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Welcome Workshop on National Energy and Climate Plans and Long-term Strategy

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Political context

- Parties of the Paris Agreement to present long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies by 2020
- In October 2017 the European Parliament also invited the Commission "to prepare by COP24 a mid-century zero emissions strategy for the EU"
- In March 2018, European Council invited the Commission "to present by the first quarter of 2019 a proposal for a Strategy for long-term EU greenhouse gas emissions reduction".
- Regulation on Governance of the Energy Union calls on the Commission to present an EU long-term strategy by April 2019, including pathways that achieve net zero GHG emissions by 2050 and negative emissions thereafter



Our Vision for a Clean Planet by 2050

- EU leads in clean energy transition and GHG emissions reduction. Ambitious 2030 targets. 60% reductions in 2050 with current policies not in line with the Paris Agreement.
- Radical transformations necessary: central role of energy system.
- There are a number of pathways for achieving a climate neutral EU, challenging but feasible from a technological, economic, environmental and social perspective.
- The Long Term Strategy shows transforming our economy is possible and beneficial.







Detailed assessment supported by scenario analysis

Long Term Strategy Options									
	Electrification (ELEC)	Hydrogen (H2)	Power-to-X (P2X)	Energy Efficiency (EE)	Circular Economy (CIRC)	Combination (COMBO)	1.5°C Technical (1.5TECH)	1.5°C Sustainable Lifestyles (1.5LIFE)	
Main Drivers	Electrification in all sectors	Hydrogen in industry, transport and buildings	E-fuels in industry, transport and buildings	Pursuing deep energy efficiency in all sectors	Increased resource and material efficiency	Cost-efficient combination of options from 2°C scenarios	Based on COMBO with more BECCS, CCS	Based on COMBO and CIRC with lifestyle changes	
GHG target in 2050		-80' ["w	% GHG (excluding sine and the sine and the second sec	nks) ion]		-90% GHG (incl100% GHG (incl. sink sinks) ["1.5°C" ambition]			
Major Common Assumptions	 Higher energy efficiency post 2030 Deployment of sustainable, advanced biofuels Moderate circular economy measures Digitilisation Market coordination for infrastructure deployment BECCS present only post-2050 in 2°C scenarios Significant learning by doing for low carbon technologies Significant improvements in the efficiency of the transport system. 						ies port system.		
Power sector	Power is nearly decarbonised by 2050. Strong penetration of RES facilitated by system optimization (demand-side response, storage, interconnections, role of prosumers). Nuclear still plays a role in the power sector and CCS deployment faces limitations.							aces limitations.	
Industry	Electrification of processes	Use of H2 in targeted applications	Use of e-gas in targeted applications	Reducing energy demand via Energy Efficiency	Higher recycling rates, material substitution, circular measures	Combination of most Cost-	COMBO but stronger	CIRC+COMBO but stronger	
Buildings	Increased deployment of heat pumps	Deployment of H2 for heating	Deployment of e-gas for heating	Increased renovation rates and depth	Sustainable buildings	efficient options from "well below 2°C" scenarios		CIRC+COMBO but stronger	
Transport sector	Faster electrification for all transport modes	H2 deployment for HDVs and some for LDVs	E-fuels deployment for all modes	Increased modal shift	Mobility as a service	application (excluding CIRC)		 CIRC+COMBO but stronger Alternatives to air travel 	
Other Drivers		H2 in gas distribution grid	E-gas in gas distribution grid				Limited enhancement natural sink	 Dietary changes Enhancement natural sink 	



7 Building Blocks

- 1. Energy efficiency
- 2. Deployments of renewables
- 3. Clean, safe & connected mobility
- 4. Competitive industry and circular economy
- 5. Infrastructure and inter-connections
- 6. Bio-economy and natural carbon sinks
- 7. Tackle remaining emissions with carbon capture and storage



Building Block 2 Deployment of renewables

Primary energy in 2050 largely coming from renewable sources



Reduction of energy import dependence, cumulative savings from reduced import bill of \in 2-3 trillion over the period 2031-2050.



Solid fossil fuels mostly consumed in transformation sector

Solid fossil fuels consumption in the EU





Renewables more than 80% of total electricity production





Building Block 7 Carbon Capture and Storage

Rapid deployment of renewable energy and new options to decarbonize industry reduced the need for CCS.

