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Secretariat of the Initiative for coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine

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The Initiative for coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine

- Launched in December 2020
- Delivers support to coal regions in EU neighbouring countries, namely in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Ukraine.

Objectives:

- Create an open platform
- Building ties between EU coal regions and their counterparts in the WB and UA through exchanges
- Building capacity through the Coal Regions Learning Academy
- Providing technical assistance
- Helping coal regions accessing financing for transition projects or programmes

* The designation of Kosovo is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

The Initiative for coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine

Managed by the European Commission and 6 collaborating international partners:

- World Bank
- Energy Community Secretariat
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- European Investment Bank (EIB)
- Poland's National Fund for Environment Protection and Water Management (NFOSiGW)
- College of Europe in Natolin

More information at:
https://ec.europa.eu/energy/topics/oil-gas-and-coal/coal-regions-in-the-western-balkans-and-ukraine/initiative-coal-regions-transition-western-balkans-and-ukraine_en

The Secretariat

- Launched in February 2021
- Main contact point for regions and other relevant stakeholders via website (tinyurl.com/CRITWBUA)
- Dedicated e-mailbox secretariatWBUA@coalregions.eu
- Consortium of different organisations

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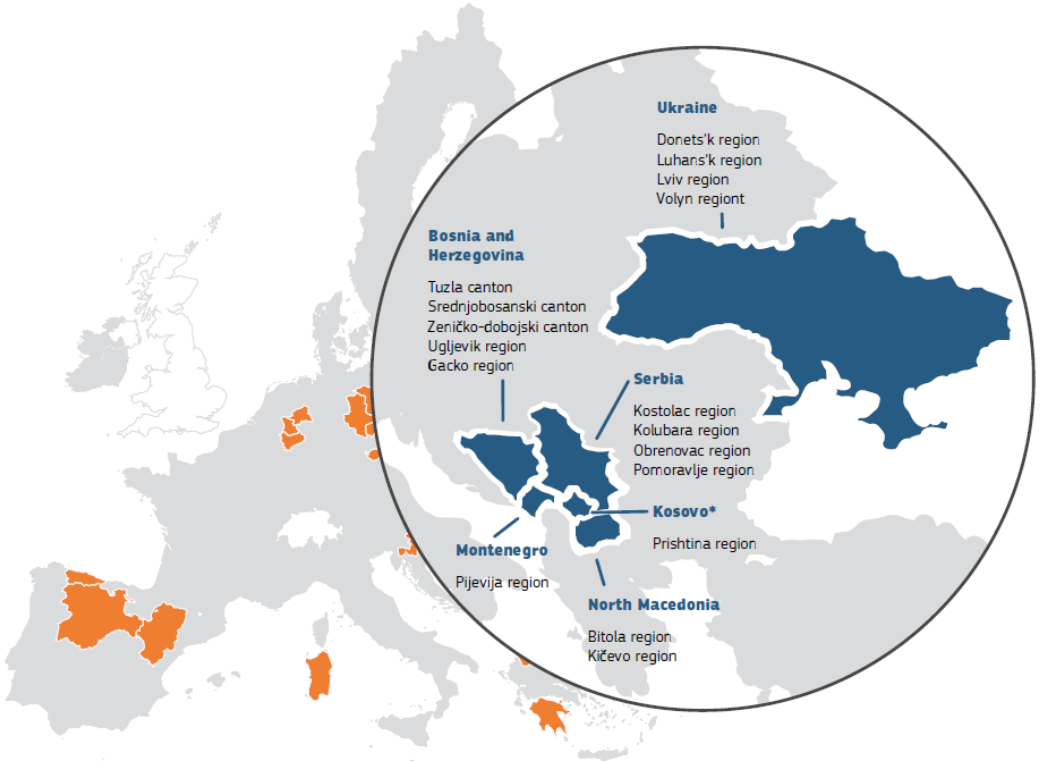
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Objectives of the Secretariat

- Enable multi-stakeholder dialogue on policy framework, practices and financing for successful energy transition
- Promote political dialogue, visibility and momentum around the transition agenda
- Facilitate the development of strategies and projects in coal regions through peer learning, knowledge sharing and exchange of best practices
- Exist as a focal point for coal regions in the Western Balkans and Ukraine

Regions in Focus

- 17 regions identified in preliminary screening
- At their disposal to actively engage
- Other regions are welcome to join



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Stakeholder identification, management and engagement

- Building a comprehensive database of stakeholders to establish relationship
  - State, regional and local authorities
  - Coal and coal-related private sector institutions
  - Civil society organisations, incl. focused on youth
  - Trade unions/Social partners
  - Academic institutions, and more.
- Implementing communications activities: webpages, social media, press releases, videos, regular newsletters and webinars
- Local thematic and communication experts to reach all stakeholders

Event organisation and logistical support

- Annual Initiative events
- Several local workshops in the Western Balkans and Ukraine
- Interpretation into local languages
- Support to the Coal Learning Academy



- 34 speakers, 10 sessions
- 400 pre-event registrations
- Average of 230 participants attending on both days
- Presentations and recordings here: www.tinyurl.com/CRITWBUA2021

Coal Region Exchange Programme

- Foster the exchange of knowledge, experience and good practices between coal regions in the Western Balkans and Ukraine and EU coal regions
- Delegations (public authorities, alongside energy companies, industry, trade unions, academia, civil society) from different coal regions
- In-depth, flexible and needs-based exchanges of short-, medium- or long-term
- Combination of physical meetings with online components

	Duration of exchange (indicative)	Number of meetings	Number of topics covered
Long-term exchange	1 year	Two meetings, 2–3 days each (hosted by each region in the pair)	Up to 4
Medium-term exchange	3–6 months	One meeting, 2–3 days (hosted by one of the regions in the pair)	1–3
Short-term exchange	3–4 months	One meeting, 1 day (hosted back-to-back with a related event)	1

Application is available also in Ukrainian

https://ec.europa.eu/energy/topics/oil-gas-and-coal/coal-regions-in-the-western-balkans-and-ukraine/coal-region-exchange-programme_en


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