

## DAY 27 June 2023

Venue: [Emperor Spa](#), Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic

**08:30 - 9:00**

### Registration and welcome coffee

**9:00 - 10:30**

#### District Heating Working Group Meeting

Provide space for exchange on updates for Members of the working group.

#### Reporting on the second round of calls of the exchangeEU programme - final event

Discuss lessons learnt and key best practices from four different beneficiaries.

**10:30 - 11:00**

### Coffee break

**11:00 - 12:45**

#### Opening session - Open Dialogue on Just Transition

Welcome to all participants, and presentation of high-level political messages about the status of the transition in coal+ regions and the continuous commitment towards coal phase-out. This session will include discussions on major political developments relevant to coal+ regions, as well as the current situation regarding energy security within the context of the war in Ukraine

- Petr Kulháněk, Governor, Karlovy Vary Region, Czech Republic
- Kadri Simson, Commissioner for Energy, European Commission
- Elisa Ferreira, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms, European Commission (recorded video-message)
- Ivan Bartoš, Deputy Prime Minister for Digitisation and Minister of Regional Development, Czech Republic
- Thomas Schmidt, committee of the Regions Representative and Minister for Regional Development, Saxony Region, Germany
- Peter Balík, Minister of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization, Slovakia

Moderated by Daniel Konczynna, Beepartner, Czech Republic

**12:45 - 14:15**

### Networking Lunch and Press Conference

**14:15 - 16:00**

#### Breakout Session 1: Implementation of a just transition

Interactive session with the audience on the different challenges and lessons learnt and best practices on how to implement a just transition (and JTF), leaving no one behind

- Agata Kuźmińska, Founder and President of the Green Future Institute Foundation, Poland (presenter)
- María Berlarmina Díaz Aguado, Director General of Energy, Mining and Reactivation of Principality of Asturias, Spain
- Sander Happaerts, Policy Coordinator Just Transition Fund, DG REGIO, European Commission
- Ryszard Pawlik, Parliamentary Adviser to Jerzy Buzek, Member of the European Parliament
- Pavel Poc, Member of the Board of SUAS and former member of the European Parliament, Czech Republic
- Jaukub Unucka, Deputy Governor of the Moravian-Silesian Region for Industry, Energy and Smart Region, Czech Republic

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Rapporteur: Patrik Pizinger, Member of the Karlovy Vary Region Council, Czech Republic

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### Breakout Session 2: Energy communities in coal regions

Interactive session with the audience on the potential of energy communities and citizen-driven energy actions as solutions for a clean energy transition, yielding both economic and social opportunities

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- Heleen Schockaert, Project Manager, REScoop.eu (presenter)
- Sarunas Bruzge, Economist, European Investment Bank
- Hardi Murula, Just Transition Regional Coordinator, Association of Local Authorities of Ida Virumaa, Estonia
- David Pawera, Senior Consultant, Beepartner
- Ioanna Theodosiou, Policy Associate, Green Tank
- Adela Tesarova, Head of Unit DG ENER B1, European Commission

Moderated by Pouyan Maleki, Energy communities expert

Rapporteur: Joanna Jakubowska, Policy officer, CEE Bankwatch

### Breakout Session 3: Skills development for a just transition

Interactive session with the audience on concrete results on skills development and reskilling of the fossil-fuel work force, and different mechanisms to support workers in the short and long-term

**14:15 - 16:00**

- Corinna Zierold, Head of Just Transition, IndustriALL-Europe (presenter)
- Anna Dudek, Head of Regional Transition Unit, Department of Regional Development and Transition, Marshal's Office of the Silesian Voivodeship, Poland
- Ing. František Jochman, Member of the Czech Chamber of Commerce Board, Member of the OPJT monitoring committee, Representative of the Regional Chamber of Commerce Usti Region, Czech Republic
- Philipp Offenbach, Senior Manager Europe, Breakthrough Energy
- Robert Power, Chair of Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA), Ireland
- Amra Seleskovic, Technical Officer on Strategies for Local Employment Development, ILO Office for Central and Eastern Europe
- Miłostawa Stępień, Just Transition Coordinator, CEE Bankwatch

Moderated by Annya Schneider, Bloomberg Philanthropies

Rapporteur: Simon Schmid, Just Skills Hub

**16:00 - 16:30**

**Coffee break**

### Results and conclusions from the breakout sessions

Overview of the discussions in the breakout sessions by selected rapporteurs, highlighting the most important takeaways, lessons learnt and best practices, followed by closing remarks from DG ENER, Czech Republic and Karlovy Vary representatives.

**16:30 - 17:45**

- Rapporteurs from the three breakout sessions
- Petr Kulhánek, Governor, Karlovy Vary Region, Czech Republic
- Petr Hladík, Ministry of Environment, Czech Republic
- Paula Pinho, Director, Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Efficiency and Innovation, DG ENER, European Commission

Moderated by Daniel Konczynna, Beepartner, Czech Republic

**17:45 - 19:00**

**Cocktail**

## DAY 28 June 2023

**10:00 - 14:00**

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**Site visits and small previous on-site presentation to:**

### **District heating project: a visit to the Power plant Vresova**

A visit to the Power plant Vresova, which has district heating with plans for decarbonization. The district heating is still coal/natural gas fired but decarbonization (and possibly renewable energies) activities are underway.

### **Visiting innovative companies**

A visit to companies that benefited from the Karlovy Vary Region budget regional subsidy/grant title called “innovation voucher” (which can be used for different types of innovation, e.g. products, processes or service innovations). These companies use the vouchers to support partnerships with research organizations, universities and the cultural and creative industries.

### **“Before and after”: a visit to Sokolovská uhelná (SUAS)**

A visit to Sokolovská uhelná (SUAS), a company that is trying to diversify its business and the Jiří open pit mine, which is the last operating lignite mine in the Karlovy Vary Region operated by SUAS. There will be an opportunity to see the current state of work. Afterwards, the visit continues to Lake Medard, which is already a reclaimed old surface mine. This is an example of a good practice of how recultivation can be carried out. Lake Medard is one of the strategic projects of the Just Transition Operational Programme.