



Just Transition Fund

Update on the territorial just transition plans

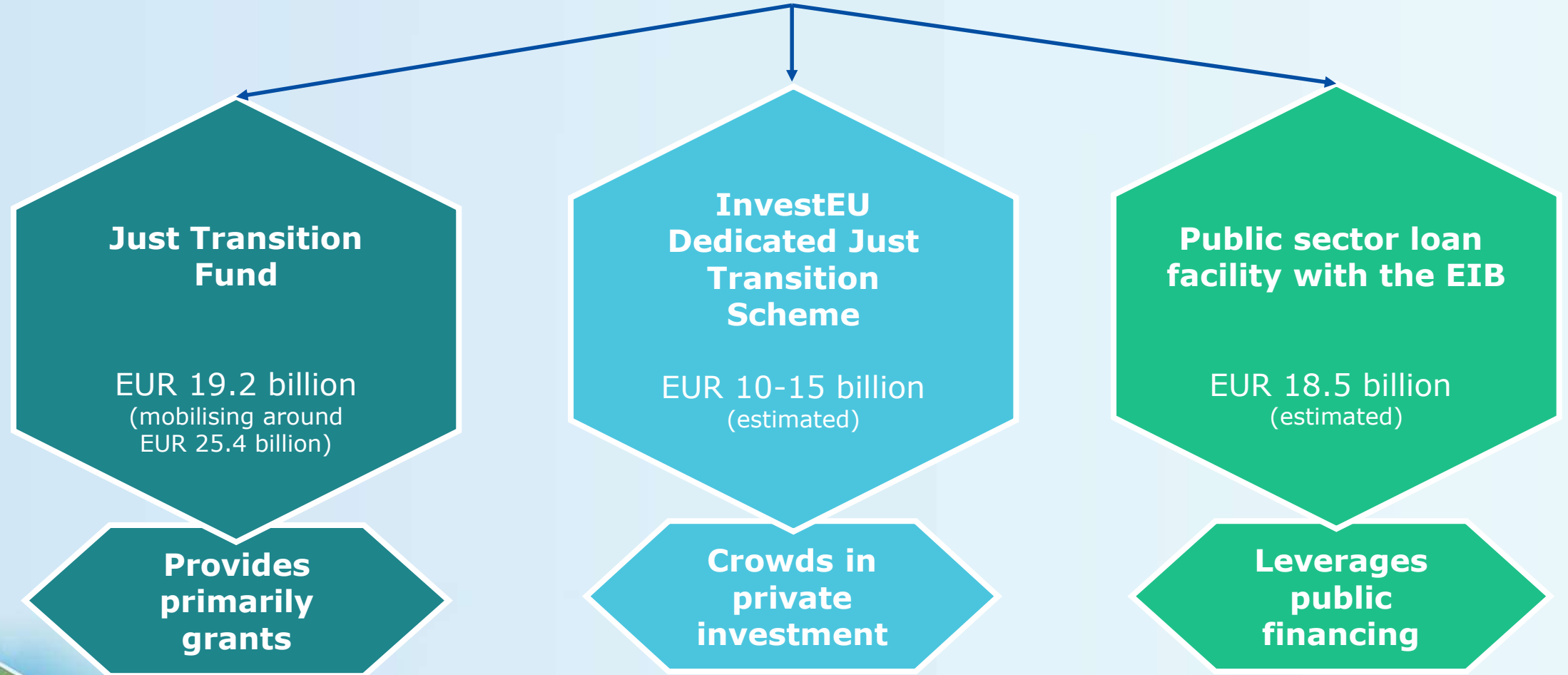
