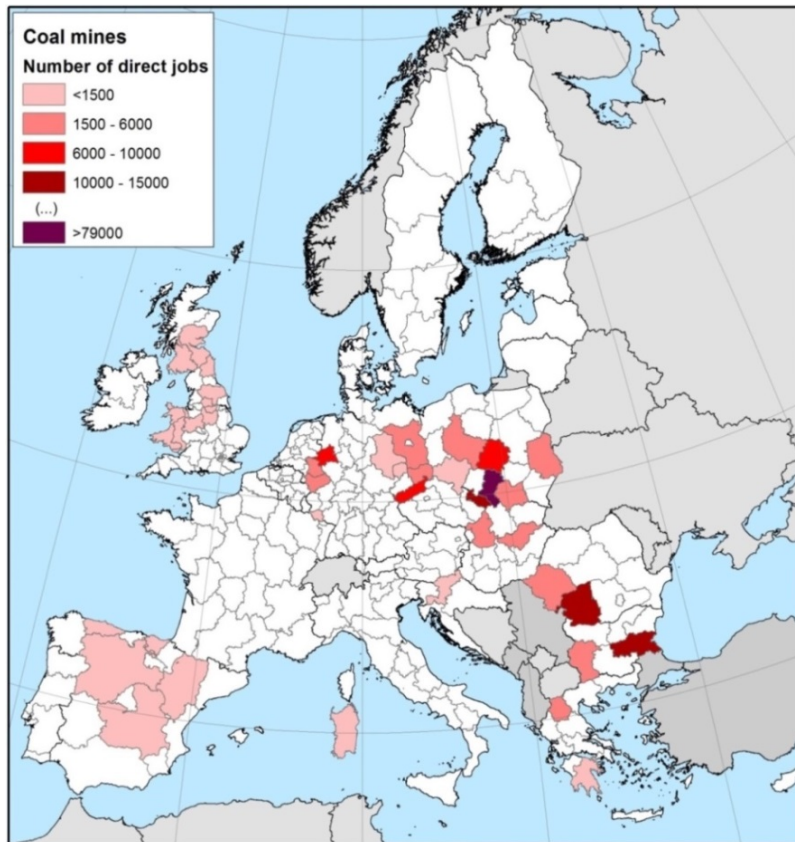


Coal Regions in Transition Initiative

*9th EMA network meeting
European Network of Energy Authorities and
Managing Authorities of the cohesion policy
2014-2020*

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



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.

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

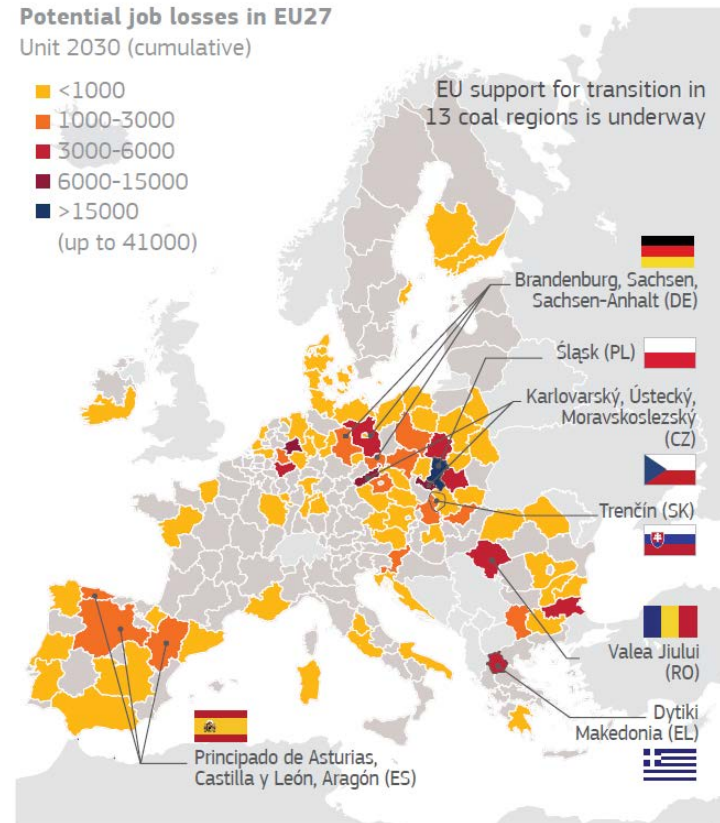
Operational objectives

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

3. Country Teams - 18 pilot regions in 8 Member States

EU planning well ahead for the transition in coal regions

Potential job losses in EU27
Unit 2030 (cumulative)



Source: European Commission (DG JRC, DG REGIO).

- Country Teams for SK, PL, EL, CZ, DE, RO, ES, SI
- Team of experts from the EC (REGIO, ENER, RTD, SRSS, CLIMA, ENV)
- Team of experts from National Governments and Regional Authorities (including Managing Authorities for EU Funds)
- Invited third parties (Secretariat, World Bank, EBRD, EIB, trade unions, project developers, NGOs)

4. 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
- Various technical Assistance schemes

After 2020

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

5. State of play

Technical assistance

- SRSS intervention in Western Macedonia (Greece), Trencin (Slovakia) and Jiu Valley (Romania) to assist with the preparation of transition strategies.
- JASPERS intervention in Poland and Czechia to assist with project prioritisation and identification of technical assistance needs.

Project identification and implementation

- Discussions on priority projects on-going with German, Polish and Czech coal regions.
- Over 100 projects proposed in total.
- Re-programming of over 300 M EUR carried out to implement projects in Silesia and Czechia.

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. Resources – 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. Key timescales for 2019

Technical assistance

- Pilot region selection process commences May/June, anticipated delivery from Q4 onwards

Knowledge Tools

- Support materials for regions from Q3 onwards

Forthcoming meetings

- 15-16 July and 15-16 October (Brussels), Annual Political Dialogue in November (Gorlitz, Germany)



**Thank you for your
attention**

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