

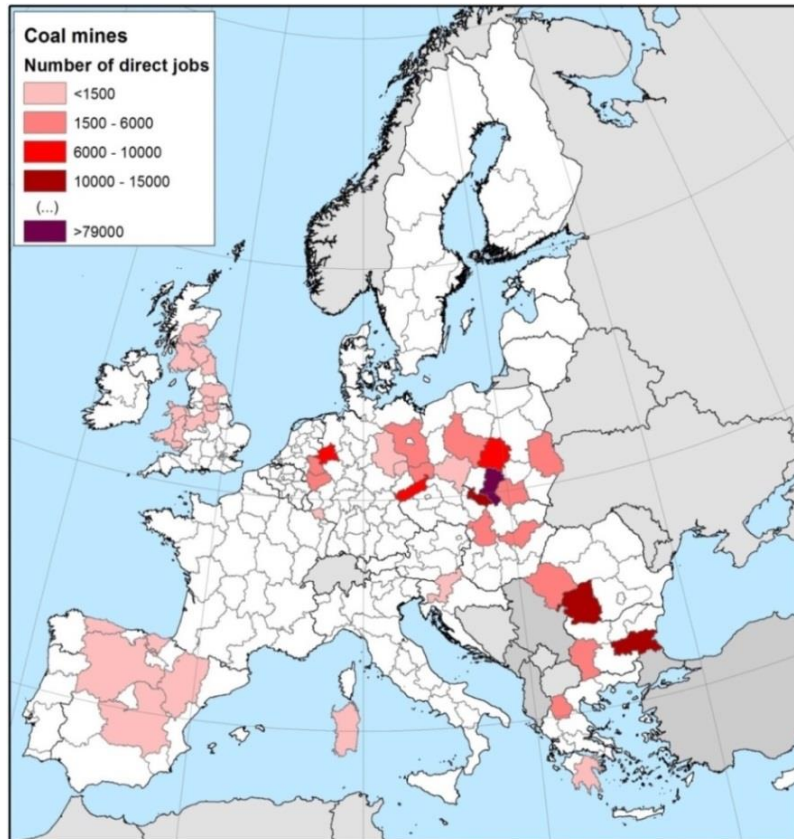
Coal Regions in Transition Initiative

*Presentation for TRACER project
partners*

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1. Just transition in EU coal regions: challenges and options.

The challenge



Political commitment

European Commission committed to socially fair and inclusive clean energy transition as part of a package of legislative proposals called Clean Energy for All Europeans, in November 2016.

Options for action



2. Coal Regions in Transition Platform



Multi-level participation

- Regions
- Governments
- Local community and business (trade unions, NGOs, industrial players)

Multi-sectoral scope

- Transition in coal regions is a cross-cutting issue: energy, climate, environment, social, regional and economic policy

Focused operational objectives

- support the development of (1) transition strategies (2) concrete projects kick-starting structural diversification and technology transition

3. Platform meetings - knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer learning.

How it works in practice

- 4 meetings per year
- Over 250 participants at each meeting
- Presentations of strategies
- Presentations of project ideas under 2 Working Groups: Post coal economy/ Energy system transformation and clean air

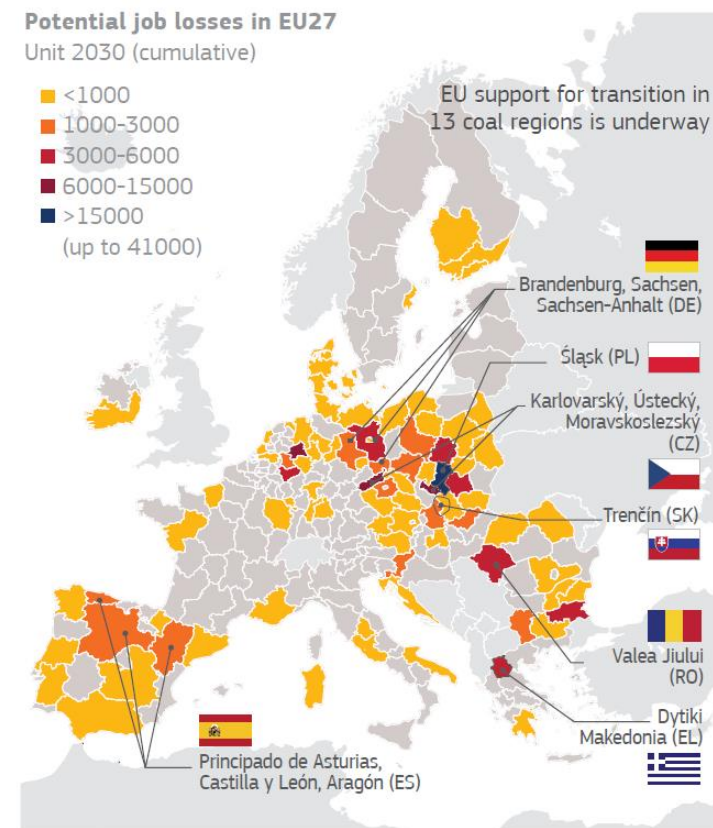


4. Country Teams - 19 pilot regions in 8 Member States

How it works in practice?

- Team of experts from the EC (REGIO, ENER, RTD, SRSS, CLIMA, ENV)
 - Team of experts from National Governments (all relevant ministries)
 - Managing Authorities for EU Funds
 - Regional authorities
 - Invited third parties (Secretariat, World Bank, EBRD, EIB, trade unions, project developers, NGOs)
- Agree on the list of joint actions and areas of cooperation and work on a bilateral basis on an expert-to-expert level.
 - Regular Country Team meetings to take stock.

EU planning well ahead for the transition in coal regions



5. Resources – existing EU funds and support tools

Current EU budget

- Cohesion and European Regional Development Funds
- European Social Fund
- European Globalisation Adjustment Fund
- Structural Reform Support Service
- LIFE
- Horizon 2020
- JASPERS Technical Assistance
- ELENA Technical Assistance

After 2020

- Cohesion and European Regional Development Funds (*ringfencing?*)
- European Social Fund (*ringfencing?*)
- European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (low carbon transition – new focus)
- Reform Delivery Tool
- LIFE
- Horizon Europe
- Modernisation Fund (EU ETS)
- Innovation Fund (EU ETS)
- *Just Energy Transition Fund? (EP proposal)*

6. Resources - Secretariat

Overview

- 3 full-time staff within a multi-skilled consortium
- Mix of research, technical and consultancy skills
- Pool of experts
- Extensive experience, networks, contacts
- Able to address complex issues

Tasks

- Operate the Platform for Coal Regions in Transition
- Provide support materials and tools
- Deliver technical assistance and expertise, complementing existing efforts
- Develop a knowledge resource for transition related activities



7. Secretariat – knowledge tools (reports and toolkits)

- Collection of good practice examples - July 2019
- Transition strategies - July 2019
- Governance of transition - October 2019
- Sustainable employment and welfare support - October 2019
- Environmental rehabilitation and clean air strategies - October 2019
- EU funds and programmes - February 2020
- Report on technologies - February 2020

8. Secretariat – key timescales for 2019

- Newsletter (Q2) and Website (Q2 onwards)
- June and October Platform Meetings
- Technical assistance – Pilot region selection process commences May/June, anticipated delivery from Q4 onwards
- Support materials for regions from Q3 onwards

**Thank you for your
attention**

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