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Achieving a just transition in Europe

The EU Green Deal that sets the vision for a climate-neutral Europe in 2050 was the highlight of last year. Coal regions from all over Europe came together at the Annual political dialogue at Görlitz, Germany, to discuss their role, challenges and policy measures to achieve a just transition.

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Save the date: 7th Working group meeting

The 7th working group meeting will take place on 1-2 April in Brussels. Coal regions from the EU and beyond will discuss the new European Commission's priorities, the European Green Deal's Just Transition Mechanism and its implications for coal regions in transition, and success stories from regions.

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New case studies

[InnovationCity Ruhr: Model City Bottrop](#)

Bottrop (Germany) is a leading example of a former coal-mining, highly industrialised city that has combined a future-oriented transition process with ambitious CO₂ mitigation targets.

[Genk's ongoing transition](#)

Thirty years after the last coal mine closed in Genk, the Limburg region is still undergoing an economic transition process; this process is being shaped by its increasing use of old industrial heritage and infrastructure as assets for future development.

[Oil & Gas Transition Training Fund, Scotland](#)

After the closure of many facilities in the oil and gas sector, which consequently resulted in high and sudden unemployment rates, the Scottish government established a fund to help the affected workers re-skill and further train themselves in order to find employment again.

START gets started

Following an open call for applications, seven regions were selected for the Secretariat's Technical Assistance for Regions in Transition (START) initiative. They represent a diverse cross section of regions and communities at different stages of their transition process.

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New study finds that the energy transition can provide an alternative for jobs at risk in coal regions

A new JRC report shows that in more than half of the EU coal regions the switch to clean energy can create more jobs than currently exist in the coal sector. The report found that the deployment of clean energy technologies in these regions could offset transition related job losses by creating up to 460,000 jobs by 2050.

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Cities and regions meet business and investors - Matchmaking Event

This matchmaking event in Brussels on 20 February brings together city/regional representatives, businesses, and investors. This is a great opportunity for all those looking for financing and technological solutions to move their cities and regions to a sustainable future.

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Further resources

- [Outcomes of the 2019 Annual Political Dialogue](#)
- [Study - SMEs: scope and challenges for the coal region in transition region Upper Nitra \(Slovakia\)](#) - European Commission
- [Report - Clean energy technologies in coal regions](#) - European Commission
- [Best practice report on environmental protection and post-mining land](#)

[reclamation](#) - TRACER (Transition in Coal Intensive Regions).

- [Best practice on financing the transition from coal in European coal regions](#) - TRACER
- [Best practice report: Smart Specialisation Strategies and SET plan implementation actions](#) - TRACER
- [TRACER Study tours](#)
- [IEEFA update: Capital flight from thermal coal is accelerating](#) - Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis
- [Solidarity and Just Transition Summary Report of the actions](#) - Solidarity and Just Transition Bureau of the COP24 Presidency, Ministry of the Environment
- [Understanding the impact of a low carbon transition on South Africa](#) - Climate Policy Initiative
- [The contribution of social dialogue to the 2030 Agenda - Promoting a Just Transition towards sustainable economies and societies for all](#) - International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
- [Solving the coal puzzle: lessons from four years of coal phase-out policy in Europe](#) - Sandbag
- [Social transition and why it matters in coal mine closure](#) - Mine

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