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Newsletter

Initiative for coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine

Coal regions exchange programme

The coal regions exchange programme is progressing at full speed. Its most recent in-person visits brought together stakeholders from Serbia and the Jiu Valley region (Romania); Kakanj municipality (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and the Stara Zagora region (Bulgaria); Novovolynsk, Lytovezh, Poromiv, Chervonohrad communities (Ukraine) and Małopolska and Silesia Voivodeships (Poland). Participants are eager to learn from each other, and among the main successes of the programme is the formation of new partnerships. Read more below and watch the videos to gain insights into these exchanges!

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Exchange visit to Małopolska (video)

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Exchange visit to Silesia (video)

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Events

Join the annual initiative meeting on 27-28 November in Brussels

This event will convene representatives from diverse sectors, including public authorities, international organisations, energy, civil society, academia, businesses, and media. It will offer a platform for coal regions in the Western Balkans and Ukraine and the global community to engage in an open dialogue about making the just transition a reality. Mark your calendars!



date

27/11/2023 - 28/11/2023



venue

Brussels, Belgium



Registration

[Opens soon here](#)

Registration for the Just Transition Forum is open

The Energy Community Just Transition Forum will investigate key aspects of a just energy transition, such as policy planning and implementation, socioeconomic challenges faced by coal communities in transition, and successful and adequate financial support. It will also explore how a just transition can contribute to enhancing the air quality and address current inequalities while improving people's lives.



date

04/10/2023



venue

Skopje, North Macedonia



Registration

[Register](#)

See also

[Agenda](#)

Coal Regions Learning Academy

The Coal Regions Learning Academy is now accessible online for all interested stakeholders. Its launch event took place at the College of Europe in Natolin on 14 June 2023. The Academy is a fundamental component of the Initiative for coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine. Developed through a collaboration between the World Bank and the College of Europe in Natolin, the Academy aims to assist stakeholders in the countries covered by the Initiative to successfully design and implement just transition strategies.

[more](#)

Updates

Just transition workshop in Prishtina brought stakeholders together

It provided a platform for interactive discussions, where relevant stakeholders came together to collaboratively explore ideas and discuss plans for the future of a seamless just transition.

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Workshop on just transition convened in Serbia

The European Union is committed to supporting a just transition in Serbia, addressing not only energy and environmental aspects, but also socio-economic, educational, and gender perspectives.

[more](#)

Ukrainian coal communities propose a concept for just transition in recovery

They jointly developed a common document to define just transition's role in the recovery process.

[more](#)

World Bank's investment project advancements in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Energy and Extractives Global Practice (EEGP) of the World Bank is actively advancing project preparation for the lending operation titled "A Just Transition in Select Coal Regions of Bosnia and Herzegovina."

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