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# **Community engagement in carbon intensive regions**

**Experiences from Bulgaria, Romania & Spain**

Coal Regions in Transition Platform

working group meeting

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# How to host a local, lasting process for change

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# Just Transition Social Lab in Pernik, Bulgaria



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- Find the active people, bring them together
- Ask the right questions to stir the discussion
- Urge them to agree on the common vision for the town
- Provide the frame and be the host, let the process happen
- Empower citizens so they participate in the decisions for the coal regions
- Listen and amplify
- Co-design the future beyond coal



# Impacted communities leading the energy transition in Rovinari, Romania

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# Rovinari City

- Coal as part of the daily life?

- Monoindustrial city
- Coal Power Plant
- Lignite coal mines
- Coal Deposits
- Pollution – environment & health issues

# Green energy for a clean future

- Are there alternatives?

- 40 solar panels – capacity 250 W – supplying 25% of school needs
- Involving school and local community (workshop on environmental topics)
- Local authorities support



# Just Transition



- Multiplied efforts? Is there political will?

- Financing prospects for similar projects
- Starting point discussing JT
- Opposition regional authorities & industry
- Context/ Lack of political will

# Jiu Valley



- Moving in the underground?

- Strategic move/favorable context
- Coal Regions in Transition Platform
- Develop models/apply them in Gorj
- NGO's involvement in the region

# Coal Regions Platform in Romania - MFE

- Romanian authorities – same old story



- Lack of public consultation
- Lack of transparency
- Lack of vision & strategy
- Where are all the relevant stakeholders?
- Working together

# Grassroots consultations in Valea Jiului

- Bringing closer workers and the environmental movement – is it possible?

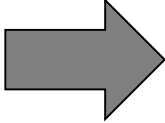


- Workers & communities voices, concerns, needs
- Workers direct and authentic involvement
- What are their expectations? What they want? What they don't want?
- Bringing them closed to the energy transition

# An Energy Transition that puts women at its center in Spain

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**COAL**   
**employment**

**100% Renewable system  
& Sustainable**

**Just and  
inclusive  
transition!**

At present, the global energy sector is heavily masculinized

- Only 6% of the people working in the electricity sector are women.
- Only 1% of the leadership positions in the energy sector are occupied by women,
- only 17% of management positions are occupied by women in the electrical sector, and 14% of positions in councils
- Owing to their lower incomes, women have a greater risk of energy poverty than men
- We can not make a just and inclusive transition without women.

