



## **Working Group Meetings**

Brussels

5, 6 and 7 November 2018

# **AGENDA**

Platform meetings and Bilaterals

## 5 November

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Platform for Coal Regions in Transition

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 and **Rudolf Niesler**, Director, DG REGIO

8:00 – 9:00 **Welcome Coffee**

9:00 – 9:20 **Welcome remarks - update on the Platform and work in Pilot Coal Regions** by **Klaus-Dieter Borchardt**, Director, DG Energy and **Rudolf Niessler**, Director, DG REGIO

9:20 – 10:00 **Platform Partners – support activities and projects for coal regions in transition**

- *"Partnership between the European Commission and Bloomberg Philanthropies - Introductory Remarks"* - **Arlene McCarthy**, Advisor to the UN Special Envoy on Climate Change, followed by comments by **Klaus-Dieter Borchardt**, Director, DG Energy
- *"Introduction to Bloomberg Philanthropies' Environment Program and Global Coal Program"* **Ailun Yang**, Global Coal Director, Environmental Program, Bloomberg Philanthropies
- *"World Bank Framework for Managing Coal Mine Closure and Achieving a Just Transition for All"*, **Michael Stanley**, Global Lead Extractives, World Bank

10:00 – 11:45 **Community outreach and local consultation – examples and best practices**

- *'Accompanying the transition involving the community: proposals from the Lausitz'*, **Evelyn Bodenmeier**, Lausitzer Perspektiven
- *"Case study: The Imielin-North Coal Field and the challenges of effective public participation"*, **Alicja Zdziechiewicz, Przemysław Zdziechiewicz**, Green Imielin Association
- *'Community-Led Projects in Romania, Bulgaria and Spain'*, Greenpeace, **Denitza Petrova**, Greenpeace Bulgaria, **Vlad Catuna**, Greenpeace Romania and **Miriam Sotés Vasco**, Greenpeace Spain
- *"Stakeholder Engagement: Lessons from World Bank's engagement in extractives"*, **Rachel Perks**, Senior Mining Specialist, World Bank

11:45 – 13:00 **Strategic frameworks for transition in Coal and Carbon-Intensive Regions**

- *"Strategies and plans in North Rhine Westphalia"*, **Alexandra Landsberg**, Head of Group for Economic Development and Structural Policy, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Innovation, Digitalization and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia
- *"Strategies and plans for coal regions in Spain"*, **Laura Martín Murillo**, adviser to the Minister of Ecological Transition of Spain
- *"The Hungarian Energy and Climate Policy – Strategies and plans for coal regions in Hungary"*, **Barbara Botos**, Deputy State Secretary for Climate Policy, Ministry of Innovation and Technology of Hungary
- *"Update from the German Commission on Growth, Structural Change and Employment"*, **Dr. Raphael L'Hoest**, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy of Germany

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch break**

### **Working Group 1: Post-coal economy and structural transformation**

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Chaired by **Rudolf Niesler**, Director, DG REGIO

#### **14:30 – 16:00 Project Lab**

- *"Priority projects in Spanish Coal Regions"*, **Ricardo González Mantero**, Director General, Energy and Mining, Castilla-y-León, **Afonso Gómez Gámez**, Director General, Energy and Mining, Aragón, **María Belarmina Díaz Aguado**, Director General, Energy and Mining, Asturias, **José Luis Cabezas Delgado**, Director General, Energy, Industry and Mining, Castilla-la-Mancha
- *"Priority projects in North Rhine Westphalia"*, **Prof. Dr. Christiane Vaessen**, Managing Director, Region Aachen
- *"Transition opportunities for a post-lignite era in Northern Hungary"*, **Csaba Vaszkó**, Ministry of Innovation of Hungary

#### **16:00 – 17:15 Best practices and project ideas: Governance of transition**

- *"Lessons from Northern France"*, **Jean-François Caron**, Mayor, Loos-en-Gohelle (France)
- *"The Innovationregion - a joint, broad and inclusive regional governance strategy for the lignite region in Central Germany"*, **Florian F. Woitek**, **Katja Müller**, Saxon State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour and Transport
- *"Coalfield Development Corporation – experiences from the Appalachia region in the US"*, **Jacob Hannah**, Coalfield Development

#### **17:15 – 18:00 Best practices and project ideas: Businesses leading the way**

- *"Diversifying the business model past fossil fuels"*, **John McNamara** and **Cathal Byrne**, Bord na Móna
- *"PGG's recommendations for a socially responsible Energy Transition and company approach"*, **Tomasz Rogala**, CEO, Polska Grupa Gornicza

#### **18:00 – 19:30 'Coal Regions in Transition Networking Reception' hosted by Bloomberg Philanthropies and the European Commission**

## 6 November

### Working Group 2: Energy system transformation and clean air

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9:15 – 10:45 **Project Lab**

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- *"Priority projects in North Rhine Westphalia"*, **Heinz-Uwe Lewe**, Policy Officer, Ministry of Economic Affairs, North-Rhine Westphalia
- *"Possible pathways for low-carbon energy generation in the last remaining lignite coal region of Hungary"*, **Zoltán Orosz**, Mátrai Erőmű Zrt. (Mátra Power Plant).

10:45 – 12:10 **Clean Energy Potential in Coal Regions**

- *"Renewables potential in coal regions"*, **Vangelis Tzimas**, EC Joint Research Centre
- *"Opportunities in the wind energy sector"*, **Pierre Tardieu**, Chief Policy Officer, Wind Europe
- *"Opportunities in the solar energy sector"*, **James Watson**, CEO, Solar Energy Europe
- *"Opportunities for energy storage - STEAG Battery Project"*, **Christian Karalis**, Senior Sales Manager, STEAG GmbH

12:10 – 12:50 **Role of hydrogen in coal regions**

- *"Hydrogen opportunities: best practices and projects"*, **Jorgo Chatzimarkakis**, Permanent Secretary, Hydrogen Europe
- *"Hydrogen opportunities – HyDistrict project"*, **Ada Marmion**, Climate-KIC

12:50 – 13:00 **Conclusions**

### Bilateral meetings with Pilot Coal Regions – invitation only

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14:30 – 15:30 **Bilateral meeting with Saxony Anhalt Region, Germany**

15:30 – 16:30 **Country Team meeting with the Czech authorities (Regions of Moravia-Silesia, Usti nad Labem, Karlove Vary)**

16:30 – 17:30 **Bilateral meeting with the Regions of Lower Silesia and Greater Poland, Poland**

## 7 November

### Bilateral meetings with Pilot Coal Regions – invitation only

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

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9:00 – 11:00

Country Team meeting with the Polish authorities (Region of Silesia)