

Smart strategies for the transition in coal intensive regions

Project No: 836819

# Next steps for Jiu Valley transition from coal

- **new connections and potential future opportunities** -  
*West Region (RO47)*

14 July 2022 | Petroșani, ROMÂNIA  
*[hybrid event]*

Event organisers



Academic partner



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## BACKGROUND & EVENT PURPOSE

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**TRACER project** - Smart Strategies for the Transition in Coal Intensive Regions ([www.tracer-h2020.eu](http://www.tracer-h2020.eu)) was launched in May 2019 in Finsterwalde (Germany), where the Kick-off meeting took place, organised by the project coordinator - WIP Renewable Energies, Germany. The EU-H2020 funded TRACER project (2019-2022) aimed to support nine coal-intensive regions, which are at different stages of their energy transition, to shape or fine-tune their Research and Innovation (R&I) Strategies and exchange previous experiences in order to facilitate transition towards sustainable energy systems.

In each TRACER target regions, including Jiu Valley, West Region (RO42), workshops related to potential investments will be organised.

ISPE and AISVJ, TRACER Romanian partners, together with their local academic partner University of Petrosani and the new local governance structure – ADTIVJ, is inviting all key stakeholders in Jiu Valley, and not only, to attend this hybrid event in order to understand more about **what further steps need to be done to attract funds and foreign capital.**

**Strategic documents have been drawn, lists of priority or indicative projects have been drafted and now concrete actions must be done!**

To this aim, please fill free to consult the following final reports performed with different UE support initiatives:

- *“Action Plan and Strategy for the economic, social and environmental development of Jiu Valley (2021-2030)”<sup>1</sup>*, developed with the financial and technical support of the EC – DG Reform, through SRSS (Structural Reform Support Service within the European Commission), under the coordination of the Ministry of European Investments and Projects (MIPE);
- *“From Strategy to Action: Delivering a Just Transition in the Jiu Valley, today and tomorrow”<sup>2</sup>*, developed through the assistance services of EC - DG Ener-CRIT, accessed in 2019, by all 6 Jiu Valley’s Mayors via START (Secretariat's Technical Assistance to Regions in Transition);
- *“Research & Innovation Strategy in the field of energy for Jiu Valley / West (RO42) target region, Romania”<sup>3</sup>*, performed under TRACER project in 2022.

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## INVITED SPEAKERS AND CHAIRPERSONS. TARGET AUDIENCE

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### Speakers – Chairpersons

- Representatives of the World Bank;
- Representatives of the European value chains as EUREC (Association of European Renewable Energy Research Centres), EHPA (European Heat Pump Association), ESMC (European Solar Manufacturing Council) and the Romanian member of SolarPower Europe - RPIA (Romanian Photovoltaic Industry Association);
- The Foreign Investors Council, in Romania;
- AmCham – American Chamber of Commerce in Romania and the Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry CCI Hunedoara;
- Representatives of ADR Vest (West Regional Development Agency) and Hunedoara County Council;
- Representatives of the local governance structure ADTIVJ (Jiu Valley Integrated Territorial Development Association);
- Representatives of AISVJ and ISPE Proiectare și Consultanță, partners in TRACER project.

### Audience

National, regional and local stakeholders, including: Policy-makers and governmental representatives; Local & regional public administrations; Business environment and professional associations; Research and education institutions; Civil society - trade unions and non-governmental organisations; Individuals / informal local leaders; and Media representatives.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://mfe.gov.ro/initiativa-valea-jiului/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/oil-gas-and-coal/eu-coal-regions/secretariat-technical-assistance-regions-transition-start\\_en](https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/oil-gas-and-coal/eu-coal-regions/secretariat-technical-assistance-regions-transition-start_en)

<sup>3</sup> [https://tracer-h2020.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/TRACER-D6.2-6\\_RI-Strategy\\_RO-Jiu-Valley.pdf](https://tracer-h2020.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/TRACER-D6.2-6_RI-Strategy_RO-Jiu-Valley.pdf)

## FINAL AGENDA

Timing	Sessions - Topics	Speakers – Chairpersons
09.30-10.00	<i>Participant's registration</i>	
Chairperson	<i>Gloria Popescu, ISPE Proiectare și Consultanță, TRACER partners from Romania</i>	
10.00-10.05	<b>Event opening</b>	Welcoming remarks addressed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sorin Radu, Rector of the University of Petroșani and Chair of ADTIVJ</li> </ul>
10.05-11.05	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Transition steps towards a sustainable economy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Steps forward made by ADTIVJ and its members</li> <li>▪ World Bank assistance</li> <li>▪ Projects concepts for Jiu Valley</li> <li>▪ Latest news related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Regional Operational Program – POR Vest</li> <li>✓ Territorial Just Transition Plan – PTTJ Hunedoara</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sorin Radu, ADTIVJ</li> <li>▪ Mihai Danciu, Invest in Jiu Valley, Romania</li> <li>▪ Marcel Heroiu and Adina Vințan, World Bank, Romania</li> <li>▪ Gloria Popescu, ISPE Proiectare și Consultanță, Romania</li> <li>▪ Daniel Benea, ADTIVJ and ACIVJ, Romania</li> <li>▪ ADR Vest representative, Romania (TBN)</li> <li>▪ Paula Enuț, Hunedoara County Council, Romania</li> </ul>
11.05-11.35	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Expertise and support in attracting foreign capital</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How can the Foreign Investors Council in Romania support?</li> <li>▪ The role of CCI Hunedoara in the economic transformation at county and Jiu Valley level?</li> <li>▪ Potential cooperation opportunities from AmCham – the American Chamber of Commerce in Romania</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>- tips and knowledge shared for Jiu Valley on its transition pathway -</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cristian Secoșan, Foreign Investors Council, Romania</li> <li>▪ Crinela Gafton, CCI Hunedoara, Romania</li> <li>▪ Letiția Pupăzeanu, American Chamber of Commerce in Romania</li> </ul>
11.35-11.50	<i>Q&amp;A and Short coffee break</i>	
Chairperson	<i>Nicolas de la Vega, EUREC – The Association of European Renewable Energy Research Centres</i>	
11.50-12.20	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>European value chains. Connections and cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EHPA – The European Heat Pumps Association</li> <li>▪ RPIA – Romanian Photovoltaic Industry Association, member of SolarPower Europe</li> <li>▪ ESMC – European Solar Manufacturing Council</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>- increasing the visibility of Jiu Valley at European level as part of value chains and projects consortia -</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dan Ștefănică, EHPA, Belgium</li> <li>▪ RPIA representative (TBN)</li> <li>▪ Johan Lindahl, ESMC, Belgium</li> </ul>
12.20-12.40	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sharing best practice and TRACER follow-ups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Professor Dr. Berg &amp; Kießling GmbH</li> <li>▪ JUSTEM “JUSTice in Transition and EMpowerment against energy poverty”, LIFE project</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>- heat generation and heat &amp; power cogeneration for DH micro-grids; energy poverty -</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sebastian Kiessling, B+K GmbH, Germany</li> <li>▪ Giulia Pizzini, Institute for European Energy and Climate Policy, Nederland</li> </ul>
12.40-13.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q&amp;A and Event closing remarks</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>- key findings and follow-ups -</i></p>	TRACER partners from Romania Sabina Irimie, AISVJ – Asociația Institutul Social Valea Jiului Gloria Popescu, ISPE Proiectare și Consultanță

(TBN/to be nominated)



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