But to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions, CCS still required for certain **energy-intensive industries** and eventually to generate negative emissions.

CCS today is facing barriers: lack of demonstration plant and proof of economic viability, regulatory barriers in some MS, public acceptance.

Coordinated action needed on demonstration and commercial facilities to overcome the obstacles



Conclusions on Solid Fossil Fuels

In-line with the Paris Agreement and aiming notably at reducing GHG emissions, and thus CO2 emissions, to net zero by 2050, the Long Term Strategy does not see "coal" in the EU energy system by 2050.

Even CCS plays a limited role, in industrial process or to generate "negative" CO2 emissions if coupled with biomass.

However there are many opportunities for the further deployment of new "domestic" energy sources in the EU regions, including wind, solar or biomass.

This will go hand in hand with the further electrification and the uptake of new "e-fuels" (hydrogen, e-gas, e-liquids) as energy carriers in our energy system.



Enabling framework crucial to deliver transformation





- Overall economic impacts of the deep transformation are positive.
- The transition will spur growth in new sectors. 'Green jobs' already represent 4 million jobs in the EU.
- But some sectors will face challenges (e.g. coal mining and fuel extraction) and others will transform (e.g. energy-intensive industries and automotive sector).
- This will affect some regions often in lower income MS, more than others.
- Modernisation process has to be managed, no-one left behind, relevant policies must be deployed to the fullest. EU budget, employment and cohesion policies have a role.
- Platform and pilots for coal and carbonintensive regions to play a key role.
- Skill training is crucial.







JUST TRANSITION Or Just Talk?

Draft National Energy and Climate Plans reveal some EU countries are planning to stick with coal power beyond 2030

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Member States with no coal phase out by 2030	2019 installed coal capacity [Net GW]*	NECP 2030 installed coal capacity [net GW]**
Spain	9.4	0-1.2***
Hungary	1.0	0.2
Croatia	0.3	0.2
Slovakia	0.6	0.6
Slovenia	1.0	1.0
Greece	4.1	2.7
Romania	5.5	3.2
Bulgaria	4.7	4.7
Czechia	9.2	7.2
Germany	44.4	17.0
Poland	26.9	22.9



Time to walk

Timely planning for this inevitable energy transition brings a number of benefits, namely:

- Increased investor certainty
- Predictability for the coal utilities, giving them time to plan for coal closures and develop new business models.
- Sufficient time for proactive measures to support affected communities who are currently dependent on the coal industry, to ensure that no one is left behind.

• A framework that enables public funding to support the energy transformation and the just transition i.e. through the new EU budget for 2021-2027.



Cohesion Policy funding 2014-2020; planned allocations; 2014 prices; source: own calculation based on 'Categories of Intervention', https://cohesio.ndata.ec.europ.a.eu

Financial measures for reporting and planning within National Enenergy and Climate Plans (NECPs) under the Energy Union Governance regulation': EU funds - financial allocations in relation to achieving 20/20/20 EU Climate and Energy targets

Policies and measures: Financial measures, use of EU funds 2014- 2020	3.1.1 GHG emissions and removals (environmental measures)	3.1.2 Promotion of the production and use of energy from renewable sources in electricity, heating and cooling, and transport	3.2 Energy Efficiency	3.3 Energy security (here: financing of gas infrastructure; overlapping with 3.4.2.)	3.4.1 Electricity Infrastructure	3.4.2 Energy transmission in trastructure	3.5. Dimension Research, Innovation and competitiveness	Share of GHG reduction, renewable energy, energy efficiency, electricity transmission and storage, research and innovation, on total Cohesion Policy spending 2014 -2020
BG	€62,336,199	€0	€471,486,714	€38,250,000	€0		€14,195,000	7.4%
CZ	€0	€53,439,383	€1,966,794,585	€0	€236,951,838		€102,655,805	10.9%
HU	€0	€875,953,631	€1,159,078,520	€0	€0		€0	9.4%
E S	€0	€649,661,113	€1,096,458,444	€0	€234,704,874		€0	7.1%
GR	€64,629,826	€93,563,498	€461,762,523	€120,135,697	€211,310,455		€68,788,213	5.9%
PL	€13,849,190	€938,928,986	€2,501,919,373	€620,000,000	€781,261,716		€444,539,462	6.1%
RO	€0	€94,787,234	€1,251,170,213	€46,750,000	€66,372,340		€15,000,000	6.3%
SI	€0	€12,000,000	€267,953,527	€0	€19,897,800		€68,157,411	12.2%
SK	€0	€169,000,000	€698,775,034	€0	€0		€8,358,341	6.4%
DE	€123,567,298	€121,513,627	€1,388,224,372	€0	€59,563,084		€232,580,242	10.5%



Costs of keeping coal

Where is the remaining coal capacity in 2030?



