

FINAL TRACER EVENTS

INVESTORS WORKSHOP
20 SEP. 2022, 14:00 - 18:00

NOVOTEL Brussels City Centre
Rue de la Vierge Noire 32, 1000

The Investors Workshop will showcase new project ideas from stakeholders from coal regions in transition to support sustainable and durable growth. Experts from the finance sector and from the European Commission will give feedback on pitches for project ideas in coal regions. Public officials will also present new financial instruments available to support a just energy transition. The event will have the format of the TV show the Dragons' den (also known as shark tank), where a jury of potential investors consider new business ideas from applicants.

PROGRAMME

INVESTORS WORKSHOP, 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

13:30 **Registration and welcome**

OPENING

Moderation: Nicolas de la Vega, EUREC

14:00 **Welcome and opening remarks**
Rainer Janssen, WIP Renewable Energies

14:15 **Introducing speakers and format of project pitches**
Nicolas de la Vega, EUREC

14:25 **Presenting the Jury:**

- Michal Sobczyk, EIT InnoEnergy
- Jules Besnainou, Executive Director, Cleantech Europe
- Professor Jan Bekkering, Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen

PROJECT PITCHES FROM COAL REGIONS IN TRANSITION AND APPRAISAL (1ST GROUP)

Moderation: Nicolas de la Vega, EUREC

14:40 **Lusatia, Germany - A blooming energy landscape. Smart combination of photovoltaics and agriculture**
Anne Rademacher, Institute for Post-Mining Landscapes (FIB)

14:50 **Southeast Region, Bulgaria - Transformation of the residential buildings into Smart Buildings**
Angel Nikolaev, Black Sea Energy Research Centre (BSERC)

15:00 **Kolubara Region, Serbia – Developing PV in the Kolubara Region**
Jasmina Lukic, ENERGOPROJEKT ENTEL

15:10 **Western Macedonia, Greece - Developing a Biomass Logistic and Trade Centre**
Charalampos Malamatenios, Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (CRES)

15:20 **Appraisal of 4 project ideas and discussion**

15:40 **Coffee break**

PROJECT PITCHES FROM COAL REGIONS IN TRANSITION AND APPRAISAL (2ND GROUP)

Moderation: Nicolas de la Vega, EUREC

16:00 **Jiu Valley, Romania – Petrosani University Smart-Energy Campus**
Sorin Radu, Rector of the University of Petrosani and Chairman of ADTIVJ

16:10 **Northwest Bohemia, Czechia**
Marketa Hendrychova, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CULS)

16:20 **Wales, UK – Gaining a foothold: Developing ocean energy**
Andy Billcliff, Menter Mon

16:30 **Upper Silesia, Poland - Ruda Śląska revitalization master plan: possibilities and challenges of post-mining areas.**
Agnieszka Kubica, Ruda Śląska City Office

16:40 **Donetsk, Ukraine - Post-coal development of Myrnodgrad town**
Igor Volchyn, Thermal Energy Technology Institute (CETI)

16:50 **Appraisal of 5 project ideas and discussion**

EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COAL REGIONS IN TRANSITION

Moderation: Greg Arrowsmith, EUREC

17:10 **Seven-minute presentations on opportunities for coal regions in:**

- **Toolkit for financing the energy transition**

Jannis Beutel, Wuppertal Institute and CRIT secretariat

- **EU ETS funds**

Marion Perelle, DG CLIMA, European Commission

17:25 **Panel discussion**

17:50 **Conclusions**
Rainer Janssen, WIP Renewable Energies

18:00 - 19:00 **Networking drink**



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FINAL CONFERENCE
21 SEP. 2022, 09:00 - 15:00

NOVOTEL Brussels City Centre
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The Investors Workshop will introduce identified R&I project ideas in nine coal regions in transition. Investment opportunities will be discussed with invited investors, representatives of EU institutions responsible for EU funds and programmes and stakeholders from the nine TRACER coal regions.

The Final Conference will introduce the main results of the TRACER project in coal regions and will open the discussion with policy makers on the challenges and opportunities for a just transition.