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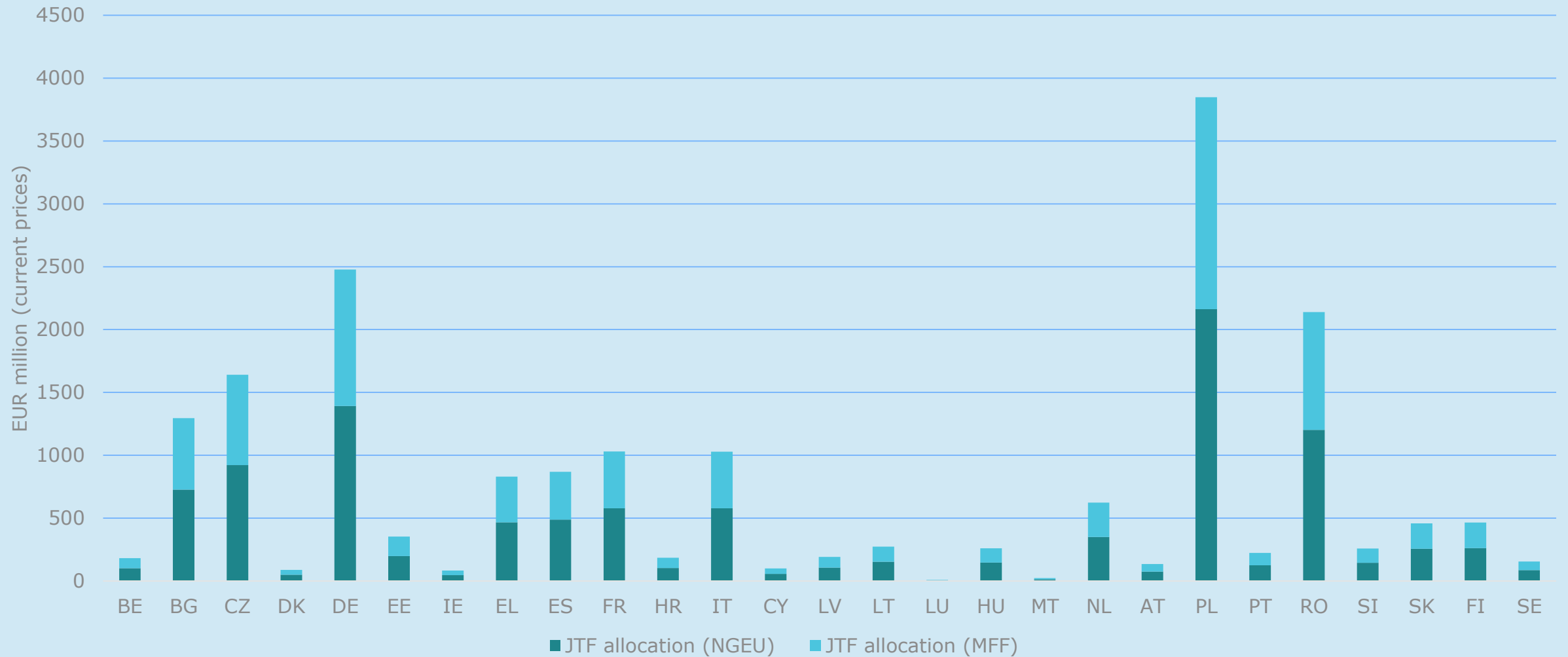
Just Transition Mechanism (JTM)