Table 1: Total annual carbon costs for coal power station operators in selected Member States at 27 EUR/tonne

Member State	Emissions from coal-fired electricity generation 2018 [Mt] ¹⁸	Annual Carbon Costs at 27 EUR/tonne [EUR Million]*		
Bulgaria	25	675		
Czech Republic	46	1,242		
Greece	24	648		
Poland	128	3,456		
Romania	16	432		
Slovakia	3	81		
Slovenia	5	135		

*Excludes the impact of hedging behaviour or any free allocation.



Recommendations

EU Member States should clearly outline in their NECPs the timeline and process for developing and implementing concrete just transition plans for their coal regions as well as the corresponding funding needs - and treat the just transition as one of the priorities.

EU support provided for the just transition in the coal regions should be conditional on credible and ambitious energy transition commitments by Member States, including significant decreases in coal-fired electricity generation,





Thank you for your attention

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1. Energy and Climate Strategic Framework

- International framework:
 - Paris Agreement 2015
 - UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda
 - ▶1.5° C IPCC report, GEO 6, Davos & G-20
 - September 2019: UN's Secretary-General
- National framework:
 - Draft bill on Climate Change and Energy Transition
 - Draft National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) 2021-2030
 - Just Transition Strategy

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2.A. Spain's NECP Objectives



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• 21% GHG emissions reduction (vs. 1990)

- 42% renewable energy penetration
- 39,6% increase of energy efficiency

2030

• At least, 90% GHG emissions reduction (vs. 1990)

• 2040 objective in line with NECP

• 100% renewable energy in the power sector

2050

2. NECP - Analytical Models



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2.B. NECP Results - GHG emissions - 1990-2030

Emissions CO2-eq (kt) per sector

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Context: Carbon neutrality by 2050 (90% GHG emissions reduction vs. 1990)



2.B. NECP Results - Renewable energy (% final energy consumption)



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Energy efficiency plays a key role in the renewable energy outcomes

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80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Heating and cooling Power generation Transport **2**015 **2**020 **2**025 **2**030 34

2.B. NECP Results - Renewable energy



2.B. NECP Results - Power sector - Installed capacity

Installed capacity (Units MW)						
	2015	2020	2025	2030		
Wind	22.925	27.968	40.258	50.258		
PV	4.854	8.409	23.404	36.882		
CSP	2.300	2.303	4.803	7.303		
Hydro	14.104	14.109	14.359	14.609		
Pumped hydro	2.687	2.687	2.687	2.687		
Pumped hydro (pure)	3.337	3.337	4.212	6.837		
Biogas	223	235	235	235		
Geothermal	0	0	15	30		
Marine	0	0	25	50		
Biomass	677	877	1.077	1.677		
Coal	11.311	10.524	4.532	0-1.300		
CCGT	27.531	27.146	27.146	27.146		
Coal CHP	44	44	0	0		
Natural gas CHP	4.055	4.001	3.373	3.000		
Oil CHP	585	570	400	230		
Fuel/Gas	2.790	2.790	2.441	2.093		
Renewable CHP	535	491	491	491		
Waste CHP	30	28	28	24		
Waste	234	234	234	234		
Nuclear	7.399	7.399	7.399	3.181		
Total	105.621	113.151	137.117	156.965		



- 57 GW of new renewable capacity installed (28,5 GW solar PV, 22,3 GW wind, 5 GW CSP, 0,8 GW biomass, 0,5 GW hydro)
- **6 GW of new storage facilities** (3.5 GW pumping and 2.5 GW batteries)
- 3.2 GW of nuclear power in 2030 (2017: 7.4 GW)
- No new back-up installations.
- Coal to phase out due to lack of competitiveness.

