



Just Transition Platform Working Groups

Call for Applications

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Just Transition Platform

The [Just Transition Platform \(JTP\)](#) aims to assist EU countries and regions to unlock the support available through the [Just Transition Mechanism \(JTM\)](#), a financial instrument introduced by the European Commission in 2020. The objective of the JTM is to address the specific social, economic, and environmental challenges in the regions undergoing transition to a sustainable and climate-neutral economy. The JTP provides comprehensive technical and advisory support for stakeholders from those territories.

Between 2021-2023, the JTP managed four dedicated [Working Groups](#) for carbon-intensive regions, three with a thematic focus on steel, cement, and chemicals, as well as one on horizontal stakeholder engagement. These working groups brought together stakeholders to exchange and collaborate, as well as to develop and implement a series of Actions.

New JTP Working Groups

The new JTP Working Groups being launched in 2024 will include two Working Groups on the topics of **stakeholder engagement** and **equal opportunities**. The new Working Groups focus on all JTF regions (coal and carbon-intensive) to leave no one behind. They will focus on proper implementation of the Just Transition Fund (JTF) and bring together a varied group of stakeholders to closely monitor the just transition process, share competencies, and formulate guidelines for the implementation of JTF projects linked to their area of competences.

The **Working Group on stakeholder engagement** will cut across the different transition sectors (energy, steel, cement, chemicals, etc.) as well as the different directly affected segments of society from JTF territories. The mission of this Working Group will be to identify and assess approaches and good practices for engaging different stakeholder groups at the level of implementation of the JTM.

The **Working Group on equal opportunities** will act as an observatory focusing specifically on the most vulnerable and underrepresented groups of the just transition: youth, elderly, rural communities, women and other groups. The mission of this Working Group is to bring advocacy organisations, JTF Managing Authorities and other decision-makers to the same table to discuss and find ways to ensure that the implementation of the JTM benefits these groups of stakeholders and creates equal opportunities. A **dedicated JTP Youth Force** within this Working Group will focus on skills and challenges of the youth.

The Working Groups will be established for a period of approximately three years (until the end of the year 2026) and will meet regularly, both in person and online.

Who can apply?

The Working Groups are designed to include a mix of relevant stakeholders, coming from public entities, social partners, NGOs and umbrella organisations, that can represent and bring a diverse range of views, experiences, and knowledge to the Working Groups.

Eligible types of entities and organisations include:

- ▶ Member States authorities;
- ▶ Local and regional authorities;
- ▶ Associations representing regional, local, urban, and other public authorities;
- ▶ Organisations representing economic and social partners;

- ▶ Bodies representing civil society, such as non-governmental organisations.

Why join the JTP Working Groups?

- ▶ **Share and exchange** your ideas, concerns, best practices, experiences, and challenges related to the just transition and learn from other stakeholders and other regions.
- ▶ **Meet, connect, and network** with Working Group members who represent a range of stakeholders working on the just transition in regions across Europe.
- ▶ **Seek common solutions** to JTF implementation bottlenecks.
- ▶ **Monitor proper implementation** across the sectors and stakeholder groups.
- ▶ **Identify and develop approaches, good practices solutions and tools** to tackle common challenges and cross-thematic issues in JTF regions, in collaboration with other members of the group.
- ▶ **Receive tailored support** for implementing your ideas and solutions as part of the Working Groups.
- ▶ **Act as a JTP ambassador** and contribute to the dissemination and promotion of the learnings and solutions identified by the Working Groups in your region.
- ▶ **Attend and participate** in conferences and events including the bi-annual JTP conference and Working Group meetings.

How to apply?

Eligible and interested stakeholders are invited to **apply via this [EU-Survey questionnaire](#)** by the deadline submission: **1 March 2024 at 23:00 CET**.

Is support available in preparing the application?

As novelty this year, the JTP team offers an application advisory facility, called **JTP Lab for Open Calls**, to support applicants during the application process. It is free of charge. This support entails **two dedicated training sessions**, providing guidance on identifying the needs for the applying for open calls and submitting a high-quality application, as well as **two blocks of office hours**, to enable the interaction of interested regions with Technical Assistance experts, exchange facilitators, and Working Group facilitators.

Dates for the training sessions:

1. **8 February 2024, 14:30-16:00 ([Zoom link](#))**: Identifying your concrete needs for JTP Groundwork – short introduction to JTP Groundwork and the type of support provided; expert input on how to identify a concrete need where Technical Assistance can add value. The training session includes up to 1 hour of Q&A with breakout-rooms and will provide an opportunity to ask questions about the additional active calls for JTPeers Exchange and Working Groups.

2. **27 February 2024, 14:30-16:00 ([Zoom link](#))**: Submitting a thorough application – expert input on finalising applications, address aspects such as ensuring political buy-in, involving stakeholders, specifying added value. The training session includes up to 1 hour of Q&A with breakout-rooms and will provide an opportunity to ask questions about the additional active calls for JTPeers Exchange and Working Groups.

Dates for the office hours:

1. **15 February 2024, 14:00-16:00 ([Zoom link](#))**
2. **22 February 2024, 14:00-16:00 ([Zoom link](#))**

Opportunity for interested applicants to ask specific questions on the application and JTP Groundwork. The call will include breakout-room sessions with dedicated Technical Assistance experts and provide an opportunity to ask questions about the additional active calls for JTPeers Exchange and Working Groups.

Other open calls for applications

JTPeers Exchange: Are you looking to engage in up to three days of in-person workshops and site visits with other JTF regions and learn from each other? Or are you seeking expert advice on a specific topic? JTPeers Exchange is the peer-to-peer exchange programme of the JTP facilitating region-to-region and expert-to-region exchanges, both in-person and online. Apply until **1 March 2024** for [individual](#) or [joint](#) applications.

JTP Groundwork: If you are looking for hands-on support on a specific challenge related to the implementation of your region's TJTP that would span over a few months or targeted capacity building on a specific implementation-related challenge, consider applying to JTP Groundwork. The call for applications for the 2024 edition is open until **1 March 2024 at 23:00 CET** through this [EU survey form](#).

More information

For more information about the JTP Working Groups scope and activities, the selection procedure and the eligibility and selection criteria, please refer to the [Guidance Document](#) and the application form (either via [EUSurvey](#) or this [PDF version of the form](#) meant to act as a convenient reference to help you prepare your application). For more detailed information about the rules and functioning of the JTP Working Groups, please refer to the Working Groups' [Terms of Reference](#). You may also contact us directly at: workinggroups@justtransitionplatform.eu