Target groups:

- Investors
- RES industry
- Policy makers
- Stakeholders in coal regions



PROGRAMME

09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

OPENING

Moderation: WIP Renewable Energies

09:30 **Welcome and opening remarks**
Rainer Janssen, WIP Renewable Energies, Germany

09:40 **Keynote speech**
Manuela Conconi, CINEA, European Commission, Belgium

09:50 **Territorial Just Transition Plans**
Sander Happaerts, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission, Belgium

10:00 **Success of the TRACER project**
Rita Mergner, WIP Renewable Energies, Germany

TRACER RESULTS: VOICES FROM THE TRACER COAL REGIONS IN TRANSITION – SHARING FIRST HAND EXPERIENCES (PART I)

Moderation: WIP Renewable Energies

10:10 **Transition in Coal Intensive Regions - Lusatia sets a good Example**
Dirk Knoche, Institute for Post-Mining Landscapes (FIB), Germany

10:25 **Transition to green economy: an example from Wales**
Baudewijn Morgan, Welsh Government, UK

10:40 **Jiu Valley's energy transition pathway through research, innovation and cooperation**
Marian Dobrin, ISPE Design and Consulting & Sabina Irimie, Jiu Valley Social Institute Association (AISVJ), Romania

10:55 **Coffee break**

PANEL DISCUSSION: POST-MINING LANDSCAPES - NEEDS & CHALLENGES

Moderation: WIP Renewable Energies

11:10 **Ecological Restoration - Calling for Forest Reclamation**
Dirk Knoche, Institute for Post-Mining Landscapes (FIB), Germany

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Changing mindset about post mining lands and looking for opportunities, Northwest Bohemia
Jan Frouz, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic

Restoration of post-hard coal heaps - new ecosystem services
Marcin Chodak, Marcin Pietrzykowski, University of Agriculture in Krakow (UAK), Poland

TRACER RESULTS: VOICES FROM THE TRACER COAL REGIONS IN TRANSITION – SHARING FIRST HAND EXPERIENCES (PART II)

Moderation: WIP Renewable Energies

11:30 **TRACER experience and challenges for transformation in the Upper Silesia Region**
Justyna Likus-Cieřlik, Bartłomiej Woř, University of Agriculture in Krakow (UAK), Poland

11:45 **The challenges of energy transition in the Kolubara coal region**
Jasmina Lukic, ENTEL, Serbia

12:00 **Procedures and key elements of complex transformation of Czech coal regions: The role of the state, regional authorities and other stakeholders**
Marketa Hendrychova, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CULS), Czech Republic

12:15 **Lunch**

13:00 **The concept of the energy hub on the site of an old mine in the Donetsk region**
Igor Volchyn, Thermal Energy Technology Institute (TETI), Ukraine

13:15 **Decarbonising the electricity sector – from a taboo topic to a largely supported opportunity: Southeast Region**
Angel Nikolaev, Black Sea Energy Research Centre (BSERC), Bulgaria

13:30 **Maintaining the identity of the energy heart of the country by evolving into a Center for Innovative Energy Developments in the context of a sustainable and just transition: Western Macedonia**
Georgia Veziryianni, Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (CRES), Greece

13:45 **Identifying a vision for energy transition: mobilising stakeholders in the TRACER target regions**
Rona Michie, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde, UK

14:00 **Strategies, Roadmaps and Decision Support Tools for the TRACER Coal Regions in Transition**
Charalampos Malamatenios, Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (CRES), Greece

14:15 **Coffee break**

PANEL DISCUSSION: SOCIAL CHALLENGES, RE-SKILLING

Moderation: WIP Renewable Energies

14:30 **European Commission**
Felix Rohn, DG EMPL
Net Zero Wales - Skills for the New Decarbonisation Plan
Baudewijn Morgan, Welsh Government, UK

Tackling transition challenges while preserving cultural heritage
Gloria Popescu, ISPE Design and Consulting & Sabina Irimie, Jiu Valley Social Institute Association (AISVJ), Romania

Reskilling needs and opportunities in Bulgaria or how to make the transition just
Sofia Savova, Stara Zagora Regional Economic Development Agency (SZREDA), Bulgaria

Renewable energy sources: job created, skills required (and identified gaps), education and training
Charalampos Malamatenios, Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (CRES), Greece

15:00 **Conclusions & End of the Conference**
WIP Renewable Energies

15:40 – 18:00: **Visit to Brussels Abattoir site: Photovoltaic rooftop installation and aquaponic system**

departure from the conference venue at 15:10.

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