2.B. NECP Results - Energy efficiency



---- Consumo energía primaria --- Objetivo 2020 reducción 20% --- Objetivo 2020 PNIEC ···· PRIMES Ref 2007 ···· TIMES TENDENCIAL ···· TIMES OBJETIVO

Energy efficiency increase of 39.6% related to the scenario PRIMES 2007

Objetivo de reducción del consumo de energía primaria (Mtep/año)



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Electricity consumption increases from 24% in 2015 to 27% in 2030, while the **final energy consumption decreases a 6.2**%

Electricity demand increases approximately a 7.3% over the decade

Final consumption of oil is reduced by 31% between 2015 and 2030

2.B. NECP Results - Energy security / Energy dependency



Energy dependency: from 74% in 2017 to 59% in 2030.

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The main drivers are:

- Reduction of oil consumption
- Energy efficiency

Savings on fossil fuels imports of more than 13,305 M€ (2030)

Over 75,000 M€ savings (in the decade).



2.C. NECP Impacts - Investment

- Total investments needs: 236.124 € M as announced by Primer Minister Sánchez in his official statement
- 80% of investments will be carried out by the private sector. The main sectors leading these investments are renewable energy (power sector) and energy efficiency





2.C. NECP Impacts – Macroeconomic impacts GDP

GDP is to increase between € 19,300 and 25,100 M/year (+ 1,8% in 2030 comparing the PAMS scenario and the reference scenario). Thanks to investments and NECP associated effects

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Impact on GDP by type of measure (M€)



2.C. NECP Impacts - Macroeconomic impacts – Employment by sector (thousands of jobs/year)

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Trade and repair Manufacturing industry Construction Administrative and support service activities Hotel and restaurant services Education Public Admin. and Soc. Sec. Professional and scientific activities Household activities Transport and storage Information and communication Agriculture, livestock and fisheries Other services Health and social activities Financial and insurance activities Electric power, gas and steam Real estate activities Water, sanitation, waste Artistic activities and training **Extractive industries**

Acquired jobs

Lost jobs

Employment increase between 250.000 and 350.000 of new jobs



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2.C. NECP Impacts - Health impacts: premature deaths by 2030 due to air pollution

Change of emission (compared with the reference scenario) (%)



Premature deaths due to air pollution in 2030

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Reduction of 2,222 premature deaths by 2030 through air pollution reduction

2. NECP - Summary

- PAMs included in the NECP will make it possible to reach the following results by 2030:
 - 21% GHG emissions reduction (vs. 1990)
 - ▶ 42% of renewable energy over final energy demand
 - 39,6% energy efficiency improvement
 - ▶ 74% of renewable energy in the power sector
- The 2050 objective is to reach the carbon neutrality, with a GHG emissions reduction of more tan 90%. And a 100% renewable energy power sector.

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- ► The macroeconomic impacts of the NECP are positive:
 - ► Total investment: € 236.000 M between 2021-30
 - Energy imports of fossil fuels: reduced by €75.000 M (2021-2030)
 - GDP: will rise between € 19.000-25.000 M every year (+1.8% GDP in 2030)
 - **Employment:** 364.000 new jobs roughly by 2030
 - Premature deaths reduction: 2,222 per year in 2030

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3. Just Transition Strategy.

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Optimize results from ecological transition on economic activity and employment, while reducing negative results

- Ecological transition has to come hand by hand with social and territorial cohesion. Leave no one behind.
- Coherent with other governmental priorities
- Economy wide (all sectors) + strong focus on decarbonization + energy transition
- Framework for modernization on Spanish Economy: employment growth, enterprises competitiveness.
- Link to other processes: digitalization, automatization





3. Just Transition Strategy - priorities

Political commitment

- Ecological transition has to come hand by hand with social and territorial cohesion. Leave no one behind.
- Hand by hand with other governmental priorities: Climate Change Law and National Energy and Climate Plan.

Urgent issues

- National delay in Energy Transition + social and labour transition policies.
- **Coal regions:** Council Decision 2010/787/EU Most mines closed by December 2018. Directive 75 2010. Many coal power plants will close by 2020.

