

JUST TRANSITION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

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Bankwatch Ongoing Monitoring of the TJTP proces in CEE

- 7 countries (PL, RO, EE, BU, HU, SL, CZ)
- Ongoing participation and monitoring
- Regular briefings (www.bankwatch.org)

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The Just Transition Mechanism is a historical opportunity to transform the European coal regions that need it the most. **That is why it is so important that the planning process is transparent and reflects real ambition.**

If we fail to achieve that now, it will already be too late.



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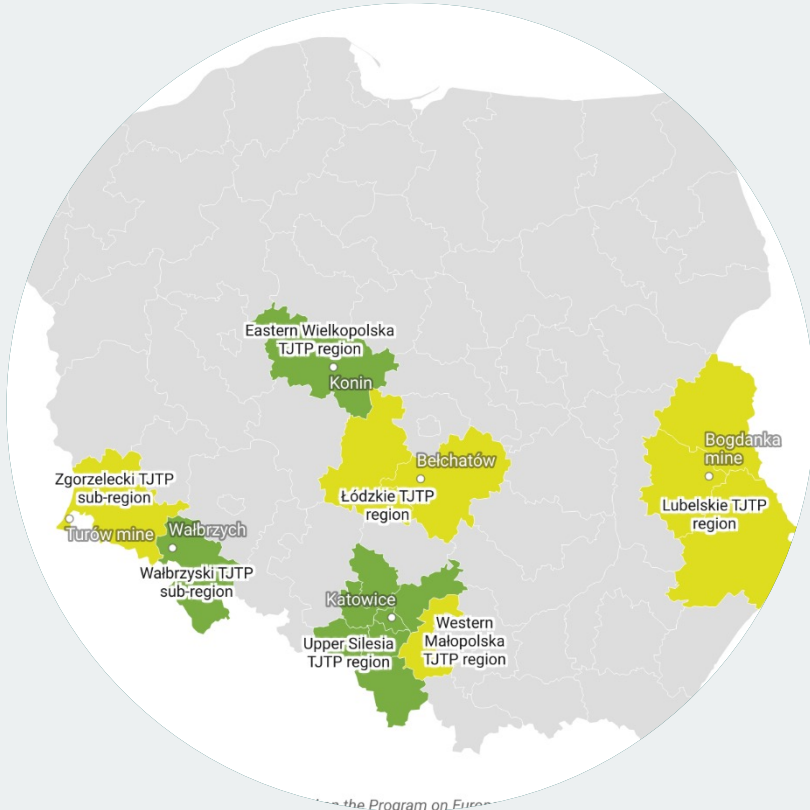
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Preparation of the TJTPs: who is in charge?

- Varies depending on the country:
 - national-level authorities, i.e. ministry-led steering committees (CZ, EE)
 - national and regional authorities (PL, HU, RO, SL)
 - unclear (BU)

Preparation of TJTPs: current state in CEE



- TJTPs for CEE prepared:
 - PL – 7, EE – 1, HU – 3, SL – 3, BU – 3, CZ – 3, RO - 6
- Process of submission to EC and negotiations on amendments – approval mid-2022
- Payment of Just Transition Funds dependent on negotiations concerning the Partnership Agreement
- Expected payment of funds – probably no earlier than Autumn 2022 for CEE

What is working?

- The TJTPs exist 😊
- Slowly rising ambitions and setting of coal phase-out dates
- Good participatory processes and transparency (patchy)
- A real debate on climate change and transitioning
- Increased amount of participants
- Maintained relatively high interest



What isn't working?




- Low ambitions
- Insufficient diagnoses and strategies
- Intransparency and low participation
- Circumventing limitations on fossil fuel funding
- Greenwashing
- Privileged positions of some stakeholders
- Low capacity
- Lack of gender-related analyses and strategies


Thank you!



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Status of the Territorial Just Transition Plans in central and eastern Europe

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