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Targets and action for the establishment of the inter-regional dialogue towards the transition to the low carbon economy



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Introduction

EU's Commitment

Transition to a clean energy is irreversible and non-negotiable.

No Region must be left behind.

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Aims

- Develop sustainable regional strategies
- Create new development models
- Promote innovative and advanced technologies that reduce carbon emissions
- Enable multi-stakeholder dialogue on EU, national, regional and local level
- Collaborate, share experiences and promote policy and financial frameworks, for successful transition
- Facilitate the development of strategies and projects in coal regions, through peer learning and exchange of best practices.

Areas of interest:

- Structural transformation,
- Growth and jobs,
- Development of advanced coal technologies,
- Eco-innovation

Basis of inter-regional dialogue

WORKING GROUP 1 POST COAL ECONOMY AND STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION

Covers strategies and projects focusing on the economic diversification of coal regions

WORKING GROUP 2 ECO-INNOVATION AND ADVANCED COAL TECHNOLOGIES

Focuses on the improvement of air quality and coal-based technologies which are compatible with the long-term vision of the decarbonisation of the European economy

- Bilateral contacts among the Coal Regions in Transition is strongly supported by EC for the investigation of synergies and collaborations.
- Approaches the transition as a multi-disciplinary process involving:
 - technological, economic and social sectors
 - innovation and new knowledge
 - new growth models.
- The consensus of authorities, regional stakeholders and will have a significant role in the transition process.

Challenges for the inter-regional dialogue



To transform local visions based on Regional development planning and projects to a European reality of 240 thousand jobs which of the coal industry and of those indirectly linked to the sector, taking into account regional similarities and differences.



To upgrade existing knowledge, skills and infrastructure towards the enhancing of their use and competitiveness with added value not only on a Regional basis but also on a European level, in terms of efficient use of means and efforts.



To upgrade existing collaborations, established through year in several levels and topics into a common agenda and understanding contributing to the smooth and viable regional transition processes as well as technological development and innovation.



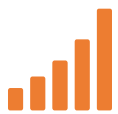
To develop clear and robust solutions for new skills and competitive business sectors in a rather short time period replacing economic models and technological concepts build in decades or even centuries.



To act as supplementary / assisting tool for Coal Regions in Transition Platform initiative policies and activities

Tasks for inter-regional dialogue






- Type of regional involvement
 - on projects' basis,
 - on national / regional policies and actions development
 - other
- Participation of all regions or establishment of specific regional groups of collaboration
- Roles and responsibilities of stakeholders involved
- Identification of participating stakeholders – links and complementarity with existing collaborative schemes (eg industrial associations, academia networking, national authorities etc)
- Merge of similar policies and activities on final goals and technological evolution improved outcome
- Open access to citizens / public awareness increase on transition process



Proposed next steps for the establishment of an inter-regional dialogue

- Establishment of a task force to formulate the framework of the inter-regional dialogue / contacting and identifying trends among regional stakeholders / preparation by the task force of a proposal for the inter-regional dialogue structure and governance
- Mapping of Regional transition needs and requirements / synergies and opportunities for collaboration
- Collaboration of CPiT, task force and other active technology and policy stakeholders involved (JRC, World Bank, etc) on topics determination enriching inter-regional dialogue
- Selection of criteria, such as impact on employment, maturity of implementation, and coherence with regional / EC policies for an effective and successful dialogue
- Replication potential to other Regions towards EC decarbonisation process



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