3. Just Transition Strategy. Measures

- Foster ecological transition in economy sectors (NECP, green jobs, business, etc.)
- Strategic industrial sectors (Automotive, transport, electro-intensive, etc.)
- Inequality reduction and consumer protection (Energy poverty, impact assessment, etc.)
- **Re-activation** (ecological transformation, agreements, etc.)
- Green jobs and social protection (yearly employment plans, vulnerable areas).
- R&D (public procurement, etc.)
- Employment impact analysis

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- NECP helps to anticipate effects on employment
- Defines most urgent actions
- Timeline: power plants phase-out
- NECP implementation: estimation of new jobs
- Most important sectors for employment



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German Phase-out of Coal-based Electricity Generation and the National Energy and Climate Plan

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Recommendations of the Commission on Growth, Structural Change and Employment

Current German energy mix



Source: BMWi 2018

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All relevant stakeholders involved



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Comprehensive set of recommendations

- Consensual agreement
- Concrete coal phase-out path with end date
- Recommendations on electricity (e.g.)
 - Compensations for CO2 allowances in the EU-ETS
 - Set of recommendations as regards energy security
 - Keeping electricity affordable, e.g. through electricity price compensation for energy-intensive industry
- Integrated approach: concrete set of measures and projects in the regions affected
 - 40 bn € envisaged to be invested in the affected regions
 - Building on energy competence and making these regions future energy regions







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Closer look to energy security (top priority)

Recommendations (selection):

- Replacing coal with RES: increase RES-E share from 55% to 65% until 2030
- Key for RES is system integration: **Grid reinforcement and optimisation** and sector coupling (wide range of measures recommended)
- Continuing support for combined heating and power (CHP) including switch from coal- to gas-based CHP
- Strengthening electricity market and strategic reserve as a back-up
- Continuous and close monitoring of generation adequacy assessment

Next step on the way:

- > Ambitious grid action plan (grid is key!)
- Generation adequacy assessment with additional sensitivities
- > Closer look on situation in South Germany in 2023 (nuclear phase-out and grid highways not yet implemented)

Regional context is key: 2/3 of European coal is going to leave the market



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Regional consultation is key and under way (first meeting with electricity neighbours in April; follow-up meetings in autumn)

Consequences of coal-phase-out for Energy security in the region

- First generation adequacy assessment by BMWi based on CEP methodology:
 - ✓ Holistic, probabilistic calculations for the cross-border region until 2030
 - Coal and nuclear phase out in neighbouring countries considered (2018)
 - ✓ 60 Mio different situations assessed
- > **Results show: Energy security remains high** in DE and neighbours due to:
 - Replacing coal with **RES** and coal fired CHP with gas fired CHP
 - Current overcapacities in Europe of around 80-90 GW
 - European synergy effects and efficiency of the internal market which are increasing with stepwise phase-in of interconnector capacity to at least 70% by 2025 (CEP)
- However: close and continuous monitoring of further development needed
- Gradual coal-phase out gives time to follow closely and keep consulting with neighbours



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Implementation and National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP)

Different implementation tools

- <u>Hard coal</u>: **shut-down premium** based on a competitive process (e.g. tender)
- <u>Lignite</u>: **individual negotiations** with operators on compensation to be legally fixed
- <u>Back-up for both cases in case of no agreement:</u> **legal obligation** for shut-down



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Implementation time table (preliminary)





What does this mean for the NECP?

- Coal phase-out not yet included in draft NECP (recommendation by coal commission submitted after finalisation of draft NECP)
- Public and regional consultations on NECP ongoing
- Update in final NECP: Key parameters of coal phase-out will be included (phase-out pathway etc.)
- Further details as regards measures depend on progress in national debate



You can find the German Generation Adequacy Report here: <u>https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Publikationen/Studien/definition-and-monitoring-of-</u> <u>security-of-supply-on-the-european-electricity-markets-from-2017-to-2019.html</u>

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Thank you!





"Supporting the green energy transition of the EU's coal-producing regions"

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GENERAL PRESENTATION

INTERREG EUROPE 2014-2020 Program - call no. 3 (2017)

Priority Axis 3: "Low-carbon savings".

Specific objective 3.1: "Improving the implementation of regional development policies and programs, in particular investment programs for growth and jobs and, where appropriate, European territorial cooperation programs aimed at the transition to a low-carbon economy, especially in the framework of smart specialization strategies "



The INTERREG Europe Program 2014-2020, aims to improve the implementation of regional development policies and programs, mainly the programs under the Investment for growth and jobs and, where appropriate, the programs of the within the European Territorial Cooperation objective by promoting the exchange of experience and learning new policies among regional actors.

INTERREG Europe is active in 30 countries: the 28 member states of the European Union, Switzerland and Norway.

The managing authority of the program is the Nord-Pas de Calais Regional Council (France).



