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"The decarbonisation of our economy is one of our biggest challenges, but Asturias is committed to the just transition"

In this interview, María Belarmina Díaz Aguado, Director General of Energy, Mining & Repurposing, Government of Asturias (Spain), talked to us about Asturia's challenges in their path towards decarbonisation. We discussed their industrial legacy, their action plans and how the START programme helped them open up to technical assistance and seek out improved ways of undertaking stakeholder engagement.

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SAVE THE DATE - Coal Regions in Transition Virtual Week (26-30 April)

The upcoming Just Transition Platform – Initiative for Coal Regions in Transition Virtual Week will be hosted during the week of April 26 (schedule to be confirmed soon). Speakers will discuss a wide range of topics, including the upcoming toolkit "Technology options - Transforming industries in coal regions for a climate-neutral economy", potentials of the creative industries in coal regions, the reuse/repurposing of former coal sites, the role of coal regions in the new energy value chain, updates from the START support, and welcoming newcomers to the Initiative. Stay tuned for more information.

Commission launches the Secretariat of a new initiative for coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine

The Secretariat of a new initiative to help coal regions in the Western Balkans and Ukraine transition away from coal towards a carbon-neutral economy has been launched by the European Commission. Mirroring the successful EU Initiative for coal regions in transition, the newly established Secretariat will deliver support to coal regions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Ukraine.

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Coal Regions Learning Academy - Training Needs Assessment Questionnaire

The Coal Regions Learning Academy (in the framework of the initiative for coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine) aims to address capacity gaps that are impeding coal regions in the Western Balkans and Ukraine from successfully designing and implementing transition strategies and associated kick-start projects as part of their energy transition. The knowledge to be delivered through the e-learning Academy shall reflect a broad array of case studies, global good practices on technical subject areas, use of analytical tools, and prevailing regulatory and administrative processes. Please take a moment to fill out this questionnaire. It will help us develop a training programme best tailored to the needs of the learners.

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TJTP assessment tool (WWF)

WWF's tool helps to assess how effective proposed Territorial Just Transition Plans are to deliver a truly just transition aligned with the Paris Agreement. It is aimed at policy makers, municipalities, civil society and other partners involved in developing the plans to provide information about what makes a good plan and to enable them to evaluate the quality of the plan as it develops.

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Resources

- REPORT - [Projecting Opportunities for INdustrial Transitions \(POINT\) - Joint Research Centre \(European Commission\)](#)
- [The Working Group on Understanding and Managing Industrial Transitions - Smart specialisation platform](#)
- PRESS RELEASE - [Environmental Impact Assessment: Commission adopts reasoned opinion in case brought by Czechia against Poland - European Commission](#)
- EVENT - [Second cross-national RECPP workshop | Results on mapping of coal power plant sites - Collection of feedback from stakeholders: Mapping of re-purposing solutions for coal power plant sites, 21 May 2021 - RECPP \(Re-purposing Coal Power Plants\)](#)
- EVENT - [Final cross-national RECPP workshop | Conclusions: Exemplary implementation concepts for re-purposing solutions for characteristic coal power plant sites](#)
- TOOLKIT - [Toolkit for assessing effective Territorial Just Transition Plans - WWF](#)
- PROJECT - [LIFE BRINE-MINING](#)
- CONSULTATION - [Climate change – new rules to prevent methane](#)

[leakage in the energy sector - European Commission](#)

- FACTSHEET - [Benchmarks for Assisting Coal Workers in a Just Transition - E3G](#)
- ARTICLE - [Secretary-General urges countries to end 'deadly addiction' to coal - UN News](#)
- PROJECT - [Citizens power Just Transformation of Europe's biggest coal region \(Rybnik360 project\)](#) - Climate-KIC
- STUDY - [Who are the victims of low-carbon transitions? Towards a political ecology of climate change mitigation](#)
- TOOLKIT - [Youth for a just transition: A toolkit for youth participation in the just transition fund - DG REGIO](#)
- ARTICLE - [Hungary brings coal exit forward by five years, to 2025 - EURACTIV](#)
- REPORT - Just Transition in Eastern Wielkopolska - Instrat for WWF Poland - [Full report in Polish](#) / [Executive Summary in English](#)
- PLATFORM - [Sustainable Procurement Platform](#)

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