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## Just Transition Platform - Coal Regions Virtual Week and Carbon-intensive Regions Seminar

On behalf of the European Commission's Directorates-General for Energy and Regional Policy, we are delighted to invite stakeholders from EU coal, carbon and fossil fuel-intensive regions to the 3rd meeting of the Just Transition Platform - Coal Regions Virtual Week. The event will take place online from 26 to 29 April 2021 and be opened by Kadri Simson, Commissioner for Energy and Elisa Ferreira, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms. Register below!

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## New toolkit: Technology options in coal regions in transition

This toolkit focuses on what technology options exist and which technological developments are likely in the future. The information gathered will provide decision makers in coal regions with a general overview

of the current state of knowledge regarding the available technologies, enabling them to explore new business models, which also make use of the existing coal related infrastructure in their region. This in turn to help with the development of regional strategies.

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**"The new economy will require people who are mechanically-minded and hard workers. Coal communities have those people and can lead the way."**

Coalfield Development's Jacob Israel Hannah (Conservation Coordinator) and Brandon Dennison (CEO), talked to us about the Appalachian region's transition away from coal and their bottom-up approach to rebuilding and reimagining the regional economy.

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**Survey: EU funding in coal regions in transition**

Our upcoming toolkit on transition financing will support actors working at local and regional levels by providing: an orientation across various sources of EU funding; guidance for effective mobilisation of EU funds, including examples of successful programmes and initiatives. As part of this development, we are seeking stakeholder views on key challenges faced by practitioners, knowledge and capacity gaps, and examples of good practice in mobilising EU funds in coal regions in transition. Please take a moment to fill out this questionnaire. It will help us develop a toolkit best tailored to the needs of practitioners.

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## Coal Regions Learning Academy

The European Commission is actively supporting the implementation of the Coal Regions Learning Academy by the College of Europe in Natolin and the World Bank. The Coal Regions Learning Academy will be open for a wide array of interested stakeholders in coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine. Find details about its objectives and curriculum below. Please note that the information is updated on an ongoing basis.

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