to support regions most affected by the climate transition in all Member States



Territorial just transition plans (TJTTPs) give access to all 3 pillars

Just Transition Fund (JTF) allocations



JTF intervention logic

- **Transition process at national level:**
 - including timeline with key transition steps towards EU 2030 and 2050 targets
- Evidence of the **impact at the level of the concerned territory** (by 2030 or before):
 - **social** impacts (e.g. unemployment, need for reskilling)
 - **economic** impacts (e.g. closure of sites)
 - **demographic, environmental** or **health** impacts
- **Investments that contribute to alleviate these impacts:**
 - in particular **(re)skilling** of people and **economic diversification**
 - but also renewable energy, sustainable local mobility, digitalisation, soil regeneration, circular economy, social infrastructure, etc.

Coal regions: phase-out plans should be clear

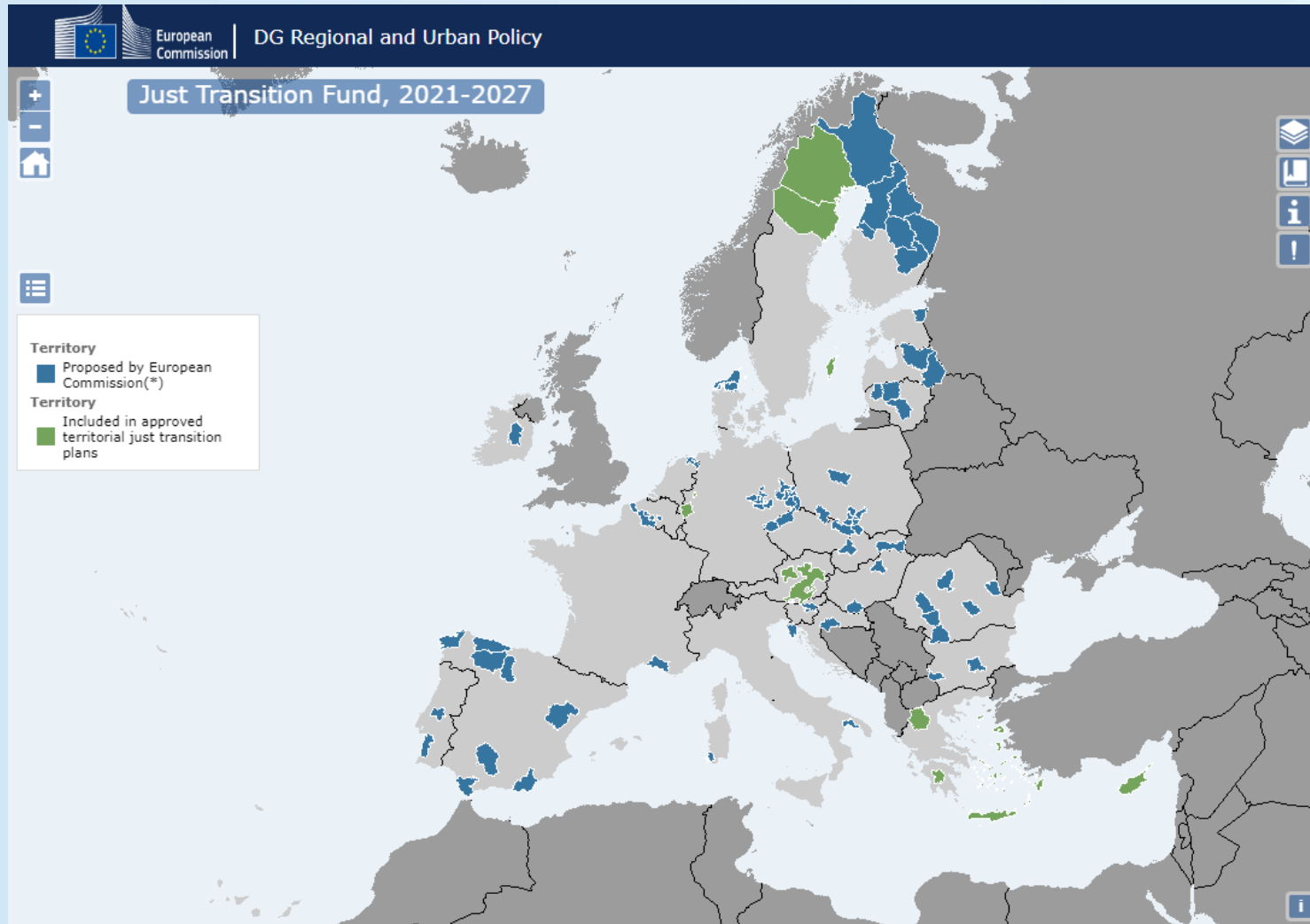


- TJTPs should describe transition process at **national level**:

- **Timeline** for key transition steps towards the 2030 and 2050 targets
- Consistent with national energy and climate plans (NECP) and National Long-Term Strategies
- National **commitment to climate neutrality** (EU Climate Law)

