QUICK DATA & FACTS

MINING & GENERATION (2017/2018)

Category | Wales (UKL1, UKL2)
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Type of mining | Anthracite (steel production, not power station fuel)
Landscape area / mining district | 2 counties
Coal production | 500,000 mtpa
Employees | 500
Added value | Wholesale price mt €100 million
Coal phase out | Coal energy mineral 2025

SOCIO-ECONOMIC BASELINE (2017/2018)

Category | Wales (UKL1, UKL2)
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GDP per capita | € 22,600 (2016)
Employees | 1,458,600 (2018)
Unemployment rate | 4.3% (2019)

SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGIES

Fields of action

- Research centres of excellence with clear comparative strength and market opportunity
- Examples:
  - The „SPECIFIC Innovation Centre“ aims to commercialise technologies by which buildings generate their own energy using functional, conductive steel. It builds on local industrial strengths in the steel industry and academic expertise in coating technologies.
  - Semiconductors: based on a vision from within the industry, Wales aims to be the leader in compound semiconductors, which will drive technological advances from wireless devices to transport and healthcare.

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