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# Just Transition in Coal and Energy Intensive Regions - Leaving no-one behind High-Level Conference

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JDE 51 (JDE 70 listening room)



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## **Just Transition in Coal and Energy Intensive Regions - Leaving no-one behind**

**High-Level Conference**

**15:00 – 16:30 High-Level Session: Just Transition: Where are we and where do we want to go?**

- **Emil Boc**, CoR COTER Commission Chair
- **Ivan Bartoš**, Deputy Prime Minister for Digitisation and Minister for Regional Development , Czech Republic
- **Elisa Ferreira**, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms, DG REGIO
- **Younous Omarjee**, Chair, REGI Committee, European Parliament
- **Discussion with CoR members**

On behalf of the Coal Regions:

- **Sari Rautio**, CoR Rapporteur of the CoR opinion “Just and Sustainable Transition in the context of the coal and energy intensive regions”
- **Ivo Vondrák**, Governor of Moravian-Silesian Region, CZ
- **Petr Kulhánek**, Governor of Karlovarský Region, CZ
- **Iva Dvořáková**, Councilor of Ústecký Region, CZ
- **Jakub Chelstowski**, Governor of Silesian Region, PL
- Q&A session

**Conclusions:**

- **Emil Boc**, CoR COTER Commission Chair

**16:30 – 17:45 Expert session: Just Transition in coal and energy intensive regions - context**

**Moderators:**

- **Edita Hrdá**, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the EU
- **Zdeněk Karásek**, Deputy Governor of Moravian-Silesian Region for transformation

## Thematic focus

### Introduction – Just Transition Programme for the three Czech coal regions:

- **Jan Kříž**, Deputy Minister of Environment, Czech Republic

#### 1. Society and people „Towards green mindset“

##### → Concept of “just transition” in the global and EU context

- **Dr Orna Rosenfeld**, Adj. Professor Science Po, Paris; Founder of Inclusive Urban Futures

#### 2. Businesses „Towards green work and new job opportunities“

##### → Transformation of the traditional industries in the coal regions

- **David Sventek**, analyst, national expert on transition of industry

#### 3. Climate and energy „Towards greener and cleaner regions“

##### → Climate adaptation – LIFE COALA - boosting climate action and responsibility in the Moravian-Silesian Region.

- **Petr Birklen**, representative of MSR NUTS II Region

##### → Energy Transformation and the future of renewable resources (hydrogen)

- **Tudor Constantinescu**, Principal Adviser to Director-General of DG ENER
- **Patrik Pizinger**, Representative of North-West NUTS II Region for energy

#### Conclusions:

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### 18:00 – 19:00 Reception in CoR premises

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