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The 2024 Annual Political Dialogue, taking place in Velenje, Slovenia, is just around the corner! Cannot make it to Velenje? No problem! You can join us online and watch the sessions via livestream. Registration closes 10 July so don't miss out - sign up via the button now!

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Spotlight on START: supporting older workers in mining regions

The energy transition is gathering speed all over the European Union. The shift away from fossil fuels, while crucial for a sustainable future, has major social and economic implications for affected coal, peat, lignite, and oil shale territories - coal+ regions - and the communities living and working in them. To help tackle and design tailored solutions to context-specific challenges arising from transition action, the European Commission's Initiative for coal regions in transition has been delivering technical assistance to selected recipients through its START facility.

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A new Green Skills toolkit is available

The Initiative for coal regions in transition has developed this resource to assist practitioners in coal+ regions across Europe. The aim of the toolkit is to help stakeholders to address the upskilling and reskilling needs of workers in the context of the green economy. It explores what constitutes a green job and the concept of green skills, examines the types of green skills that are likely to be needed in the future, and investigates how to plan for them. It explores the kinds of strategies that could be put into place and who should be involved in planning, directly linking to the European Green Deal and the European Pillar of Social Rights. Click the button to read the full report. By the way, if you are interested to learn more about the topic, sign up for the Annual Political Dialogue!

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Additional updates

- A new Just Transition Observatory [paper](#) by BNP Paribas, exploring challenges faced by individuals and businesses along the just transition path, is now available.
- The [JUSTEM](#) project has published a [policy brief](#) about different aspects of implementing a just transition in coal regions.

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