

Concept Paper for external reference

Just Energy Transition in Coal Regions - Interregional Platform (JET-CR Platform)

The JET-CR Platform is a joint German-EU Project (Joint Action) contributing to strengthening capacities, mutual learning and sharing experiences on the just energy transition in the context of coal regions globally, including drawing on learnings from the EU (European Union). The JET-CR Platform forms part of the overall project “Innovation Regions for a Just Energy Transition” (IKI JET). IKI JET includes:

- The “Just Energy Transition in Coal Regions – Interregional Platform” (JET-CR Platform), supporting the exchange between coal regions in the global south via an International Network, policy dialogue and a Knowledge Hub. (Global Component)
- Two country components, supporting the development of comprehensive just energy transition plans in coal regions in Indonesia (East Kalimantan and South Sumatra as well as India (Jharkhand)). (Country Component Indonesia and Country Component India)

I. The “Just Energy Transition in Coal Regions – Interregional Platform” (JET-CR Platform)

The JET-CR Platform facilitates the exchange between coal regions in developing countries and emerging economies. Eight partner countries, Indonesia, India, Colombia, Chile, South Africa, Vietnam, Thailand, and Mongolia are participating in the exchange of the JET-CR Platform. Experiences from other coal regions, in Europe, will be capitalized on and fed into the exchanges.

By bringing key stakeholder for just transitions of the target coal regions together, collaboration and knowledge exchange is facilitated, and international momentum can be built to support the efforts that are occurring locally for the implementation of just energy transitions. Cross-regional policy proliferation is supported, in which just energy transition policy approaches promoted by the project are introduced in participating regions.

The specific objectives of the platform are:

- **Output I:** Capacities of stakeholders in coal regions in developing countries and emerging economies to develop and implement just energy transition plans and policies are strengthened through peer-to-peer knowledge exchange, training, and in-country capacity development and technical assistance within an “**International Network**” of coal regions.
- **Output II:** The **International Policy Dialogue** on just energy transition topics is strengthened with experience from coal regions being fed into international processes as well as high-level policy and technical discussions.
- **Output III:** A **Knowledge Hub** on just energy transition for coal is operational as a public online platform producing, collecting, and disseminating knowledge products amongst interested stakeholder, focusing on stakeholders, social partners, and experts at the global, regional, national, and local level.

Those three elements provide a framework for two-way knowledge sharing and capacity building between regions, allowing for local expertise to be highlighted on the global stage, while also connecting local governments, social partners and stakeholders to international expertise that could be of assistance in the design and implementation of just transitions at the local level.

II. Thematic focus

Within the scope of coal-related transitions, the JET-CR Platform will cover a set policy area as building blocks for a successful just energy transition. Drawing upon the ILO (International Labour Organisation) Just Transition Guidelines, the platform could cover a set of the topics, listed below. Activities across all modalities will be aligned and demand driven. Topics covered will respond to regions’ needs and will be determined based on needs assessments and consultations of the participating regions. The specific implementation modality will vary depending on the nature of the activity and the topic in focus. Participating regions in the network will prioritize and select the topics that are most relevant

for their specific situation, competences and needs and in which international exchange is desired. Important to note is that the mandates and policy competences of the subnational / regional level versus the national / central level differ from country to country and will be delineated accordingly for every country.

III. International Network Activities (Output I)

The International Network provides interconnected modalities to help coal regions leveraging the experiences from other regions and improving framework conditions, and by this supporting practical steps to transition from the carbon-intensive era towards a clean energy future. To facilitate exchanges between stakeholders from different coal regions, Communities of Practice will be established, and Study Tours will be conducted. Additionally, training programmes and learning fora for JET practitioners and policy makers will be organised. Further details on the modalities for the International Network Activities can be found in the Information note on Communities of Practice, the Information note on Study Tours and the Information note on Technical Assistance.

IV. International Policy Dialogue Activities (Output II)

The International Policy Dialogue activities will enable increased participation by governments, social partners and stakeholders in developing regions and countries in the global effort to set out an effective policy framework and achieve a Just Energy Transition in connection with the phase-out of coal. For details, see the Information notes on Policy Dialogues, Expert Exchanges and the Information note on National Policy Dialogues.

V. Knowledge Hub Activities (Output III)

The Knowledge Hub on the just energy transition for coal will serve an online platform producing, collecting, and disseminating knowledge products amongst social partners, stakeholders, and experts at the global, regional, national, and local level. It will provide a go-to source with regards to knowledge products on just transition related to coal like policy briefs, toolkits, training documents, videos etc. supporting JET practitioners to spur action on the ground and JET policy proliferation.

VI. Participation and Engagement in the Interregional Platform

The Interregional Platform provides a framework for coal region's leaders and practitioners that are committed to a just energy transition and interested in international exchange. Led by the respective regional authority (e.g., ministry for economic development at provincial level), participation is open to those groups and actors that are key for a just energy transition in coal regions.

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