capacity building, knowledge sharing, and targeted advice on:**

- **Strategy development for regional economic diversification and the transition away from fossil fuels**
- **Governance and planning for the formulation and implementation of transition actions**
- **Project identification and prioritisation of transition-related projects**
- **Project development support for design of projects and the definition of action plans for project implementation**



# START Regions



ES Asturias

Energy transition strategy development and project identification and assessment



IE Midlands

Stakeholder engagement, project identification, transition pathway development



CZ Karlovy Vary (Sokolov district)

Strategy advice (skills & employment, renewable energy, etc.) and local development actions



PL Malopolska

Project identification and development support (training & skills development, energy clusters, women in transition)



EL Peloponnese (Megalopolis)

Strategy advice (skills & employment, entrepreneurship, investment attraction and technology transfer)



RO Hunedoara County (Jiu Valley)

Project development, coherence of project portfolio and transition narrative



PL Silesia

Assessment tool of repurposing options for post-industrial area



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