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Conclusions of the 5th Working Group Meeting

The energy transition doesn't stop at the border. Europe has to work together.

Representatives of regions, public authorities, NGOs, civil society and the private sector discussed a broad range of themes facing EU coal regions. The two-day event was packed with dialogue, exchange, learning and networking. Throughout, participants confirmed that cooperation among regions and stakeholders is key to successful energy transition. Read their conclusions by clicking below.

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Apply to the Secretariat's Technical Assistance to Regions in Transition (START)

Public authorities can now apply to receive technical assistance from the Platform's Secretariat. This initiative aims to leave a legacy of enhanced transition-related skills and capabilities by providing targeted, needs-oriented expertise and capacity building to help regions take practical steps in their transition process.

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Current practices in coal regions in transition

As part of the Platform's efforts to share knowledge among its stakeholders, the Secretariat will develop case studies of current practices in and outside of the EU. Below you can find the first two case studies presented at the 5th Working Group Meeting.

[Transforming the lignite-fired Matra Power Plant into part of a renewable energy cluster](#)

The Matra Power Plant is an example of a coal power plant transitioning into an industry cluster in which renewables play an increasingly important role. These efforts do not only retain the electricity generation capacity, but keep jobs in the region.

Information Platform for post-industrial and degraded areas in Silesia (OPI-TPP)

New companies often struggle to find a good location to settle in, and post-industrial sites represent an untapped potential for future economic development. In Silesia, the regional government and a local research institute developed a data source on abandoned industrial sites. Spatial development experts and potential investors can now access key information related to more than 1 000 sites in Silesia.

The Platform's support materials, toolkits, guidelines and reports will be hosted in the [resources page](#).



Save the date: Annual Political Dialogue, November 2019

The Platform's 2019 Annual Political Dialogue (25-26 November, Görlitz, Germany) will feature sessions and discussions at the highest level, and a number of study visits in the Regions of Saxony and Brandenburg.

Further resources

- Project - [TRACER](#) (Transition in Coal Intensive Regions).
- Field visit - [ZERO BRINE](#) is leading a field visit to the Bolesław Śmiały plant in Łaziska Górne on 8 October. The plant serves as a pilot project focused on the recovery of resources from coal mine water, whilst increasing energy efficiency. For more information contact vanessa@revolve.media or visit www.zerobrine.eu.
- Blog post - [Mayors from Jiu Valley, one of Romania's main mining regions, agree in Brussels to collaborate for a just transition](#), Alexandru Mustață for [Just Transition](#).
- [Just Transition Research Collaborative \(Phase II\): Cities in Transition—Urban Struggles for Just Transition\(s\)](#) - UNRISD
- [Just Transition Eastern and Southern Europe](#) - EUKI
- [Just Transition platform](#)
- The [2019 Climate Action Summit](#) on 23 September aims to raise the global ambition to meet the Paris Agreement goals and will focus on nine areas of action. The Coalition on Social and Political Drivers, led by Peru and Spain, will focus on health and just transition, and will consider gender, climate and security, among other topics.

Resources, agenda, presentations, photos and webstreams from the 5th Working Group Meeting can be found [here](#).

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