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Expanding the just transition and strengthening interregional cooperation

Coal regions stakeholders from across the EU and beyond joined the Just Transition Platform meeting and Coal Regions in Transition Virtual Week on 16-19 November. The week featured discussions on a wide range of topics, including hydrogen as an opportunity for EU coal regions, the current outlook of the Initiative for coal regions in transition, youth involvement in the just transition and the just transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine, among others.

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START updates

Work on the START programme continued throughout 2020, starting with visits to five of the seven regions followed by a revision on the modalities through which assistance is being provided due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The technical assistance to the Midlands region in Ireland concluded in September 2020, becoming the first region to have completed the START programme. The outputs from START assistance to the Midlands can be found on the Initiative for coal regions in transition webpage. The technical assistance and related outputs vary in each region reflecting their unique regional contexts and needs.

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Inaugural Western Balkans and Ukraine Coal Regions in Transition Platform Meeting

The meeting will be held on December 10 and 11, 2020 virtually. The Platform Initiative convenes the coal regions from the Western Balkans and Ukraine together to share experiences and lessons learned on the energy transition. It is supported by the World Bank, the College of Europe (Natolin campus), the Energy Community Secretariat, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Commission, and the Government of Poland.

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Featured resources

- [Presentations and recordings from the Coal Regions Virtual Week](#)
- CONSULTATION - [Feedback on EC draft Taxonomy Delegated Act - what economic activities could be considered substantially contributing to climate change?](#) (Feedback period 20 November 2020 - 18 December 2020)
- REPORT - [Managing Environmental and Energy Transitions for Regions and Cities](#) - OECD
- REPORT - [The future of a just transition in Ukraine: perceptions in coal mining towns](#) - Ecoaction and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Ukraine
- REPORT - [The Green hydrogen economy in Northern Netherlands](#) - The Northern Netherlands Innovation Board
- REPORT - [Coal-free Czechia 2030 \(pathway model to a coal-free Czechia by 2030\)](#) - EMBER
- WEBINAR RECORDING - [Just Transition of Coal Regions - How to make it just?](#) - EURACTIV
- ARTICLE - [How to make the transition of Coal Regions truly just?](#) - EURACTIV
- EVENT - [First cross-national RECPP workshop – Collection of feedback from stakeholders: Mapping of coal power plant sites](#) - RECPP / 9 January 2021, 09:00-14:30h, Online
- [EU strategy on energy system integration](#)
- [A hydrogen strategy for a climate-neutral Europe](#) - Communication from the European Commission
- [Bad Lauchstädt Energy Park](#)
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