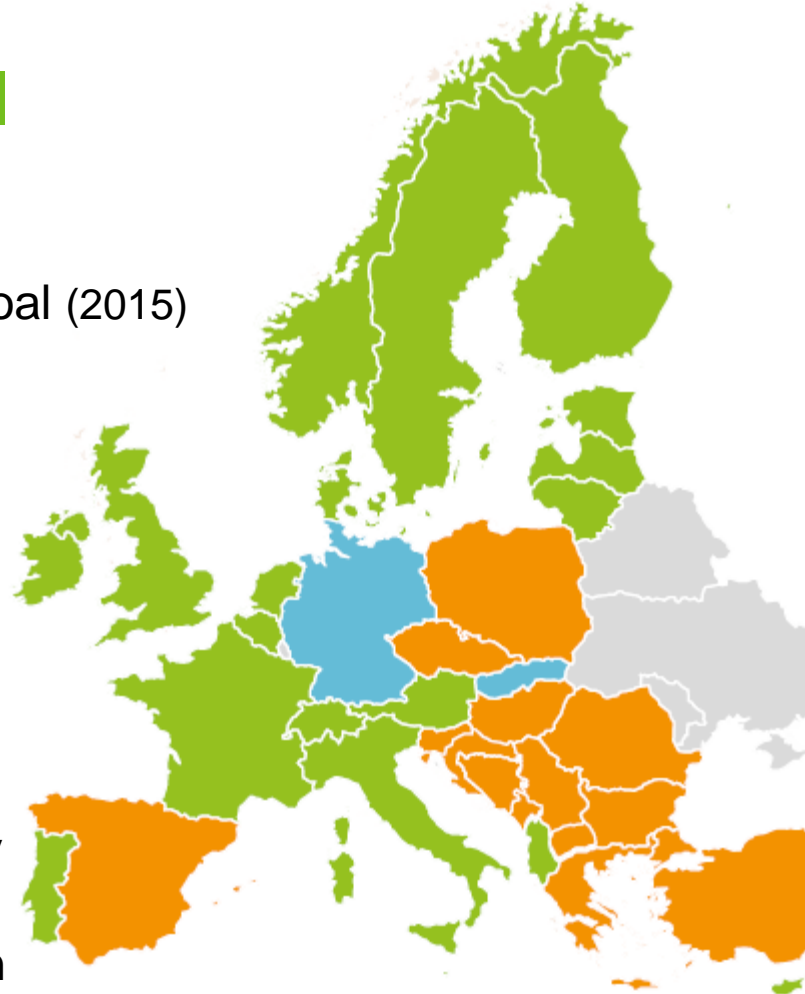
# Dark datum about Coal

## World:

- First cause of climate change
- 44,9 % CO<sub>2</sub> emissions caused by coal (2015)

## Spain:

- The country in the world that most increased its use (2017)
- 87% imported coal (2017)
- 3 of 30 most polluting coal power plants in Europe.
- 50% of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the electricity system in Spain were produced by coal while its electricity generation was 17% (2017)
- Spain is the only country in Western Europe without plans and process to close coal power plants
- **Good news!** Spain will close most of its coal mines. Alternatives to coal must be sustainable and put the environment and people at the centre.



- Sin planes
- Con fechas de cierre definidas antes de 2030
- Trabajando para definir la fecha de cierre

# An Energy Transition ...that puts women at its center in Spain

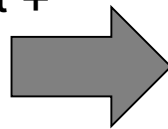
Greenpeace brought to the European Parliament the voice of two women from Spanish coal regions to address alternatives to coal, when the Renewables Directive and gender equality and its relation to climate justice were debated

- Meeting with MEPs
- Meetings with journalists

**Just and inclusive transition!**



Paris Climate Agreement +  
Not to exceed 1.5°C  
temperature increase



The Paris Agreement adopted at the 2015 Climate Summit and the Gender Action Plan, recognises that climate change is a problem for all humanity



To fight against climate change and nuclear threat we must put the people and the planet in the center of the equation of how produce, consume and distribute energy: 100% renewable, efficient, intelligent and in the hands of the people.



# ENERGY? NO WITHOUT WOMEN

Professionals and activists within the energy sector for the public presence of women in the sector

**Profesionales y activistas del sector de la energía por la presencia femenina en este sector**

Why the manifesto “Energy? No without women”?

**¿Por qué un manifiesto “En Energía, no sin mujeres”?**

What does our commitment imply?

**¿Qué implica nuestro compromiso?**

[#EnEnergiaNoSinMujeres](https://www.instagram.com/EnEnergiaNoSinMujeres)

# An Energy Transition ...that puts women at its center in Spain

**ENÉRGICAS** [energetic **women**] it was a concert protest created by Greenpeace Spain with the aim of making visible the concern of society around today's unfair and polluting energy system through the energy of women. 20 voices that rose up so that women can evolve from victims of climate change and fuel poverty to centre and leaders of the transition.

Perfect opportunity to recharge batteries for all the people that make every day an opportunity to scrap this obsolete, unfair and polluting energy model so it will become something worth leaving to the next generations.



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TULSA  
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LAS ODIO  
MELO MORENO

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# An Energy Transition that puts women at its center in Spain

## Two key dates:

- **January 1, 2019: Mine closure**
- **July 1, 2020: closure of many old Coal-fired Power Plants**

## Political context; we are at a decisive moment

- A transition hindered by the failure to **Accept a Coal-Free Scenario**
- The **Need to Plan the Transition** Towards a Coal-Free Economy
- Specify a just plan to transition from coal to sustainable employment that includes Progressive closure of all Spanish coal power plants by **2025**
- End funding for dirty and inefficient energies, including public incentives granted to electricity companies to invest in the environment as this mechanism is contingent on using fossil fuels

**2025 Closure of ALL Coal-fired Power plants**