Interreg Europe: a unique programme

- > At the heart of the EU cohesion policy:
- Dedicated to improving regional development policies in particular Structural Funds programme;
- Mix between more and less advanced regions;
- High participation of peripheral regions.
- Based on local needs: importance of stakeholders
- Focused on results: 2 phases implementation
- Innovative programme: lump sum for phase 2




Study on INTERREG IVC results

Early 2018:

- 117 projects;
- 200 completed responses from 27 countries
- > 80 % policy change took place in their region
- 71 % their project lead to an implementation of a new initiative



Emphasis on improving regional policies & programmes

Interreg Europe improves the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular **Investment for Growth and Jobs** and European Territorial

Cooperation (ETC) programmes.

Four topics were selected in order to make the best use of limited funds. The more focused the actions, the higher the chances they deliver effective results.





Public organisations from different regions in Europe work together for 3 to 5 years on a shared policy issue.

An **action plan**, specific for each region, makes sure that the lessons learnt from the cooperation are put into action. Regional partners **monitor** how far the action plans are implemented.



Projects overview



Three calls



High participating of lagging behind/ peripheral regions

Projects: country involvement



 Mix of less and more advanced regions



DeCarb - SUPPORTING THE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION OF COAL-INTENSIVE REGIONS

The low-carbon energy shift of EU economies will have a profound economic & social impact on regions extensively involved in coal value chains. It is however acknowledged that this transition needs to be fair; EC's "Clean Energy For All Europeans" package was set in place to speed the clean energy transition and growth & job creation. To this end, DeCarb will support public authorities to initiate efforts, join forces and exchange experiences to:

- a) identify growth strategies to mitigate the impact of decarbonisatoin,
- b) make the most of EU funds & financing tools, and
- c) promote public dialogue on conflicting interests.



9 Regions – 1 Goal

DeCarb brings together 9 partners, to exchange experiences & transfer knowledge on how to transition from the carbon-intensive era towards the clean energy future.

It will support regions to secure sustainable development, economic & societal stability, and a role in the 2030 energy mix.





1. Leading partner: Stara Zagora Regional Economic Development Agency

•Partners:

2. Lodzkie Region- Poland

3. ENEREA Eszak-Alfold Regional Energy Agency Nonprofit Ltd.-Hungary

- 4. South-West Oltenia Regional Development Agency- Romania
- *5.* Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, State of Brandenburg-Germany
- 6. House of Energy DK-Denmark
- 7.Regional Association of Local Governments of Western Macedonia-Greece
- 8. Energy Agency of Savinjska, Saleska and Koroska Region-Slovenia
- 9. Extremadura Energy Agency-Spain





The overall objective of the DeCarb project

The project aims to support the coal-intensive regions to:

- a) pass through the transition of ecological energy without having a negative impact on economic and social stability;
- b) assess regional specificities (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) innovation policies to stimulate growth, and
- c) to meet its CO2 emissions targets and to play its role in the 2030 energy mix.



- assess and analyze the territorial impact and increase the knowledge and capacities of public authorities in exploiting the opportunities for territorial growth;
- to support the development of private investment plans in the green energy sector and public subsidies, as well as investment in green solutions for coal mining;
- to ensure public dialogue on conflict resolution, building consensus and raising awareness on how to implement the transition of green energy at regional level.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD



The project is to be implemented over a 60-month period, run in two phases.

Phase 1, lasting 36 months, involves an interregional learning process that will be completed by developing a mobility plan (action). Phase 2, with a duration of 24 months, will monitor the implementation of the Plan.





Project budget :

			Partner's	
	Partner	FEDR	Contribution	TOTAL
P1 (LP)	SZRDA	206.066,35	32.364,65	242,431
PP2	Lodzkie Region	142.762,60	25.193,40	167.956
PP3	ENEREA	147.465,65	26.023,35	173.489
PP4	SWO RDA	131.279,10	23.166,90	154.446
PP5	MWE Branderburg	208.647,80	36.820,20	245.468
PP6	House Of Energy	209.238,55	36.924,45	246.163
PP7	Regional Association Of Local Governments Of Western Macedonia	133.407,50	23.542,50	156.950
PP8	Energy Agency Of Savinjska	154.450.10	27.255,90	181.706
PP9	Extramedura	203.260,50	35.869,50	239.130
	TOTAL BUDGET	1.536.578,15	271.160,85	1.807.739

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EXPECTED IMPACT



- Increase the capacity of 200 public administration employees to effectively support new growth paths and energy security
- ~ 19 million euros unlocked to support renewable energy projects, re-qualification of workforce and land use after exploitation
- Raise awareness and strengthen consensus between the energy sector, workforce and citizens to support clean energy transition measures (over 1000 individuals).



