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Spotlight

Coal regions exchange programme

From 14-16 March, participants of the coal regions exchange programme from Velenje (Slovenia) visited Pljevlja (Montenegro) to learn from each other's experiences working towards just energy transitions. This visit followed a study trip to Lukavac, Banovići and Živinice, as well as one that brought stakeholders to Western Macedonia. On this occasion, we look back at these three latest exchange visits that took place within the programme. Tailored agendas, meetings with key stakeholders, and, most importantly, strong motivation of hosting and visiting delegations to move just transitions forward have proven to be their recipe for success. Learn more about the visits below and watch the videos to get first-hand impressions.



Exchange visit to Western Macedonia (video)





Exchange visit to Tuzla Canton municipalities (video)





Voices from the regions

Reflections on moving a just energy transition forward from Banovići, Lukavac, and Živinice.



Events

Engaging stakeholders in just transition planning: who and how?

Effective involvement of all stakeholders is a must when preparing for a just transition – but how to do it in practice? On 30 March, practitioners working on energy transitions in EU coal regions will present their best practices and lessons learnt. This webinar is the second in the series 'Just energy transitions in the Western Balkans and Ukraine'.



11	date	30/03/2023
	Registration	<u>Register</u>
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(How) Can energy transition be gender-just?

The webinar will underline why attention to gender equality is crucial for policymakers and industry actors, and provide tools that can ensure a truly just energy transition in the Energy Community Contracting Parties, while creating a more gender-equal world that is free of fossil fuels.

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Updates

Just transition workshop in North Macedonia

Stakeholders from local, regional, and national levels came together to share their experiences and good practices.



Poland-Ukraine knowledge exchange

A delegation of Ukrainian stakeholders participated in a study tour to Poland in December 2022.



Ambitious 2030 energy targets adopted

Energy Community Ministerial Council adopted 2030 energy and climate targets and electricity market package.



Resources

Report: Annual Meeting 2022 of the Initiative for coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine (download)

Policy guidelines on identifying and addressing energy poverty (download)

Just Transition for All: A Feminist Approach for the Coal Sector (download)

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