- TJTPs should demonstrate evidence of a transition process and its **impact at the level of the concerned territory** in the near future (by 2030 or before)

JTF programming: state of play



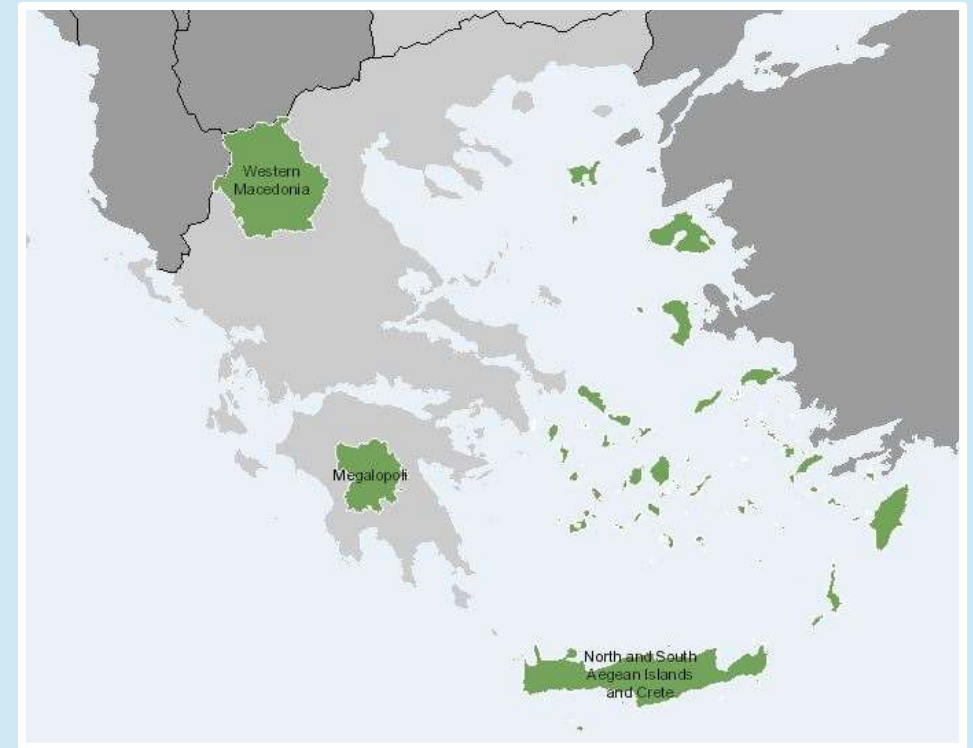
(*) Additional territories have been proposed by some Member States and may be accepted as part of territorial just transition plans. The map will be updated accordingly.

See JTP website

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/funding/jtf/just-transition-platform

JTF Programme: Greece

- Became first EU Member State to adopt **Just Transition Fund (JTF)** Programme in **June 2022**
- **€1.38 billion** from JTF to mobilise up to **€1.63 billion** investments
- Majority (87%) of Greek JTF funding to go to **Western Macedonia & Megalopoli**: phase-out of lignite (brown coal)
- **Islands**: closure of diesel power plants and connection to continental grid
- JTF to cushion **impact of mine/plant closures** and transition to **new industries and energy sources**
- JTF Programme and TJTPs available here: www.sdam.gr/node/431



*Alongside its Programme, Greece has adopted three Territorial Just Transition Plans covering **Western Macedonia, Megalopoli, and the North and South Aegean Islands and Crete***

The Just Transition Platform (JTP)

- Assist all stakeholders in accessing JTM support
- High-level **JTP conferences**
 - Next one: 24-26 October (in Brussels and online)
 - Agenda and registration: bit.ly/3BypCwV
- **Working groups** for carbon-intensive regions
- Webpage with helpdesk (+ in the future: database of projects and experts)
- Link to Coal Regions in Transition initiative (dedicated work stream for coal, peat, oil shale regions)



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