JUST TRANSITION PLAN
SLOVAKIA

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• Four Slovak regions have been identified as pre-eligible for JTF due to their relatively high transformation potential: Upper Nitra (UPPER NITRA), Košice Region (KSK), Banská Bystrica Region (BBSK) and Bratislava Region (BSK).
• All of these regions have either coal or greenhouse gas-intensive industries located in the territories.
• In 2019, Slovakia developed an Action Plan for the Transformation of the Upper Nitra Coal Region within the EU Initiative for coal regions in transition.
• The Action Plan for Upper Nitra includes a needs assessment for the transition process with more than 200 project ideas for the transformation of the coal sector in the Upper Nitra Region.
• The key precondition for successful implementation of the JTF in Slovakia is to ensure consistency between the Action Plan for Upper Nitra Coal Region and currently developing JTP, as well as synergies with the green economy investments within the Recovery and Resilience Plan, the Partnership Agreement and OP Slovakia. Furthermore the JTP needs to be in line with relevant regional and national strategies.
Transformative potential is currently being analyzed in four Slovak regions

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- Includes UPPER NITRA coal region. Industry sector employs almost 45% of the working people.
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  - Hornonitrianske bane Prievidza (mining), Novaky power plant, Continental Matador Rubber (tires), Považská cementáreň, CEMMAC (cement), Fortischem (chemicals)

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- The Region is known for the largest private employer and the largest thermal plant in Slovakia.
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Note: the average unemployment rate in Slovakia is 7.98 % as of 03/2021.

- Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization (MIRDI) in cooperation with PwC contracted by DG Reform is responsible for the JTP preparation.
- MIRDI established an interministerial working group for JTP, which is coordinating the preparation of the JTP and assuring synergies with other sources of funding.
- Thematic commissions for JTP have been set up within the Partnership council in each of the four regions.
Priority areas for project support

- Job creation
- Reskilling
- R&D
- Innovation
- Renewables
- Green economy
- Support of SMEs
- Diversification of economy
- Social welfare
- Integrated health and social care
- Tourism
- New jobs and innovative services
JTP Slovakia – short term milestones

- Finalization of the Report on the challenges, needs and action plans of the most affected territories, April 2021
- Finalization of the Final report, May 2021
- Identification of flagship projects and complementary projects based on a non-binding (informal) call for the project proposals, May – July 2021
- Development of JTF priority axis in OP Slovakia 2021 – 2027, May 2021
- Risks: Possible slow-down for COVID-19 measures, lack of EU legal basis, overlaps with ERDF, RRF, Modernization fund...
The process of project identification and implementation

- **February 2021**: Awareness raising campaign in the regions
- **March 2021**: Online informal call for proposals / project ideas
- **May 2021**: Assessment of the project intentions
- **Q3-Q4 2021**: Project preparation of the flagship projects
- **2022**: Launch of the project implementation of the flagship initiatives
- **2022 – 2030**: Ongoing project identification

Guidance

Project fiches

Flagship projects

Project documentation (FS + CBA)

Implementation

Project pipeline, project implementation
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