The innovative character of DeCarb comes from the following:

It addresses a problem for the first time in contextual terms
EU-funded interregional cooperation (phasing-out of coal-based energy production)

2. Reacts to a very recent EC regulatory package (November 2016), which is also not covered by previous calls from Interreg Europe; in addition, at the national, regional and local level, the responses to the Clean Energy for All European Package are still being developed, thus placing DeCarb at the heart of emerging pressures that have not been addressed before



3. The link between clean energy transition and growth and employment trajectories in an integrated approach that goes beyond the definition of objective emissions and policies for the introduction of renewable energies

4. Early contributions are looking forward and expanding to the energy mix of the next three decades.

5. Previously relevant thematic projects did not address the territorial particularities of the intensive coal regions



BENEFITS OF INERREGIONAL COOPERATION

The pressures faced by DeCarb regions are common in economic, social and environmental terms.

However, in present, DeCarb partners have progressed decarbonisation at a different level and have focused on the different aspects of this transition.

This reality forms a favorable cooperation policy for learning, sharing experiences and jointly exploring solutions and developing plans, maximizing the dissemination of political, operational and technical knowledge, saving both effort and time.



BENEFITS OF INERREGIONAL COOPERATION

The most advanced will benefit by learning policies on different paths followed by other partners; those who are left behind will begin their transition by developing capacities based on the most effective practices.

In turn, this cooperation and harmonization of the partners' political approach is expected to make a significant contribution to the achievement of emission targets in a larger EU area.



PREPARING FOR THE 2020 STRATEGY

DeCarb is directly linked to the EU 2020 climate and energy strategy because it is driven by the requirement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to increase the role of renewable energy in the energy mix of partners.

DeCarb also focuses on how to promote smart, sustainable growth during the transition to clean energy for territories that most need it.



Project activities

- Develop stakeholder groups and stakeholder meetings;
- Exchange of experience through joint interregional activities;
- Identifying good practice and development strategies;
- Elaboration of guidelines and roadmaps for advancing the transition of clean energy;
- Elaborating regional action plans to improve and/or reorient policy tools to address decarbonisation;
- Defining the social policy actions needed to address employment issues;
- Monitoring action plans and policy tools in implementing changes to support decarbonisation;
- Dissemination activities.

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DeCarbonisation the energy sector is

one process with multiple social ramifications, requiring a integrated planning to avoid unsustainable social regions Coal pressures. have historically played a key role in many countries economic and social development. Consequently, they have strong political and societal а influence, which makes structural change processes difficult. For these countries, coal regions are not only significant political in powers themselves, but also major economic assets, which they will not give up lightly.





Interregional cooperation is about finding better solutions. Through the project, the regions will be able to keep informed, discover what works, learn from each others, and identify valuable approach.

Four research activities aim to explore the field and providing the basis for policy planning. Partner countries will collect data from their territories, the process finalizing with the development of four studies:

- Analysis of economic and social impact of decarbonisation;

- Good practices on decarbonisation and clean energy transition;
- Identifying ways to increase decarbonisation;
- Restoring environmental resources and analyzing land restoration needs.





Public Dialogue and Policy Learning

DeCarb will organize interregional workshops, information days, on-site visits and social dialogue events to promote synergies with stakeholders and ensure public consensus and social acceptance





Action plans

Each partner will develop an action plan to promote the clean energy transition by putting in place policies to boost growth and meet CO2 emissions targets and ensure the role of regions in the EU's energy mix for 2030.



DeCarb project provides for the organization of regional meetings with stakeholders from all project partners. Regional stakeholder meetings will provide forums for discussion between project partners and key stakeholders in the DeCarb regions in order to receive information on specific measures and incentives to be planned to support sustainable development in the clean energy era.

So far, two interregional meetings have been organized, one in **Stara Zagora Bulgaria-the kikoff meeting**, and one in **Badajoz**, **Extremadura, Spain**-whose total energy comes from renewable energy sources, and in October 2019 it will have the third meeting in **Germany in the Lusatia** area, a real model of good practice for postmining land restoration.



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